

# **Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Traditional Fall Harvest Camp Final Report 2017-2018**



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## **Project Purpose**

The Heritage Department strives to provide opportunities to ensure that citizens can continue traditional pursuits. We do this by organizing events/camps which allow citizens to carry out traditional skills, pass on skills to others, and provide opportunities to document traditional knowledge in order to protect this knowledge for future generations. Heritage camps provide an opportunity to document seasonal activities and traditional knowledge. They also allow Elders to share their knowledge with others in a practical environment. Youth are exposed to the land and their connection with it. Documentation protects traditional knowledge and skills. These things are preserved and promoted by providing opportunities for Elders to share their knowledge in meaningful ways – by this community and for this community.

The goal of this on-the-land camp is very similar to the First Fish and First Hunt traditional cultural camps that TH hosts. Traditional and cultural practices and teachings are the main focus of this harvest camp, situated at the newly constructed camp at Fortymile. The camp was held September 22-25, 2017. The camp's main focus includes; harvesting fish, meat and berries from the area, and workshops on site to teach proper processing of the foods that are gathered. Fortymile camp is located close to the confluence of the Fortymile River and the Yukon River.

Fortymile River has White Fish and Grayling and the Chum salmon run will be happening around the same time in the Yukon River, so harvest of this staple food will also occur. The fish will be brought back to camp and processed (dried, smoked, canned and/or frozen).

Moose hunting was a main focus of the camp, where small groups of youth with hunters participate in going out on the land, learning where to hunt moose, and other key aspects of moose hunting (habitat, timings, butchering, etc.). Opportunities for hunting at Fortymile include hunting in the area by truck and on foot, as well as hunting on the Yukon River by boat.

In addition to harvesting fish and moose, the camp also takes the youth to traditional berry patches in the area where the youth gather berries and traditional fall medicines that need to be collected in the fall (spruce pitch, roots, bark). As with all TH culture camps, Han language teachings is another main focus of the camp. Elders are invited to attend the camp so that valuable knowledge and connections to the land can be shared with the camp. Fortymile camp has a large building that will be used for the cook shack/processing shack and there is also a smoke shack on site. All attendees of the camp will be camping on site in either pup tents or wall tents.





## **Fall Harvest Camp Background and Teachings**

The Fall Harvest Camp was developed and continues to take place with these goals and objectives in mind. This is one of several camps throughout the year that bring youth and elders together in order to continue traditional pursuits.

- To teach safe, ethical and respectful hunting practices to community members
- To provide quality programming which introduces youth to traditional knowledge and language
- To provide the community members with opportunity to strengthen their ties to each other and the land
- To help youth gain the self-esteem and skills that they need to make healthy, safe, positive lifestyle choices
- To take a leadership role in the promotion of ethical hunting practices
- To teach youth about climate change and the effects and changes in Tr'ondek Hwech'in traditional territory through interaction with the elders.

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in has been holding two very important culture camps for many years now:

First Fish is a camp that focuses on the importance of the TH connection with Yukon River and Chinook salmon harvest. Over the past 4 years, due to conservation concern, the TH harvest management strategy includes a General Assembly Resolution that requests TH citizens to voluntarily withdraw from subsistence harvest of Chinook salmon. As a result, the First Fish camp has been using Chum salmon (caught and frozen from the previous year) to use for teaching lessons to the youth participants. The youth are taught how to cut the fish into strips and how to preserve it by soaking the fish in a brine and then smoking the strips. Along with these processing lessons delivered by TH Elders, conservation and resource management principles are taught to the participants. The most advantageous aspect of holding this fall harvest camp at the Fortymile site, is that this venue will provide the youth participants a chance to get out on the river and learn how to set nets for fish. Hands-on harvesting provides the youth with direct and holistic fishing experience that gives them the opportunity to be involved with the harvest – this will give them an excellent opportunity to add to their growing understanding of fisheries and the TH connection to this valued resource. Having fishing activities scheduled during the moose hunting camp also provides the youth with additional harvesting activities to keep them occupied throughout the days.

