

Summary of 2002/2003 Youth Contributions Program



Minister's Message

As Minister Responsible for Youth, I am pleased to present this summary of the 2002/2003 Youth Contributions Program.

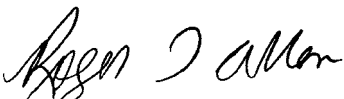
In the Northwest Territories, young people are the fastest growing segment of our population. Over half of our residents are under 30 years of age. The Youth Contributions Program provides these young residents with a variety of opportunities that promote healthy choices, nurture leadership abilities and develop other useful skills. Specifically, the goals of the Youth Contribution Program include:

- Supporting youth related programs regardless of location;
- Encouraging youth to take initiatives that lead to positive lifestyle choices. These initiatives will eventually lead to the well-being of youth and a better quality of life in the communities;
- Promoting traditional Aboriginal youth activities so that they may strengthen northern Aboriginal traditions and culture;
- Acknowledging that staff, volunteers and youth themselves play vital roles to the success of youth programs; and
- Recognizing that community governments play an important role in promoting, developing and delivering activities for youth, and should be encouraged and supported to continue these efforts.

In its first full year of operation, the program has supported 59 projects in 24 communities. In one project, a Fiddle Camp was held in Fort Smith in honour of the late Metis Fiddler, Kole Crook. Students from Yellowknife, Fort Smith, Fort Resolution, Hay River, and Wrigley learned about fiddling, jigging and square dancing. Discovering they could be good at these new skills, they realized a sense of accomplishment and developed self-confidence. This project impressed both the communities and their youth; it will be hosted in Wrigley and Rae-Edzo in the current year.

In another example, young people from the Deh Cho, South Slave and Inuvik regions went to Edmonton for the Dreamcatcher Aboriginal Annual Youth Conference. Students met other Indigenous youth from North America and engaged in numerous forms of learning, including teachings from Elders, workshops, and traditional dancing and singing. This conference encouraged Aboriginal pride, sharing and leadership amongst the youth. The information gained goes beyond the borders of the conference and may be applied at social gatherings, school settings or at the dinner table. In these situations, the experience may be shared and built upon so that others can benefit.

I am very proud of the accomplishments that were made in 2002/2003. It is my hope that young people will continue to benefit from these opportunities with the help of their families, communities and governments.



