**2020 SFIC Pine Mountain Settlement School Summer Program**

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) will send six (6) students (sophomores and juniors) on an all-expense paid trip (including round trip airfare, room & board and souvenir t-shirt) to the Pine Mountain Settlement School in Kentucky’s remote southeastern Appalachian Mountains.

**About Pine Mountain Settlement School:**

Founded in 1913, Pine Mountain Settlement School is a National Historic Landmark and offers a comprehensive curriculum in environmental and geological education. The program’s goals are to present environmental education as an integral part of all subjects; to provide an accurate interpretation of the mountain culture and natural environment through the use of historic materials and hands-on experiences; and to offer opportunities to study and understand the special nature of the Appalachian region and promote responsible stewardship of natural lands and waterways. Courses range from: Geology, Soil Science and Hydrology, to the Animals of Pine Mountains and Native Americans. These courses guide students into a deeper understanding of our natural world and how their choices and behaviors impact others. Students leave Pine Mountain with a deeper understanding of the complexity of the natural environment and a greater appreciation of the hardships and resourcefulness of the Native Americans and pioneers who settled in the Appalachian Mountains. The campus is located on 625 acres in the heart of the Southern Appalachian Mountains and includes a 348 acre state nature preserve.

Students chosen will be immersed in studying anatomy, life history and ecological roles of local reptiles, amphibians, mammals and geology. Courses will include study of soil science, hydrology, medicinal plants, and stream study. They will also participate in a wonderful night hike.

Students will be expected to travel and attend camp together, along with many other campers from around the globe. The application process is competitive and participants will be chosen based on their grades, extracurricular activities, teacher recommendation and an essay they submit.

**Deadline: December 20, 2019**

For more information you can visit Pine Mountain Settlement School online at [www.pinemountainsettlementschool.com](http://www.pinemountainsettlementschool.com)

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