



## **Safeguarding Our Natural Heritage**

### **Youth Program**

*Sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the University of North Carolina at Pembroke*

**Date:** July 8 – 19, 2024    **Location:** UNC Pembroke

#### **About the Program:**

1. The free two-week long program is seeking 20 American Indian high school students who are rising sophomores, juniors and seniors that have an interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), as well as agriculture, veterinary, plant, food, environmental sciences, and natural resources, wildlife biology, and related fields.
2. The intensive program will be held on the campus of UNC Pembroke.
3. The program will expose students to STEM and related fields, the college environment at UNC Pembroke, and American Indian history and culture, as well as potential career opportunities for college graduates in the tribal community and with the USDA-APHIS.

#### **About UNC Pembroke:**

- Located in Pembroke, North Carolina, UNC Pembroke was founded in 1887 to train Lumbee Indian teachers. Between 1939 and 1953 it was the only state-supported four-year institution for American Indians in the United States. Designated North Carolina's historically American Indian university in 2005, UNC Pembroke is today the leading institution of higher education for American Indians in eastern United States.

**Application Deadline:** Friday, May 31, 2024, no later than 5 p.m.

**Return completed application to:**

- 1) Email to Aslyn Lowry at [al0091@bravemail.uncp.edu](mailto:al0091@bravemail.uncp.edu) 2) mail to Southeast American Indian Studies Office, UNC Pembroke, PO Box 1510, Pembroke, NC 28372; 3) hand deliver to American Indian Studies Suite, 2nd Floor - Old Main, Pembroke, NC or, 4) Indian Education YDS staff (*\*Include in the subject line: Safeguarding Our Natural Heritage*)

**Additional Information:**

- Web: <https://www.uncp.edu/sonh>
- Mary Beth Locklear: Office for Regional Initiatives  
Email: [mary.locklear@uncp.edu](mailto:mary.locklear@uncp.edu) | Phone: 910.775.4020

## SONH Program Application

Student's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Physical Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent/Guardian's Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Email (if available): \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Student is a: ( ) rising sophomore, ( ) rising junior, ( ) rising senior

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Affiliation(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you participating in other summer programs this year? If yes, please list the name, date, and location of the program(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include the following:**

- 1. Copy of current high school transcript
- 2. Brief biography (no more than 250 words)
- 3. Short essay: Why are you interested in this opportunity? (no more than 250 words)

**Contract**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (student’s full name) promise to abide by the rules and regulations, which govern the *Safeguarding Our Natural Heritage Youth Program*, and to make proper use of the educational advantages offered. If, for any reason, I violate any part of this contract, I acknowledge I may be dismissed from the *Safeguarding Our Natural Heritage Youth Program*.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student’s Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian’s Printed Name

**Participant Conduct and Photo Release**

The *Safeguarding Our Natural Heritage Youth Program* (SONH) seeks to engage participants with interactive, fun, rewarding, and safe learning experiences. UNC Pembroke makes reasonable accommodations for participants with disabilities. Every effort will be made to assist with any special needs.

**Participant Conduct**

UNC Pembroke believes it is important that participants act in a respectful manner toward other participants and staff. Consequently, there are certain standards and expectations to which participants must be held. The program’s goal is to promote strong morals, responsibility, and respect for self, culture, other program participants, and the environment.

**Capturing Participant's Smiles**

Throughout the program, UNC Pembroke's University Photographer and others may photograph and/or record program participants. Photos and videos may be used for publications, advertising, social media, and promotional materials. Please indicate your preference for the use of photos/videos of your child for promotional purposes by adding your initials to the desired line.

\_\_\_\_\_ I give permission to UNC Pembroke to use photographs/videos of \_\_\_\_\_  
(student's name) while attending the SONH.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not give permission.

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Parent/Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name