



May 5, 2025

City of Utqiagvik  
P.O. Box 629  
Barrow, AK 99723

Dear Mayor Toovak,

Arctic Education Foundation is excited to host its annual Regional Culture Camp again this year. In 2022 AEF hosted its first year of cultural programs across the North Slope which included the culture camp. Currently, there are no other regional cultural opportunities like this on the North Slope. We believe our cultural programs are a way for communities to form stronger bonds, for youth to learn invaluable knowledge of their culture, and for the traditions of past generations to be passed on to future generations.

This culture camp is available to youth ages 12-14 years old. We anticipate 25-30 students from across the North Slope to attend this one-week camp. This year, we will be camping outside of Utqiagvik, at Tatchim Isua with the Hopson Family. Youth from each North Slope village will travel to Utqiagvik and complete an orientation and gear check before traveling to camp by boat. While at camp, youth gain firsthand experience in subsistence hunting and gathering practices of traditional foods and plants, traditional knowledge of the land and waterways, Arctic survival, preparing camping gear and camp set up, language, and Native arts and crafts.

AEF was successful with its cultural programs over the past three years because of donors like the City of Utqiagvik. With the support from your organization, we may continue to provide these camping experiences for our youth, hire local staff, and ensure every North Slope community is given the opportunity to participate. The knowledge and traditions passed onto our youth through these camps are invaluable, and we feel the impact from these experiences will follow them throughout their lives.

*Arctic Education Foundation is kindly requesting a donation of \$7,500 to support the 2025 AEF Regional Culture Camp.*

We appreciate the consideration. Should you need any additional information about this important effort, our Cultural Program staff may be reached at 907-852-0512 or [arcticed@asrc.com](mailto:arcticed@asrc.com).

With deep gratitude,

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Interim AEF Director

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