Honourable Roger T. Allen
Minister Responsible for Youth

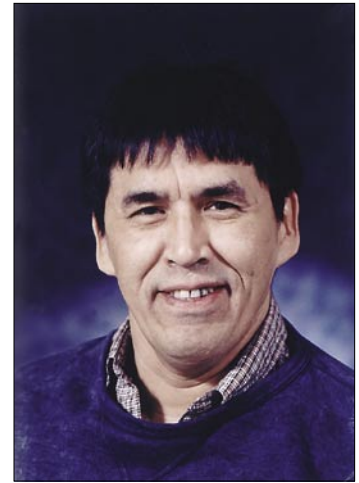


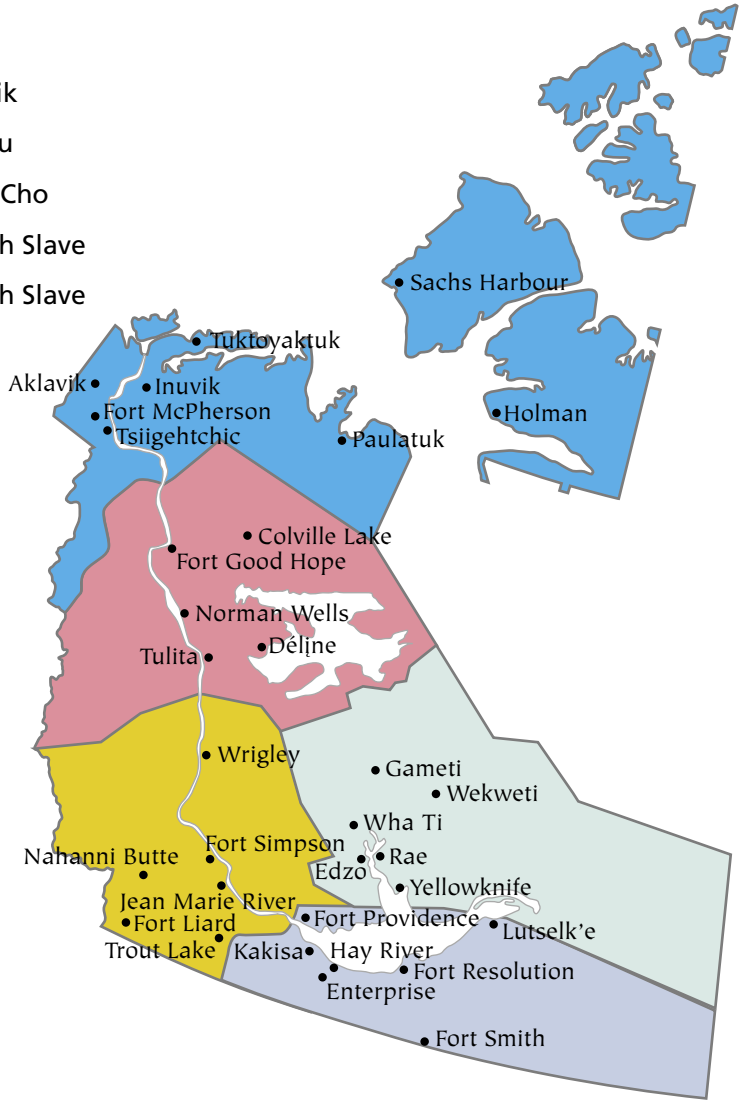
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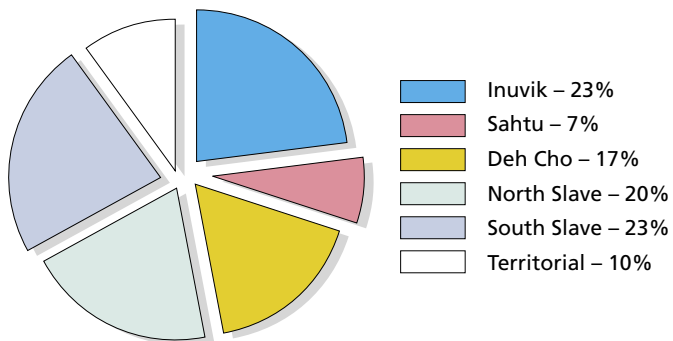
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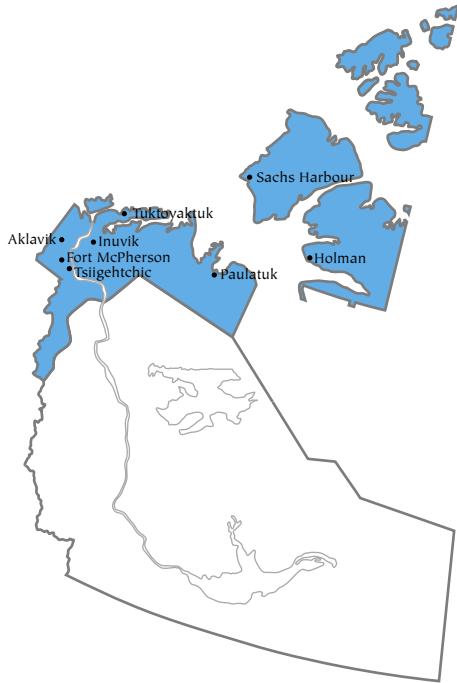
Regions

- Inuvik
- Sahtu
- Deh Cho
- North Slave
- South Slave



Youth Contributions to Regions by Percentage





Inuvik Region

Sachs Harbour, National Aboriginal Day Celebrations – \$5,000

Seven youth, ages 14 years to 21 years, traveled to Sachs Harbour to share their skills in drumming and dancing with the local children and youth during the week of National Aboriginal Day. During their stay, they performed demonstrations and hosted workshops. To honour their determination and willingness to teach the children and youth, the Sachs Harbour Community Corporation sponsored a feast and dance for the young performers.

