



WABANAKI YOUTH in SCIENCE (WaYS)

Integrating Technology, Science and Traditional Culture

Newsletter

April 2015



Upcoming Events: - Mark your calendars!

Spring mini Camp—April 24-26, Location TBD

Earth Camp—June 22 -26, Cobscook Community Learning Center, Tremont Maine

INTERNSHIP ABOUND! Please see your Education Coordinator, Boys/Girls Club Coordinator, tish carr or Barry Dana for more information. Don't miss out on a great opportunity to get paid for doing some thing you love!

INTERNSHIPS

Funding for internships are available immediately. There are a number of opportunities not only within Tribal Dept. of Natural Resources but with federal agencies. Internships are a great way to get hands-on experience in a field of interest. Interns would be working with Natural Resource professionals as well as Cultural Knowledge Keepers to meld western science with traditional ecological knowledge and culture. A bonus is you also get paid!

We are in the process of expanding our internship program to include other areas of science such as computer science and medical science.

Current Internships that are available:

Penobscot DNR, Indian Island

Penobscot Nation Health Dept. Indian Island

UFS Penobscot Experimental Forest, Orono

National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA; fisheries), Orono

If you are interested in learning more about Internships whether you are on or off-reservation, please contact tish carr at waysprogram@gmail.com or 207.485.0219.

EARTH CAMP 2015

WaYS third earth camp is scheduled for June 22-26 at Cobscook Community Learning Center. It is going to be an amazing earth camp that is going to offer an incredible opportunity to participate in wide venue of activities. Because the location is on the Cobscook Bay, very close to Moosehorn Reservation and borders on Inland Fish and Wildlife property, there will be an abundance of unique and interesting array of forestry, wildlife, aquatics and fisheries topics that students will be participating in.

As an added bonus, we have the entire Learning Center to ourselves which will make it an even better. Check out the link for the Cobscook Learning Center at

Cobscook Learning Center link: <http://www.cclc.me/>

2015 earth camp applications can be obtained at: <http://naps.umaine.edu/files/2014/02/WaYS-Camp-Application-2015.pdf>

If you have questions or would like additional information please contact:
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

April 24—26; Spring Mini Camp, Monticello, ME : Camp will focus on trees important to the culture in the spring time (ex: maple trees/maple syrup). FMI: contact Barry Dana at bdananativebar@gmail.com or tish carr at tish.carr@maine.edu.

June 22– 26; 2015 earth camp at Cobscook Community Learning Center. Please go to the WaYS Webpage for more information and an application. That link is: <http://naps.umaine.edu/wabanaki-youth-science-program/>

WaYS receives SOW IT FORWARD grant!

The WaYS program was recently notified of a small grant award, Sow It Forward, from Kitchen Gardeners International (KGI). This organization is based in Maine and awarded 200 full or partial grants. Over 1100 applications were received.

The project that was funded is to establish “Heirloom Gardens” with the assistance of WaYS students. The project focus is to establish a minimum of one heirloom garden per tribal location. The garden (and gardener!) does not need to be on tribal land, but dedicated to supplying interested tribal community members heirloom seeds for their family gardens. Once established, heirloom seeds are distributed throughout the Wabanaki community for tribal members to create or supplement household gardens with NGO heirloom seeds. The grant covers the cost of seeds and packaging to distribute the seeds.

Wabanaki Youth Science (WaYS) participants will help tribal households to establish and maintain gardens. The selected gardeners, as mentors, have the opportunity to share their cultural knowledge with youth and the circle of knowledge continues.

Currently we are seeking sites and gardeners to establish the initial heirloom garden for this growing season. The garden area needs to be large enough to grow beans, corn, squash and sunflower. If you are interested in participating and willing to work with a WaYS student to see this to fruition now and into the future, please contact Barry Dana or tish carr. Their information is below.

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