TH has been holding Moose Hunt camp for a number of years at the R-22A site, Land of Plenty. The focus of this camp is moose hunting and the various steps involved with harvest. Moose Hunt camp has been taking participants out on the land by truck to hunt and call moose. This offers a number of excellent opportunities for learning, however the camp is very much focused on moose hunting – a morning hunt and then an evening hunt. There are many hours during the day that are filled with activities to occupy and engage the youth, however, we feel that this camp, coupled with a fall fishing and harvesting focus would really be conducive to overall teaching principles of traditional practices of getting ready for winter by hunting and gathering wild foods.

Preparation and food processing, in order to store the foods for winter, are an essential skill that TH is committing to teach youth participants. Shifting the focus of this camp to include harvesting the many resources and foods that are available during the fall will create a busy and fruitful camp, with a full range of learning opportunities for the youth.

School accreditation has been established for those youth who are in grades 9 or 10; credits can be used towards the Grade 10 school year 'culture camp accreditation' course. The youth are required to participate in all activities organized for the camp, as well as complete a project representative of all they have learned from the teachings at the camp.

Registration for TH culture camps are open to all youth in the community, as TH believes that the importance of the teachings that are provided at camp are critical in developing responsible future stewards of the land. Offering culture camps has always been a priority for TH and Heritage, Natural Resource departments. Stewardship of the land is the utmost priority to TH and continues to be the main focus in teachings at this camp.

Youth participating in experiences, such as culture camps out on the land, that teach responsible harvest and a variety of food processing and preservation techniques will develop an intrinsic love and respect for the abundant natural resources found within the TH TT and will appreciate and value all of the experiences that comes along with such a camp. Along with the hands on teachings for responsible harvest, TH culture, traditions and values are the fundamental significance for the camp.





## **Participants**

Youth Participants were:

- Jadaka Nagano
- Rory Lowen
- Zack Everitt
- Jack Foran-Taylor

We hope to have more youth participants in future camps. This year it was unfortunate about timing for some youth who would have wanted to participate, but due to other commitments couldn't attend the camp. We had families and visitors out to camp for the weekend or day trips which increased our numbers at camp.

With this year being the first year having the camp at Fortymile, it was nice having a small group of youth participants. Of course it is great to have more youth at camp, so we are hoping to have greater numbers in future years.



## **Planning and Preparation for Activities**

Tasks involved in preparing for Fall Harvest Camp 2017:

- Sending out notification/letters to Elders
- Meeting with TH Heritage Department, Youth Center and Fish and Wildlife Department
- Meeting with hunters
- Meeting with workshop leaders
- Meeting with supervisors
- Pre camp meeting
- Booking the orientation facility (TH Hall) and ensure it is operational for session
- Orientation meeting with youth and everyone who is attending camp prior to camp (gear check and expectations)
- Providing equipment for presentations/workshops
- Booking equipment, vehicles and supplies from TH Assets for the camp
- Creating and sending out registration forms to CELC's and Youth Center to hand out to youth
- Compiling the orientation packages
- Ensuring all safety measures and communication equipment (first aid, satellite radio, etc.)
- Inviting Elders, presenters and hunters
- Ensuring all equipment is available and moved to the camp site
- Setting up camp
- Cooking/arranging set up and ready for meals for camp
- Preparing honoraria contracts for Elders, hunters, etc.
- Ensuring gear and equipment for the day trips to the trap line
- Making sure vehicles and ATV's are ready and gassed up for the trip
- Prepping Fortymile camp
- Having gear and equipment hauled and set up at camp
- Clean up of site and gear after the camp
- Budget and paperwork after the camp



**Fall Harvest Pre-Camp Meeting**  
**August 30<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Agenda:

- 1) Attendance and participation at camp; hunters, supervisors, activity leaders
- 2) Camp Activities
- 3) Vehicles and Fuel
- 4) Hunting, regulations and ethics
- 5) Butchering, packing and distribution
- 6) Safety
- 7) Camp accreditation
- 8) Orientation and Gear Check

**Gear Check Agenda**  
**September 20, 2017**  
**TH Hall**

Expectations

- participate in all activities in camp
- complete a specific project during the camp (accreditation)
- complete chores and cleaning your own dishes at meals
- help with cutting, butchering, and packaging of the meat after camp
- assist with the Harvest Potluck Feast which will be the beginning of November
- stick with group and/or buddy system

Behaviors

- positive behavior contract
- respectful behaviors to supervisors, cooks, hunters, elders, and families
- respectful behaviors to each other
- responsible and safe handling of guns, knives, and archery equipment

What to bring and not to bring

- no personal firearms
- healthy snack options
- Personal helmet and labelled with your name for ATV



**Fall Harvest Camp**  
**at Forty Mile**  
**September 22-25**  
**for Youth ages 12-18**  
**Elders and Families Welcome!**

1.0 course credit for grade 10

Registration forms must be filled out and submitted by Friday, September 15th to the Youth Centre, CELCs or Heritage Department.

