



FINAL REPORT 2018 ANNUAL YOUTH TRAPPING CAMP YUKON FISH AND WILDLIFE ENHANCEMENT TRUST

PROJECT:

The intent of this proposal was to introduce youth to trapping and connecting to the land. CTFN is a strong supporter of this event. The RRC would like to engage more students from different schools in the project

Communications:

A poster was developed and placed in schools, bulletin boards, post offices and social media to invite students to attend the event. A copy of the poster is attached to this document. Discussions were held with the schools and CTFN youth workers.

The camp was held at Lubbock River and Little Atlin Lake for three days April 12 to 15, 2018. There were over 20 attendees over this three day event. Students came from the school in Carcross, Golden Horn and from the Junior Rangers in Atlin. This was in trapping concession 310 held by Tony Park and Tony gave his permission for the camp to be held and the fur taken. CTRRC would like to express thanks to Tony giving permission so the camp could take place.

The camp was a winter tent camp where most of the attendees stayed over night, meals were provided to all guests and workers. There were provisions made for kids to attend only for a day. It was amazing that at the end of their day to hear them pleading with their supervisor can we please stay overnight

in the camp . Hats off to the guardians who drove over 150km round trip to return with the sleeping bags and more dry outdoor gear, so they were able to spent the night.

The kids tents at night looked like we were doing a bush laundry camp with rows and rows of damp socks, gloves, and boots but come daylight they where more than happy to put there gear on and start another day.

DAY 1: The attendees were split into two groups, group A and group B, with the intention of group A setting traps for muskrat and beaver, group B would go ice fishing. Some skinning of muskrat was done this day.

DAY 2: Group A went fishing and group B were the trappers for the day. Fish were cleaned and some skinning was done this day. Emily Payne of Rivers to Ridges attended the camp and spent the late afternoon and evening having the students play several environmental games. Emily set up her own tent and spent the night.

DAY 3: Both groups went checking the traps and worked on skinning, stretching and care of the muskrat and beaver.

The students were shown how to target different fish species in the same fishing area ,and explained to them about respectively fishing taking only what you need.

Overall the camp was a success there were approximately 20 attendees to the camp. All attendees had the opportunity to be involved in setting the traps, retrieving caught animals, skinning, and stretching of the animals. There were 9 muskrat caught and 1 beaver. Talks were held by Department of Environment Regional Biologists and Conservation officers, Ida Low a CTFN elder done camp fire talks with the kids holding steaming cups of hot chocolate all ears were straining to hear Ida's stories and teaching about the land and the animals. Trappers were on hand as well telling trapping stories

and even one trapper doing his singing stories. All attendees at the camp went home with new found knowledge.

The CTRRC would like to thank the YFWMB for their support of this camp and a special thanks to Graham Van Tighem who takes the lead on the fishing program for the camp. We would also like to thank CTFN and the many volunteers in making this camp a success. Would like to thank Jeff Gilbert and his family for donating the snow plowing and supplying a cord of wood for the camp.

Final comment:

One of the most amazing things to see in this camp is when you look through a crowd of twenty some kids and a dozen or so adults and not seeing anyone with there head bowed entertaining themselves with an electronic device. So seldom do we see a group of kids in the outdoors all smiling and laughing all bundled up ... this is a connection to the land and outdoors.

The CTRRC would like to thank the YFWET for the opportunity to put on this event.

YOUTH MUSKRAT CAMP



YUKON FISH AND WILDLIFE
MANAGEMENT BOARD



Yukon

April 12-15, 2018

Little Atlin Lake

WHAT IS MUSKRAT CAMP?

