Native Explorers Program Objectives

- Introduce American Indians to careers in science and medicine.
- Increase the number of American Indians who earn degrees in science and medicine.
- Expand knowledge of traditional ways and culture.
- Create impactful networks of scientists and physicians in federal programs (National Park Service), state agencies (museums and universities), and sovereign nations (federally recognized tribes).

Activities

- Work side-by-side with Native American scientists, physicians, and students (graduate and medical).
- Explore anatomy by comparing diseased and normal organs (lungs, hearts, brains, bones).
- Identify fossil remains and learn techniques used by vertebrate paleontologists.
- Study healthful lifestyles and medicine.
- Experience Native traditions and culture.
- Gain primitive camping and survival skills.

Application deadline: February 1, 2024

Program Dates: May 20-25, 2024

College Course Credit: Successful applicants are eligible to earn three (3) hours of upper-division college credit.

Requirements: 18 years old or older, member of federally recognized Tribe, and interest in medicine or science.

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