All youth attending Fall Harvest Camp must also attend the orientation and gear check meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 20th at 3:30pm at the TH Hall.

For more information please contact:  
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## Fall Harvest Camp 2017

### Supervisor Camp Schedule

	Friday, Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Saturday, Sept 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sunday, Sept 24 <sup>th</sup>	Monday, Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>
7am-11am		Michael Tamika	Michael Ashley	Tanja Gwyn
11am-3pm	Bennie Gwyn	Tanja Ashley	Tamika Gwyn	Everyone
3pm-7pm	Michael Tamika	Michael Gwyn	Tanja Ashley	
7pm-11pm	Tanja Bennie	Tamika Ashley	Denezhu Bingo: Everyone	
OVERNIGHT	Gwyn Bennie	Gwyn Michael	Tamika Michael	

# Fall Harvest Camp 2017

## DRAFT CAMP SCHEDULE

TIME	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
7:00 a.m.	8:30am - mobilize camp cooks + food and extra gear  <b>10:30 a.m. MEET AT TH HALL</b>  <b>11:30 a.m. DEPART TO FORTY MILE</b>	<b>WAKE UP</b>		
7:30-8:00 a.m.		<b>BREAKFAST AND MAKE LUNCH</b>		
8:00-11:00 a.m.		Fish wheel and setting nets talk with Peggy Kormendy  Fish Conservation talk with Natasha Ayoub  <b>SET NETS &amp; BOAT SAFETY Jejik, Wedzey and They</b>	<b>HUNTING small game hunting</b>	<b>Complete Meat and Fish Processing</b>  <b>Pack up camp</b>
11:00-12:00 p.m.		Fish net repairing  Hot smoking chum prep	Process small game  Hot smoking chum	
12:00-1:00 p.m.	<b>LUNCH</b>			
1:00 – 1:30 p.m.	<b>ARRIVE AT FORTY MILE</b>	<b>CAMP CHORES &amp; CHECK FISH NETS</b> <i>*will take longer than 1/2hr to check</i>	<b>CAMP CHORES</b>	Closing
1:30- 5pm	Arrive at Camp; Welcome, Orientation and camp set up/chores	Fish processing	Harvesting berries and medicines  Tea blending workshop with Leigh Joseph	Group Photo
1:30- 5pm <i>Continued</i>	Boat Safety with Rangers (dry land)  Communication talk and activity with Rangers  Prepare meat processing stations (wood, supplies, etc.)  Start dry meat with Angie and Georgette  <i>*Accreditation chat with Hunters and Supervisors</i>	Canning workshop with Allison Kormendy  Making dry meat with Angie and Georgette  Moose talk on habitat and life cycle with Natasha Ayoub  <b>*Check fish net before dinner, pull the net depending on numbers and quality of chum</b>	Making dry meat with Angie and Georgette  Moose nose singeing  Moose head demo with Sandy  Han Language Games from 4-5pm with Georgette	Finish packing up camp and loading vehicles  <b>Depart Forty Mile by 2pm</b>
5:00-6:00 p.m.	<b>CHORES AND THEN FREE TIME UNTIL DINNER *Games with YC staff</b>			
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	<b>DINNER</b>			
7:00-7:15 p.m.	<b>SUPERVISOR DAILY DE-BRIEF</b>			
7:15-10:00 p.m.	<b>HUNTING &amp; FISHING Jejik- ATV Wedzey- ATV</b>	<b>HUNTING &amp; FISHING Jejik- BOAT Wedzey- BOAT</b>	Denezhu Bingo Storytelling	
10:00 p.m.	<b>CAMP FIRE AND SNACK</b>			
10:30 p.m.	<b>LIGHTS OUT, BEDTIME</b>			





