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Native American Fish & Wildlife Society  
National Summer Youth Practicum  
in the Southeast Region hosted by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians  
July 24-28, 2017  
Choctaw, Mississippi

The Native American Fish & Wildlife Society is proud to sponsor its 26<sup>th</sup> annual National Summer Youth Practicum hosted by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians scheduled for July 24, 2017 to July 28, 2017 in Choctaw, MS. The Practicum is designed to provide Native American high school students an opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the field of natural resources, fish and wildlife and parks management. Information on college scholarship opportunities, and environmental sciences will be discussed. During the 5-day (or week-long) program, students will stay at the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians reservation and will participate in field education, recreational outdoor activities, field trips, traditional methods of education, and classroom instruction. A unique aspect of the program is the use of Native American professionals who are active in their fields and Tribal elders as teachers. The Summer Youth Practicum is open to incoming 10<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade Native American high school students who are interested in the preservation, protection, and enhancement of tribal natural resources. Students must be in good physical condition as physical activities are a part of the Practicum. Travel Days are Monday July 24 and Friday July 28, 2017.

For more information, application, please email or call:

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**2017 NAFWS Application for Admission**

Full Name as it appears on your ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (Fall 2017): \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate/Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Affiliation(s) & Enrollment Number (bring a copy):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergy Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Bee/Insect Allergies/Poison Ivy/Poison Oak Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size:                    S            M            L            XL            XXL            XXXL

We will also provide backpacks.

**Picture Release Statement:** I hereby give permission for my picture to be taken in connection with the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society Summer Youth Practicum and to be for media purposes without compensation.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Parent/Guardian Information**  
(To be filled out by the Parent/Guardian)

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Affiliation(s) & Enrollment Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Name & Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Coverage: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Medical Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any disabilities or limitations? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

Hay Fever? \_\_\_\_ Sinus Problems? \_\_\_\_ Allergies to Bites/Stings? \_\_\_\_ Animal allergies? \_\_\_\_

Has your child had any major illnesses in the past 3 years? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have a food allergy? \_\_\_\_\_

Is your child currently taking any medication? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child require any special (emergency) medication? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your child every been on an airplane alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child know how to swim? \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest **major** airport to your home: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Student Contract

Acceptance to the National Summer Youth Practicum hosted by Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (MBCI) also requires students and parents to assume certain responsibilities.

**STUDENT:** I, \_\_\_\_\_, as part of the

National Youth Practicum- Southeast Region accept the conditions stipulated below:

1. I will participate in and be on time to all sessions and activities, unless excused by a staff member.
2. I will conduct myself in a positive manner and be exceptionally respectful and courteous while visiting MBCI community.
3. I am aware and understand that I am a representative of my Tribe.
4. I will sleep where assigned and realize that I may be with people I have never met.
5. I understand that no one is allowed outside of the dormitory after 8:00 pm and that all lights must be out by 10:00 pm and that there will be a bed check every night by a chaperone.
6. **I will not use drugs or alcohol or tobacco during the Practicum and I understand that by doing this, I will be sent home AT MY PARENTS' EXPENSE.**
7. I understand that I may be held responsible for any damage to Practicum equipment or facilities.
8. I understand that there must be quiet time between *10:00pm and 6:00 am*.
9. I will adhere to these and all other rules of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (MBCI) Wildlife Parks Department.
10. We will be in a natural setting so be aware of your surroundings. Should you encounter an incident involving insect bite, small animal, or wildlife contact a staff member IMMEDIATELY.

I have read, understand, and agree to the above statements.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Parent Contract

PARENT/GUARDIAN: I have read, understand and agree with the terms below. Permission is given for my child to participate in all activities and events, and for my child to receive all necessary medical attention should the need arise, with the understanding that I will be contacted immediately. Furthermore:

1. I understand that the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society or the staff/chaperones will not be responsible for any theft, injury, or illness where my child is concerned.
2. I give permission for any chaperone or staff member to render first aid if necessary.
3. I give my consent and permission for hospital staff to treat my minor child if needed in the case of emergency, with the understanding that I will be contacted immediately.
4. I understand that the youth will be chaperoned responsibly and every effort will be made to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.
5. I have spoken to my minor child regarding respectful behavior, no use of profanity, appropriate clothing attire, and courteous manners.
6. I understand that no drugs or alcohol use are permitted and that if my son or daughter is caught under the influence, I will pick him/her up immediately AT MY OWN EXPENSE.
7. I understand that as part of my child's application, a phone interview is a requirement before selection and on file.

I have read, understand, and agree to the above statements.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Photo & Essay Information

### Travel Identification and Photo Request:

Travel to and from the National Summer Youth Practicum hosted by Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (MBCI) is provided by the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society (NAFWS). We request a photo attached to the application or sent via text messaging so that a staff members can identify you the first day.

### **An essay is a requirement and a large part of your application:**

Please write an essay on all the following topics as it relates to your life, your tribe and your community. You can include photos, digital art, or a collage in addition to your writing. Please contact [shoskie@nafws.org](mailto:shoskie@nafws.org) for questions relating to your essay.

- What do you think are the key environmental issues facing Tribal Nations?
- What are your plans after high school? What part of environmental management interest you?
- How do you see the role of Native Scientists in bridging Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Natural Resource Management?

Thank you for completing the application. Applications preferred via email [shoskie@nafws.org](mailto:shoskie@nafws.org) however they can be mailed to Choctaw Wildlife Parks attn.: Mitzi Reed 125 River Ridge Circle Choctaw MS 39350.

Please call 303.931.8871 to let us know the application has been sent.

-Sasha Hoskie