Fort McPherson, Junior Rangers – \$3,000

Fifty members of this youth group, ages 12 to 18, benefited from the purchase of a canteen trailer to serve the public in summer months and use as a storage unit in the winter.

Inuvik, Cascade Theatre Group,

Sir Alexander Mackenzie School Author Visit – \$5,000

Three actors and Director Jerry Silver were brought to the region to encourage young people's participation in the performing arts. The Cascade Theatre Group performed the play "Something From Nothing" in Inuvik, Aklavik, Tuktoyaktuk and Tsiigehtchic. The performances were accompanied with question periods and sessions with small groups to demystify the fine art of performance.

Aklavik, Moose Kerr School,

Traditional On the Land Cultural Program for Youth – \$5,000

Students from K-12 participated in a ten-day "On the Land" Cultural Program that enabled students to be involved and immersed in the hunting/trapping skills and process of the lost art of Muskrat Trapping

Inuvik, Samuel Hearne Secondary School,

Students on Ice – \$4,000

One student from Samuel Hearne Secondary School traveled to Antarctica on a quest for discovery, adventure, knowledge and future. Instructors, scientists, artists and professionals engaged the northerner and fellow Canadians in the geography, flora, fauna, geomorphology and glaciology of the Antarctica.

Aklavik Drummers and Dancers – \$5,000

Youth participated in events involving traditional Drum Dancing. The elders worked with the youth, teaching them how to sing, drum and dance, and show respect for others.

Inuvik, Ingamo Hall Youth Wellness Program – \$5,000

This leadership development program helped local youth develop board skills, leadership guidance and ethics. They also learned about the election process.

Dreamcatcher Aboriginal Annual Youth Conference

Tsiigehtchic, Chief Paul Niditchi School – \$5,000

Inuvik, Samuel Hearne Secondary School – \$5,000

Fort McPherson – \$5,000

The conference was designed to inspire and inform youth and encourage them to make positive lifestyle choices through educational workshops, recreational activities, traditional dancing, singing and crafts, and to make new friends, exchange ideas and share their own cultures with other students attending the conference.

Dreamcatcher Aboriginal Annual Youth Conference

Among the Indians of the woodlands, the Ojibwa believe that dreams have magical qualities; the ability to change or direct their path in life. Since the night air is filled with both good and bad dreams, one of the traditional beliefs was to hang a dreamcatcher on an infant's cradle board or in their lodges for the benefit of all. When hung, the dreamcatcher captures the dreams as they float by. The good dreams, knowing the way, slip through the centre hole, drifting gently off the soft feathers to the sleeper below. The bad dreams, not knowing the way, become entangled in the webbing, only to perish with the first light of the new day.



From humble beginnings in 1992, the Dreamcatcher Conference has grown to one of the largest Aboriginal youth gatherings in the world. With participants and workshop presenters from across Canada, Dreamcatcher continues to be a place of healing and learning. Young or old, Dreamcatcher participants teach each other: respect for self and others; the importance of making positive choices; about how strong our culture is and how much stronger it can be.

The power of dreams lies in the fact that they help us to look to the future while remembering the important lessons from the past. The Dreamcatcher Aboriginal Youth Conference is about connecting young people to their cultures, learning from the wisdom of our Elders, and looking ahead to the limitless opportunities in our future.

The Dreamcatcher 2002 Conference was held at Grant MacEwan College in Edmonton. The focus was to inspire and inform our youth to make positive lifestyle choices through educational workshops, recreational activities, traditional dancing, singing and crafts and to make new friends, exchange ideas and share their own cultures with other students attending the conference.