## **Camp Activities**

Camp activities included:

- Camp set up
- Set up wall tents
- Camp orientation
- Boat safety
- Communication talk on safety and equipment
- Making dry meat
- Hunting in the evenings
- Butchering and meat processing
- Fish conservation talk
- Setting fish nets
- Fish wheel and fish camp talk
- Hot smoking chum
- Fish processing
- Fish canning workshop
- Small game hunting
- Plant talk and walk
- Making spruce sap salve
- Making tea blends
- Camp chores
- Moose nose singeing
- Moose head demonstration
- Han Language
- Denezhu bingo
- Cooperative games
- Storytelling around the fire
- Beading and sewing

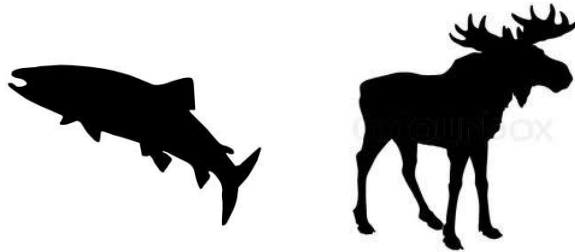






# **Fall Harvest Camp 2017**

## **Information and Registration**



**Please read and complete then submit to the  
Youth Centre, CELCs, or  
Heritage Department**

**Deadline for Registration:  
Friday, September 15, 2017**

**Mähsi Cho!**

**If you have any questions or comments please contact:**

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**What:** Fall Harvest Camp  
**When:** Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> to Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
**Where:** Forty Mile  
**Who:** Youth ages 12-18 (younger youth are welcome to attend with a parent and/or guardian) and maximum limit of 12 youth can attend.  
**Why:** To learn all about salmon fishing, moose hunting and fall camp life.

## **What is Fall Harvest Camp?**

Fall Harvest Camp is hosted by Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in for Elders, youth, and families. It is a way for people to learn about the heritage and traditions of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, as well as the importance of the salmon and moose as food and modern day environmental pressures on this important part of the culture. It is an opportunity for the community to have fellowship with one another; families, youth and elders. An escape from town is good for everyone!

## **When is it happening?**

Youth will meet at the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Community Hall on **Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at 10:30am** with all of their belongings and lunch packed and ready to go. We will be returning to town by **4pm on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**. We will plan to drop off youth at their homes or call parents to pick them up at the TH Hall. Only youth who have completed the registration in advance and who meet the eligibility requirements will be permitted to go to the camp. Youth who are not registered that show up the day of departure for Fall Harvest Camp will not be permitted to attend.

**All youth attending Fall Harvest Camp must also attend the Orientation meeting and gear check on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at the TH Community Hall starting at 3:30 pm.**  
**IF YOU DO NOT COME TO THE MEETING YOU CANNOT COME TO FALL HARVEST CAMP**

(People who have a valid reason for missing the meeting can make alternate arrangements)  
This is essential, as we need to ensure that we have the proper equipment and everyone knows what is expected of them.

## **Who is camp for?**

All Dawson youth ages 12-18 years (or Grade 7-12), First Nations or Non-First Nations, are invited to attend under the care of our highly qualified staff and supervisors. Younger youth are more than welcome to attend with their families. To ensure high quality programming and attention to the youth, the maximum limit is 12 youth. There is no fee for this camp.

## **When can families attend?**

Families are welcome to attend the Fall Harvest Camp. However youth who haven't registered for the camp will have to be under direct supervision of the parent and/or guardian. This year's

camp partly runs over a weekend to maximize parent and/or guardian participation. However, youth registered for camp will still be under the direct care of our staff and supervisors whether their family members are present or not. We are providing educational workshops throughout the weekend that can be enjoyable for all ages.

Please note: If any adult family members are willing to volunteer to be a supervisor at the camp, please contact the Heritage Department in advance to receive a schedule and guidelines for supervisors. Mähsi.

