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CULTURAL COLLABORATIONS Excursions Grant Application Form

Applicant Information (please complete all areas on both pages)

School Name: Gladys Wood Elementary

Title I School?(circle one) Yes No However, 50% of our students receive free or reduced lunch.

School District Tax ID # 92-600078 DUNs # 150404523

Contact Name: Jennifer Ratchye Rinaldi

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Grant Requested Amount (specific dollar amount is required) \$ \$ 300 admission fee + \$ 300 bus fee
(50 students x \$6.00) (\$75.00 x 4 hours)
Limits: Up to \$1,000 for Title I schools; Up to \$600 for non-Title I schools

Narrative Questions: Please submit a one (1) page narrative answering the following questions:

- Describe the proposed activity your students will attend. Why was this excursion chosen?
- What do you hope your students will learn or experience through attendance?
- How will the excursion(s) expose students to new ideas and art forms ?
- In what pre- or post event activities will your students engage?
- Which DEED arts content standards do you feel this activity will relate to?

Certification:

By signing and submitting this grant, the educator whose name appears on this application is taking on the responsibility for administration and oversight of this grant, if funded.

Signature [Signature] Date 9.3.09

Printed Name and Title Jennifer Ratchye Rinaldi, Teacher

Emailed applications with electronic signatures can be sent to ruth.glenn@alaska.gov

Return (or submit in person) no later than 30 days before the planned activity to:

Alaska State Council on the Arts
411 West 4th Avenue, Suite 1E
Anchorage, AK 99501
(907) 269-6682

X Administrators Name, Title, and Signature
Jennifer Schmitz
Name Principal

Faxed applications will not be accepted.

You will be notified within two weeks of receipt of the application.

Title Jennifer Schmitz
[Signature]
Signature

EXCURSION GRANT Budget form

Provide information for each event. Use additional pages if necessary. Make sure the total costs listed here is equal to or more than the total requested on the front page.

Name of School Gladys Wood Elementary

Contact Name Jennifer Ratchye Rinaldi email Rinaldi - Jennifer @ asdk12.org

1st Proposed arts excursion destination, estimated transportation, and admission cost(s):

Destination Alaska Native Heritage Center

Activity Tour of Village / Native Stories Proposed Date(s) Friday, October 23, 2009

#Students/Grades 50 students / gr. 3 and 4 Admission Costs: \$300.00

Circle type of Travel: bus van other _____ Transportation Costs: \$300.00 (\$75/hr x 4 hrs)

Total: \$600.00

2nd Proposed arts excursion destination, estimated transportation, and admission cost(s):

Destination _____

Activity _____ Proposed Date(s) _____

#Students/Grades _____ Admission Costs: _____

Circle type of Travel: bus van other _____ Transportation Costs: _____

Total: _____

3rd Proposed arts excursion destination, estimated transportation, and admission cost(s):

Destination _____

Activity _____ Proposed Date(s) _____

#Students/Grades _____ Admission Costs: _____

Circle type of Travel: bus van other _____ Transportation Costs: _____

Total: _____

4th Proposed arts excursion destination, estimated transportation, and admission cost(s):

Destination _____

Activity _____ Proposed Date(s) _____

#Students/Grades _____ Admission Costs: _____

Circle type of Travel: bus van other _____ Transportation Costs: _____

Total: _____

As a classroom teacher that has watched the population of Alaska Native students at Gladys Wood increase tremendously over the past few years, I found myself wondering how many of these students have been given a hands-on opportunity to learn more about their culture and heritage. Thirty four percent of students that make up both my third and fourth grade classroom and Vicki Wolfe's third grade classroom are Native Alaskans. Of these 17 Native Alaskans, only five have ever visited the Alaska Native Heritage Center. Of both classes combined, a total of 50 students, there were only nine students that had visited the center. After reading the mission of the Alaska Native Heritage Center, which is to improve "understanding among all Alaskans and encourage appreciation of Alaska Native people and their traditions, history, and contributions to Alaska", I felt this was the perfect place for our classes to begin their study of the rich history of Alaska Natives and their culture.

Our plan is to attend the "Native Stories and String Stories" program where students will hear oral stories from Yup'ik and Inupiaq teachers. Following this presentation, the students will view the film, "Games of the North", which is certain to engage their minds while teaching new ideas for active learning. Students will then enjoy a docent-led tour through the various village sites set up surrounding the center's campus. The field trip will culminate in a to-be-determined hands-on art project highlighting a cultural piece of art that students will take with them to remember their visit. These activities will introduce students to each of the Native Cultures. It will no doubt open students' eyes to the many diverse backgrounds that make up not just our classroom, but also the entire state of Alaska. In addition, it will offer those students from an Alaska Native background the opportunity to learn more about their individual cultures, and to feel a sense of pride as they increase their knowledge of their own history.

In my experience, students are more likely to appreciate and gain deeper understanding of a concept or unit of study when it is preceded by an exciting introduction. This field trip is certain to get students excited and eager to learn more about Alaska Native cultures, which is a large part of the Anchorage School District's third-grade curriculum goals and objectives. Subsequent classroom activities will include in-depth studies of each of the cultures, the history and geography of the state of Alaska, and current issues facing Alaska Natives.

While this field trip directly aligns with the curricular goals of the Anchorage School District, it also correlates to the Art Standards as set forth by the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development. Participation in this event will aid students in meeting the following standards:

- A5 – Collaborate with others to create and perform works of art;
- B1 – Recognize Alaska Native cultures and their arts;
- B8 – Respect differences in personal and cultural perspectives;
- C4 – Recognize and consider and individual's artistic expression;
- C5 – Exhibit appropriate audience skills; and
- D6 – Recognize that people connect many aspect of life through the arts.

