



Valdez Eco-Stewardship Program

What:

- Natural Resource Education program for high school students

Why:

- Lack of participation from High School Students in PRCS programs during the summer
- Need for increased opportunities for students to get dual credits
- Lack of qualified applicants for PRCS positions

Vision:

- To create positive change in young people by developing meaningful relationships and experiences in the natural world

Objectives:

- College & Job preparedness
- Positively affect summer learning loss
- Connect youth through positive interaction with professionals in related fields
- Increase critical life skills

Whom

- High school students grades 9th-11th
- 8 total students

Partners:

- Valdez City Schools
- Prince William Sound College
- City of Valdez
- Pioneers of Valdez
 - *Various other partners have been approached about this program*





Structure

- 6 weeks
- 7 hrs/day
- \$2,500 stipend for students
- 3 college credits (PWSC)
 - Credits will be Electives
 - Curriculum from UAA adopted by PWSC for outdoor education course
 - Students will receive several certificates including:
 - Leave No Trace certificate
 - Wilderness First Aid
- 1 HS credit
 - Credit will be Elective
- Variety of projects (*examples*)
 - Trail building
 - Interpretative sign making
 - *Glacier cam installation*
- End of program camping trip
 - 2 night 3 days
- Application Process
 - Essay
 - References
- Evaluation model TBA in conjunction with PWSC and PRCS