## **What activities are planned?**

The main theme of this camp is to fish for chum salmon and hunt for moose; run the fish wheel, do the fish processing, do the field gutting, cutting, and packing; meat care such as hanging and cleaning; working on de-fleshing the hide; and making some dry meat. The youth will be spending long hours waiting quietly for a moose, so it is important to have patience during these times. There will be other activities and programs provided for the youth when we are not hunting, or working on taking care of the salmon or moose. Upon departure, parents and/or guardians will be given a basic schedule of the week so they can plan when they want to drop by.

## **What about safety?**

Safety is the number one priority of all camp participants and supervisors. To ensure this we have taken the following precautions:

1. High staff/supervisor to youth ratio;
2. Staff/supervisors in sleeping areas with youth at night;
3. Satellite/cell/radio phone at Forty Mile for emergency use;
4. A truck and boat will be stationed at Forty Mile for the duration of the camp;
5. Zero tolerance for bullying and swearing;
6. At least one medical personnel on site 24 hours. Dawson Ambulance Attendants are notified of the camp and will be ready for any emergency calls;
7. Knowledgeable staff and supervisors who have ample experience working with youth;
8. Fall Harvest Camp orientation on the first day of camp for all participants, staff, and supervisors.

## **What are the expectations?**

Youth participants are expected to attend and participate in all workshops, activities and talks. This includes chores, curfews, and meals. We are living in a team and shared setting; therefore everyone's actions will have either a positive or negative effect on the team. I'm sure that we won't have any problems with that though! Youth are to understand that they are under the care of the staff and supervisors and must listen carefully when being given direction. As is the nature with all camps, youth are required to be flexible when it comes to the schedule. The salmon and moose are our first concern, and other workshops and activities are secondary.

**Your attention is to be focused on good listening skills and patience. Be on the alert always when in a camp setting!**



## Health

If youth require any medication, please ensure to make note of that on the medical form as well as personally give to a staff member and/or supervisor before departure. Label medication clearly including what it is, the dosage and frequency. We are not permitted to administer any over the counter medication to youth. In the event where medication is required that the youth does not have with them, parents will be contacted immediately and appropriate measures will be taken.

There are no shower facilities at the Fall Harvest Camp, so it is important that the youth use the wash station provided when handling the meat. Youth will be expected to help prepare the wash station during those times that we need them.

## Living arrangements

There are a few cabins at Forty Mile. Youth will be staying in cabins and wall tents with woodstoves, where there will be an experienced staff to ensure safety. Lanterns are propane to reduce the fire risk. There is also a separate cook house with eating area, where everyone eats, separate sleeping quarters for elders, and a large tent with stove where the youth can process any animals coming into camp from the hunts.

There will be a cook for the event. If your child has any specific dietary requirements, please note down on the health form (i.e. allergies, lactose intolerant). Except for the bus ride up, youth do not need to bring any food with them.

## What do Youth need to bring?

**\*The items below are not suggested, they are mandatory, if youth fail to bring any of the following items, their experience at the Fall Harvest Camp could be adversely affected (i.e. forgetting rain gear and getting soaked).**

**\*\*iPod, cell phones, and all other electronics are to be left at home. Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in will not be liable for any damages or loss of electronics during the camp. When hunting, you don't listen to music because your attention needs to be focused on listening and watching for moose!**

**\*\*\* Parents and/or guardians, please label everything! Lost and found will go to the thrift store if left unclaimed for a week!**

Youth registered in the camp are required to bring the supplies listed below that are necessary for attending the camp. The Gear Check and Orientation day will be held at the TH Hall on **Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 3:30pm**. If any of these supplies are overlooked, the youth will not be attending camp.

A draft schedule will be provided to youth and parents during orientation.

## List of Supplies

- ☐ **Warm Sleeping bag and pillow**
- ☐ **Foamy or air mattress**
- ☐ **Pajamas**
- ☐ **Extra clothes** - one for hunting moose, one for fish processing and one or more for other activities, lots of extra socks and long/short sleeve shirts and pants and shorts.
- ☐ **Rain gear** - we're outside rain or shine!
- ☐ **Warm fleece jacket** or sweater - it can be cold at night and along the river!
- ☐ **Extra** pair of sturdy outdoor warm **boots** – need to change if feet get wet!
- ☐ **Flashlight/Headlamp**
- ☐ **Warm hat and mitts** for cool mornings and nights while hunting
- ☐ **Bug spray! Bug net if you have one!**
- ☐ **Toiletries** - toothpaste, toothbrush, medication, etc.
- ☐ **Mess kit** – bag of unbreakable dishes with cup and cutlery
- ☐ **Water bottle and thermos** (with personal label) – need to keep hydrated and warm.
- ☐ Good **back pack** for carrying lunches for hikes and for long driving/boating trips.
- ☐ **Whistle** in case of emergency
- ☐ **ATV Helmet** if you have one