Youth from many communities across the Northwest Territories had the opportunity to attend this conference.

“Honouring Our Gifts”, Mackenzie Regional Youth Conference

Inuvik – \$3,000

Tuktoyaktuk – \$3,000

Tsiigehtchic – \$3,000

Holman – \$3,000

The conference encouraged young people to develop and display their skills and gifts through workshops, recreational challenges and creative endeavours. It was an excellent opportunity for participants to learn about other communities, form friendships, exchange ideas and have fun. Students came from Inuvik, Tuktoyaktuk, Tsiigehtchic and Holman to attend the festivities.

Mackenzie Regional Youth Conference “Honouring Our Gifts”

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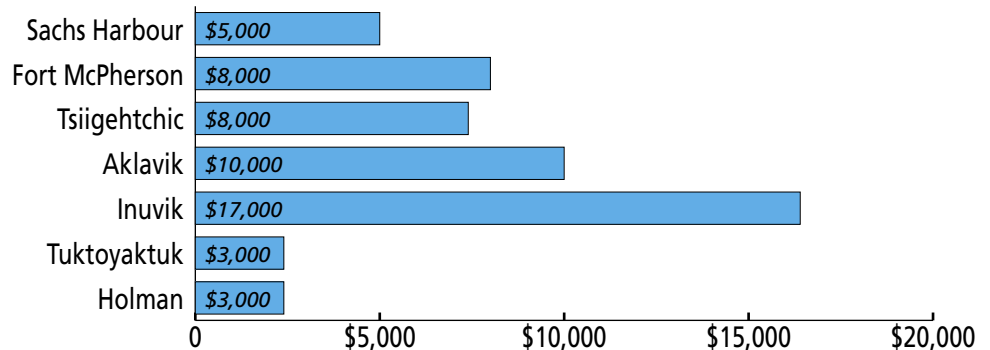
The Annual Mackenzie Regional Youth Conference was held in Fort Providence on February 14 to 16, 2003. Two hundred and two participants from Fort Simpson, Fort Liard, Wrigley, Jean Marie River, Hay River Reserve, Enterprise, Fort Resolution, Wha Ti, Rae Edzo, Lutselk’e, Gameti, Wekweti, Tuktoyaktuk, Holman, Tsiigehtchic, and Inuvik registered for the conference.

Events included: Skills Canada cardboard toboggan contest (A team of four youth from each community was given half a day to design a toboggan from cardboard. A contest was held to see how much weight the toboggans could hold and how they could be manoeuvred in an obstacle course.); interpretive dance; skiing with Olympian Sharon Firth; self-esteem and goal-setting workshop; mask making session; beading session; break dancing; and soccer skills.

There was also a workshop on Hepatitis C. This all day session was facilitated by Health Canada. A number of nurses and community members sat in on this very informative workshop.

The closing speaker was Minister of Youth, Hon. Roger Allen. He did a wonderful job wrapping up the Youth Conference, but not before he strapped his skis on and headed out with Sharon and a group of lucky participants!

Inuvik Youth Contributions by Community



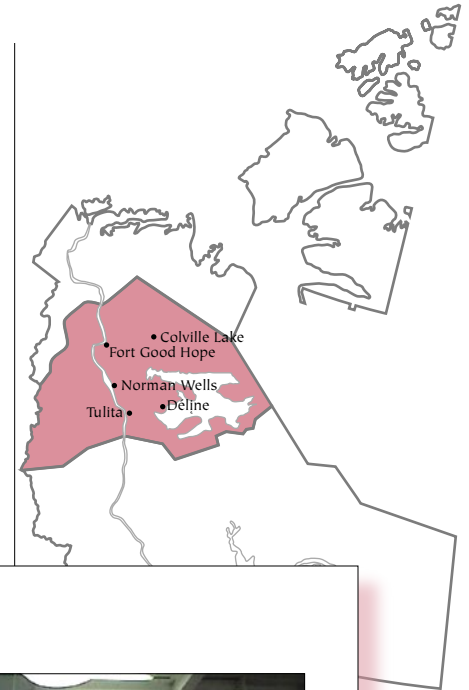
Sahtu Region

Deline, Youth Workshop – \$5,000

This workshop was hosted in Deline during a Spiritual Gathering. The northern Albertan performers “The Reddnations” were brought in for the event.