INTRODUCTION OF YOUTH TO TRAPPING
SETTING TRAPS/SKINNING /FUR HANDLING
FIRST NATION PERSPECTIVE ON TRAPPING
STAY IN HEATED WALL TENTS
ICE FISHING/FISH PREPARATION
WINTER SURVIVAL
CAMPFIRE TALKS

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REGISTRATION CLOSES MARCH 31, 2018



2018 Youth Trapping Camp

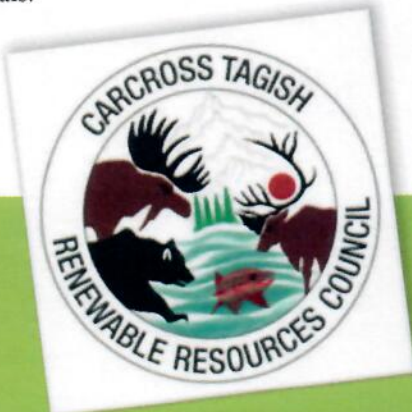


About The Camp:

The second annual Youth Trapping Camp at Lubbock Creek is an event put on by the Carcross Tagish Renewable Resources Council with help from the CTFN.

This year, the camp was a huge success with over twenty kids and eight adults at the camp full time, with many more stopping by throughout the three-day event.

The event included trapping, ice fishing, staying overnight in wall tents, and talks designed to teach the kids about trapping, fishing and respecting the environment and animals.



“This camp is about getting youth on the land and teaching them about trapping, respect for the animals, ice fishing, and how to target different fish.” – Ken Reeder, CTRRC Chair

The kids were lucky enough to trap nine muskrats and snare one beaver.

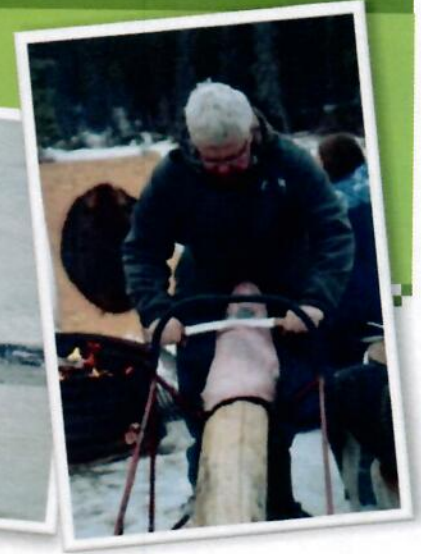
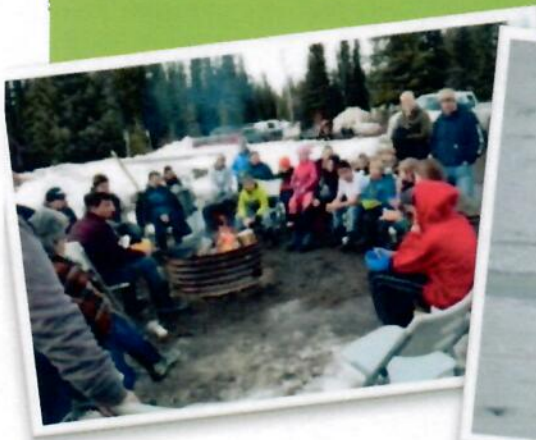
They got to experience setting and checking the traps, skinning the animals, and learned about how important it is to treat the animals with respect. They were able to go out ice fishing and caught lake trout, northern pike, and whitefish.

There were many opportunities for the kids to learn at the camp including talks by Regional Biologists and Conservation Officers from Yukon Government's Department of Environment, a CTFN elder, Ida, trapping instructors Jean Legare and Ryan Sealy, Graham Van Tighem from the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board, local trapper Jacques Jobin and CTRRC Chair, Ken Reeder.

It was a great event that really focused on teaching the kids about living off the land and showing respect to the land and animals.

What Does The CTRRC Do?

The Carcross Tagish Renewable Resources Council is the local management body for fish, wildlife and forestry management in the CTFN Traditional Territory. You can find out more at <http://www.ctrcc.ca/> or find us on Facebook.



A few more photos from the camp...



The CTRRC would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came out and participated, the volunteers, and Daphne and Crystal for the great photos!