### Points to Remember. . .

- ✓ You must attend the orientation meeting
- ✓ Good gear is important for a good trip
- ✓ You must have the registration form handed in by the deadline
- ✓ You must agree to practice safe and ethical hunting and be respectful of all people at the camp. \*Those who utilize the resources and hospitality of our camp are expected to attend in the spirit of the Fall Harvest Camp and its objectives
- ✓ Please pack a snack for the trip to camp
- ✓ You must attend the butchering, preparing of the fish and moose after the camp is finished

### **Tips for dressing for the outdoors**

- ✓ Layers! Warm air gets trapped between layers of clothes, keeping you nice and warm. If the temperature fluctuates it's easy to add or take away a layer
- ✓ Tommy Hilfiger, Bootlegger, the Gap, etc. do not design suitable outerwear for cold climates. There are no fashion crimes in the bush. If it's warm wear it.
- ✓ Those fancy fabrics that 'wick away' perspiration are great if you already have them. But here's a hint: any material that has NO COTTON in it will do this (nylon, wool, silk, fleece)
- ✓ Don't even think of slip-ons. Cold feet will lead to a miserable trip. Wear Warm Sturdy Boots or Hikers!
- ✓ You lose 80% of your body heat through the top of your head. Keep a HAT on it!

### **Fall Harvest Consent Form**

I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that certain risks of injury are inherent to participation in recreation and sport activities, including Fall Harvest Camp, September 22 – 25, 2017. I understand that certain activities require a minimum level of fitness and health (physical, mental, emotional and spiritual) and that each person has a different capacity for participating in these activities. I hereby warrant my son or daughter is fit to participate in the camp and understand the choice to participate brings assumptions of risks inherent to this activity.

I agree that Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, their employees or volunteers shall not be liable for any injury, damage or loss of property incurred to my person or that of my son or daughter arising from or in any way resulting from participation in the above mentioned camp.

I declare, having read and understood the above informed consent agreement in its entirety, and hereby give my consent to participants acknowledging all of the foregoing.

Name of Participant\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Participant\_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Witness\_\_\_\_\_

*All information provided on this form is confidential*

**Participant Medical and Personal Information**

Name of Participant\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth\_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Yukon Health Insurance #\_\_\_\_\_

Please list any known injuries, allergies, or medical conditions we should be aware of including:  
asthma, diabetes, back pain, etc.:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Known Food Allergies\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone, Email, and Box #: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Name and Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Please do not send any medication with your child. All medication should be labeled with name  
and dosage, and given to a staff or supervisor. Thank you.

I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge all given medical information to be accurate in its  
entirety.

Signature of Participant\_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Information**

How many times have you attended Moose Camp? \_\_\_\_\_

What size shirt/sweater do you wear? \_\_\_\_\_



*All information provided on this form is confidential*

### **Positive Behaviour Contract**

The following is behavior participants must understand and adhere to:

- ☐ Participants are expected to conduct themselves with a positive attitude
- ☐ Participants are expected to follow the schedule and participate in all activities
- ☐ Any and all forms of substance use (including the use of tobacco, illicit drugs and alcohol) will not be tolerated and will result in removal from the trip
- ☐ Respect for oneself, others and other property is mandatory at all times
- ☐ engaging in any deliberate activities that risk the mental, physical, or emotional well-being of oneself, or anyone else will result in removal from the trip at the expense of the participant/parent/guardian.
- ☐ Any previous restrictions during Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in programming, or restrictions resulting from inappropriate behavior during this trip will result in a ban of participation until further notice.
- ☐ Participants are expected to inform chaperones of personality conflicts and issues arising before they become a problem.

The Staff will take all precautions to ensure the safety of the participants in their care. Upon misconduct such as verbal abuse, bodily harm or destruction of another's property Tr'ondek Hwech'in staff has the right to send the youth participant home.

