

2022

Native Earth Environmental Youth Program



YOU ARE INVITED TO APPLY!



Join us for a week-long educational experience for Indigenous youth from the Northeast region focused on land skills and environmental stewardship, including both traditional ecological knowledge and academic environmental science. Learn traditional cultural philosophies and practices, as well as environmental science tools that will help us care for Mother Earth.

9 a.m. Saturday, August 6 to 5:30 p.m. Friday, August 12



For all **Native American youth** in the Northeast **grades 10-12**



Instructors will include **Native elders** and **teachers**, as well as **environmental science professionals** from across the Northeast

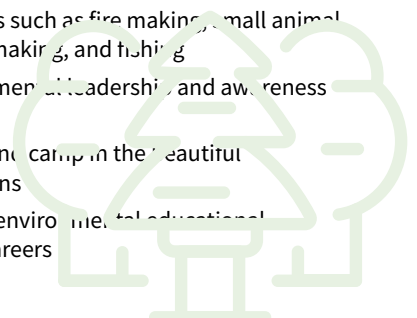


The program meets in Onondaga Territory at the **SUNY ESF campus** in Syracuse, NY. We will travel to the **Adirondacks** for the remainder of the week. At the end of the program, we will return to Syracuse. Alternatively, you can meet us at the camp location or be picked up from there (*given prior agreement and arrangement with the Program Coordinator*).



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
- Learn about further environmental educational opportunities and careers



How to apply:

The application consists of three parts and can be submitted online [here](#).

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An **Informational Form**

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An **Essay**

describing, in at least five sentences, why you would like to participate in the program and explaining how you will bring what you learned from the program back to your community.

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One **Letter of Recommendation**

from a teacher or community leader. This letter does not need to be submitted by July 1. See application for details.



This program is FREE for participants!

The program is sponsored by the Center for Native Peoples and the Environment at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF). Funding is provided through a partnership with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Transportation costs to and from the program are not included and are the responsibility of the participant.

We are looking for a few adult chaperones who will receive an honorarium to cover their expenses! Would your parent or another community member over age 25 like to participate? **See the application for more details and to indicate interest.**



Deadline to apply: July 1.

We will notify you with our decision by July 15.



Apply **online**

by filling out the Google form at <https://www.esf.edu/nativepeoples/nativeearth.htm>



Print the PDF version and **send to:**

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Do you have any questions or comments?
Please reach out! We are happy to help.

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