Bonanza Creek 2023: Challenges

- Smoke!!
- Illness
Bonanza Creek 2023: Highlights

• High return rate of previous campers (11 out of 19)
Bonanza Creek 2023: Highlights

• High % Alaska Native (14/19)
• Involvement of the Association of Interior Alaska Educators

Maxine tells the traditional Koyukon story “Crying by the River”

Nicole highlights Koyukon and Gwich’in words associated with birch
Bonanza Creek 2023: Highlights

Elder Kenneth shares his stories

One of the youth shares their own traditional story

Elder Kenneth shares traditional knowledge of the land
Bonanza Creek 2023: Highlights

• Expansion of the arts component

Art with birch bark

Drawing / nature journaling with Natalie

Music educator Chloé (and hydrologist Joel)
Bonanza Creek 2023: Highlights

- New Activities

Traditional games

River hydrology

Rapelling
Denali 1 2023: Front country camp

- Steve, Elena N., Jamie and Christa, plus 13 youth
- 4 days, 3 nights
Denali 1 2023: Front country camp

Hare fecal pellet counting with Kaija
Denali 1: Front country camp

Water and mud…. What could be better?
Denali 2 2023: Backcountry camp

• Jamie, Christa, rangers Jan and Ale, plus 6 youth
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Coming in Summer 2023: FosterNet pilot

• People involved: Katie S., Joel, Becca, Christa, Emily Sousa, Katie Ring

• General idea:
  • 3-4 older youth working with Climate Scholars (UAF undergraduates)

• Major components:
  • Professional skills training
  • Participate in Climate Change in My Community program
  • Field work training
  • Act as Junior Counselors for the Bonanza Creek Camp
Integration opportunities

**Bonanza Creek:**

• Participate as a “guest scientist” (1/2 day)
  • Get kids involved in a place-based, hand-on activity concerning science (or something else) you love
  • Get “hot-seated”

• Offer a new component for a future camp

**FosterNet:**

• Offer a traineeship at your field site or lab

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And now for our camp song....

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dt0KeHQnDy4

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