For the overall safety of all involved in this trip, this contract may be added to prior to departure by parents, guardians, participants and chaperones. Please take the time to consider all behavior you feel would be inappropriate, or would require disciplinary action. Parents and guardians are encouraged to discuss behavior exclusive to their child and note it below.

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PLEASE READ THE WHOLE INFORMATION PACKAGE BEFORE SIGNING BELOW.

The above statements are understood and agreed to by:

Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## PHOTOGRAPHY RELEASE

**Name of Youth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dear Parent/Guardian - Photographs and video recordings of your son/daughter may be taken at:**

***TH Fall Harvest Camp***

***September 22 – 25, 2017***

(Name of Activity)

(Date of Activity)

Your son/daughter's image (print or video) may be recorded during this activity and the following may apply:

- ☐ This image will be used by the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in in print or video documents that are used in professional workshops, used in web pages or used in newsletters.
- ☐ May be used in newspapers, magazines, television or shared with another government for promotional and/or educational purposes.
- ☐ In some cases the youth may be identified.

Please check one of the following and return the signed form to the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Cultural Education Coordinator:

- ☐ I am in agreement with my son/daughter's image being used in the manner(s) explained above and give my authorization to do so.
- ☐ I am not in agreement with the use of my son/daughter's image and do not give my authorization to do so.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make of a list of what you have to do to prepare for a moose hunt.**

It is important to answer this question because your answer will determine your dedication to participating in the camp.



## **Recommendations**

Several recommendations were provided from staff, youth, and elders which include:

1. **If there are more youth have small hunting groups.** Have half the participants stay in camp while the others hunt. This allows for a quieter more controlled hunting group. This also allows for more activities in camp
2. **Increase ages to grades 9-12.** We should offer the camp to older youth so that they can participate more fully in the hunt and also receive accreditation for the camp. Older youth would be able to use rifles, ride ATV's and get more benefit out of the camps.
3. **More moose calling practice.** The year wanted more opportunity to practice moose calling. This is something that should be incorporated more next year.
4. **Making moose callers.** This was on the schedule this year but didn't happen due to getting a moose and needing to butcher and take care of the meat. In future years making moose callers would be beneficial for the youth and also help with moose calling practices.
5. **Make the camp longer.** Both youth, staff and Elders showed interest in having a longer camp. This is something that may be considered for following year, and there will be more discussion on extending the hunt by a day.
6. **Better coordination with the School and CECL's:** The CECL's and the school were very helpful in getting youth out to the camp. With better planning we would be able to create a large amount of interest and participation in the hunt. Also greater communication and organization around the accreditation and project for the youth is needed for future years.
7. **More hunting.** This year we were hunting in the evenings. It was mentioned that there should be more opportunities at camp to go hunting. Possibly hunting in the early morning one day and an evening the next.
8. **Defined Roles.** We need to ensure that everyone know exactly what their roles are and where they need to help before the camp begins. This way there is no confusion or conflict during or after the camp.
9. **Meat distribution:** we need to define what the meat distribution process is. Do the hunters and participants get to take any home before it is divided for the elders and community?
10. **Longer free time:** the youth suggested they have longer free time at camp. Less structure on time and schedule.
11. **More games:** the youth would like to see more games at camp during the free time in the evenings.



## Conclusion

We hope that each year Fall Harvest Camp will improve and continue for the foreseeable future to benefit youth in the TH traditional territory. We want to create enriching experiences for them so they develop an appreciation for hunting, fishing and stewardship of the land.

We appreciate the financial assistance from the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Trust for continuing to fund this worthwhile program. Working with the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Trust was excellent to deal with—strong communication, flexibility, and assistance as required. We had a very positive experience.

Overall the camp was a great success. We were able to harvest two moose and follow up with both a processing session with the youth, and a feast with all the participants to share what we took from the land. The youth who attended were very helpful, respectful, and patient during the moose hunt and fish processing. Youth gained invaluable skills that they will be able to develop in future camps, and in their everyday lives. The moose hunt, fish processing and other camp activities that took place proves itself as being an essential camp in facilitating citizens to carry out traditional skills, pass on these skills to others, provide opportunities to document this traditional knowledge, and protect this knowledge for future generations.

























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