Native Earth 2019: Environmental Youth Program

A weeklong educational experience for indigenous youth focused on land skills and environmental stewardship, including traditional ecological knowledge and academic environmental science.

WHO? All Native American youth in the Northeast entering grades 9-11
- Instructors include Native elders and teachers as well as environmental science professionals from across the Northeast

WE WILL:
- Renew our relationship with the Earth
- Share cultural practices among Northeast Nations
- Elaborate on traditional ecological knowledge
- Learn about environmental science and field ecology research
- Gain traditional skills such as fire making, small animal trapping, medicine making, and fishing
- Deepen our environmental leadership and awareness of climate change
- Hike, swim, canoe, and camp in the beautiful Adirondack mountains

WHY?
- To bring together Native youth from the Northeast region to learn traditional cultural philosophies and practices as well as environmental science tools that will help us care for Mother Earth
- To learn about further educational opportunities in the environmental sciences as well as environmental careers

YOU ARE INVITED TO APPLY!

Application Deadline: June 30, 2019
We will notify you with our decision by July 5, 2019.

Apply online:
www.esf.edu/nativepeoples/nativeearth.htm

OR, print and mail application to:
Neil Patterson, SUNY ESF, 1 Forestry Drive, Syracuse, NY 13210

Questions? Comments? Please reach out! We are happy to help.

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WHEN? Monday, August 12 at 9:30am to Sunday, August 18 at 5:30pm.

WHERE? Adirondack Mountains: based at SUNY-ESF Adirondack Ecological Center, Newcomb, NY.
- Program meets and ends in Onondaga Territory at SUNY-ESF main campus in Syracuse, NY.
- Alternatively, you can meet us in Newcomb and be picked up from Newcomb.

COST? FREE!
- The program is sponsored by the Center for Native Peoples and the Environment at the SUNY-ESF. Funding is provided through a partnership with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.
- You must cover costs of transportation to and from the program.

APPLY! The application consists of three parts:
- Information form
- One-page essay
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher or community leader

CHAPERONES: Would your parent or community member over age 25 like to participate?
- Chaperones will receive an honorarium
- See application for details.