I am excited for this opportunity, and am certain it will be a valuable experience for both students and educators alike. If you have any questions about this application, please do not hesitate to contact me at (907) 742-6760 or Rinaldi_Jennifer@asdk12.org.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Explore the past and present of Alaska's eleven indigenous cultures.
Designed for Preschool-12 students and teachers.

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STANDARD SCHOOL PROGRAM

Wednesday - Fridays

October 14, 2009 - April 16, 2010

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (2.5 hours)

Sack lunches are allowed. Teachers/chaperones are expected to help clean up.

Choose one of the 30-minute programs described below:

PROGRAM 1: Native Dance and Drumming

Students learn the importance of dance and are introduced to the meaning of the motions and words of the songs. They learn about drumming and participate in a dance using traditional Native regalia and props.

PROGRAM 2: Native Games and Yo-yos

Students participate in games that traditionally prepared youth for the rigors of life in the North. They learn the history and importance of these games, the body part that each game was meant to condition, and how the games relate to both traditional and contemporary culture. Students learn how yo-yos are made, their traditional purpose, and how to use them.

PROGRAM 3: Native Stories and String Stories

Students listen to ancient oral traditions and string stories. Story tellers use props and artifacts to bring a story to life. Students learn and practice telling string stories under the tutelage of Yup'ik and Inupiat teachers.

PROGRAM 4: Whales and Whaling

Students learn about the bowhead whale hunt which is still practiced by the Inupiat and St. Lawrence Island Yup'it. Weather permitting, students examine the gray whale exhibit and participate in a tug-a-whale activity. This program is appropriate for students in grades 3-12.



Each standard visit to the Center, October through April, consists of the following components in addition to the program choice:

INTRODUCTION TO ALASKA NATIVE CULTURES

(10 minutes)

FILM

(20 minutes)

One of ten films, depending on student interest and age:

Alaska's Three Bears	(K-3)
Asveq, the Walrus Hunt	(4-12)
The Eskimo and the Whale	(4-12)
Games of the North	(3-12)
Koo, Tee, Aa Kóos, Gēi Da Kēit:	
The Box of Wisdom Totem Pole	(1-12)
Living Dena'ina: Ye Uh Qa Ts'altsiyi	(3-12)
(We Live Upon the Outdoors)	
Living from the Land and Sea	(3-12)
Qayaqs and Canoes	(3-12)
Raven Tales	(K-4)
Stories Given, Stories Shared	(1-12)

VILLAGE SITE TOUR

(30-45 minutes)

Students take a quarter-mile walk with an ANHC staff member around the five recreated village sites that illustrate the traditional structures in a typical village before or shortly after contact with non-Native culture. Dress warmly for this outdoor tour!

ART PROJECT

(30 minutes)

Students will participate in age/grade level appropriate cultural art activities. Choose one of the following art projects:

Regalia Adornments	(Grades K-12)
Mukluks	(Grades K-3)
Single-Strand Necklace	(Grades K-1)
2-Strand Choker	(Grades 6-12)
3-Strand Choker	(Grades 7-12)



September 9, 2009

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMMUNITY RESOURCES CENTER
5530 E. NORTHERN LIGHTS BLVD.
Anchorage, Alaska 99504-3135
Phone 907-742-4146 Fax 907-742-4137

Guided

To: Ms. Rae Jackson
Alaska Native Heritage Center
8800 Heritage Center Drive
Anchorage AK 99506
Fax: 330-8003

School:
Gladys Wood Elementary
7001 Cranberry Street
Anchorage AK 99502
Fax: 742-6779
Phone: 742-6760

Teacher/s: Jennifer Rinaldi
Victoria Wolfe

ASSIGNMENT:

Friday, October 23, 2009	10:00 am 12:30 pm	guided
	12:30 pm 1:00 pm	sack lunch in the uncarpeted areas (Crossroads or the foyer)
		50 students grades 3 & 4

The students look forward to participating in the school visit program. They are eager to participate in an interactive cultural activity. The teachers understand that due to limited staff, the Center can only accommodate a maximum of 60 students for the school visit program.

The teachers are aware that the school visit admission fee is \$6 per student. The teachers are also aware that for every ten students, there must be one adult chaperone who may attend free-of-charge. The teachers understand additional adult chaperones may attend by paying the student admission fee of \$6 per person. The teachers also understand that the Center will not admit groups with less than one adult chaperone to actively supervise every ten students. The teachers understand that the adult chaperones must be physically present and actively supervising the students at all times to ensure proper decorum at the Center. The teachers understand maintaining appropriate student behavior is their responsibility. The Center asks that the adult chaperones do not bring siblings, as they will not be admitted as part of the school group. The Center also asks that full payment be made in a single transaction in cash, or by a single check (for the entire group; payable to the Alaska Native Heritage Center) at the main ticket window on the day of the visit. The teachers understand that purchase orders or individual checks per student/adult will NOT be accepted. Membership and coupon discounts do not apply. The teachers are aware that bus transportation is not provided by the Center.

The teachers understand the cancellation policy - "If a cancellation is necessary, the teachers have been asked to call the Center at 330-8002 and Community Resources at 742-4147 seven working days prior to the visit." If a cancellation is made with less than seven working days notice, there will be a charge of \$25.00 per class". Refunds will not be made for "no shows".

Should you be unable to keep this appointment as scheduled, please call the Community Resources Center to cancel your commitment as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding this event, you may contact the teacher directly at the telephone number indicated above.
Your cooperation is appreciated.

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cc: Jennifer Schmitz, Principal
Glenn Olsen, ANHC

Community Resources