Tulita, Chief Albert Wright School, Mexico History Tour – \$5,000

Chief Albert Wright School sent five students to the Mexican Yucatan with the aim to learn about the ancient Mayans – another Native American culture. It gave the participants an opportunity to tour the historically rich areas of Chichen-Itza, Tulum and Xel-Ha. The students also attended a bullfight, saw Mexican dancing and had lunch on a local farm.



Mexican History Tour

Five students from Chief Albert Wright School in Tulita were accompanied by two of their teachers to Mexico to experience the history and culture from another land. After a brief stay in Edmonton, the group flew to Cancun, Mexico, where they began their adventure.

Students visited Chichen Itza, ruins of the great Mayan city that was inhabited between 1000 and 1250 AD. Other stops included Tulum and Xel-Ha, a sacred spot where the Mayans would go to purify themselves. Students experienced snorkelling, bullfights, tropical rainstorms and, of course, the beach!

On the flight back to Tulita, the students began talking about where they would like to go next: France, Africa and Australia were all on the list. They came home with the desire to travel and see more of the world.



Tulita, Chief Albert Wright School, Students on Ice – \$5,000

Two students from the Chief Albert Wright School traveled to the nation-wide educational youth initiative in Antarctica. The experience introduced the students to a land that has many similar issues and problems that their own land faces. The participants were familiarized with global warming, tourism, treaties, politics, human impact, and exploration in the southern land.

***Students on Ice,
The greatest classroom in the world without walls!***

Students on Ice organizes unique learning expeditions to the Antarctic. Their mandate is to provide students from around the world with inspiring educational opportunities at the ends of our earth, and in doing so, help them foster a new understanding and respect for our planet.

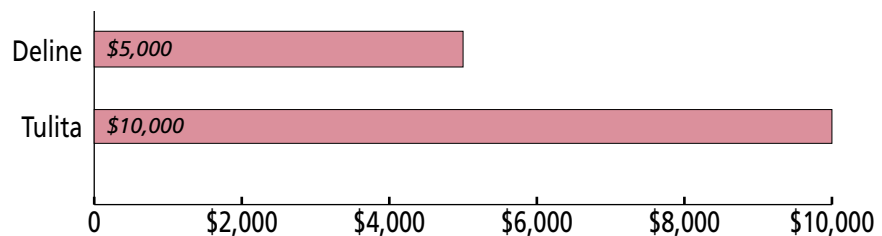
The education programs for the Students on Ice expeditions were multi-faceted. A pre-expedition program helped to prepare the students for their learning adventure. During the expedition, the students were immersed in lectures, workshops, hands-on research activities and experiential learning opportunities. A world-class team of scientists, educators and expedition experts worked and traveled with the students every step of the way.

The Students on Ice pre-expedition education programs were web-delivered, and some materials were mailed out to participating students. The activities were designed to assist trip participants to develop an Antarctic mindset. Participants discovered information, facts and issues that added enjoyment and benefit to their expedition to Antarctica, and made the experiences more rewarding and enriching. The programs consisted of preparatory research and study that would prepare them for the shipboard lecture, workshop and research activities.

Anyone was welcome to participate in the adventures of the student participants on-line during the Students on Ice expedition.

The Students on Ice Antarctic itinerary was always subject to change due to weather and ice conditions. It was rare that an itinerary was followed exactly as planned. One of the mottos of expedition travel was "Flexibility is the Key". Participants were encouraged to take advantage of all our opportunities, while at the same time respecting the power of the Antarctic climate. Students flew to Buenos Aires, Argentina, and then on to Ushuaia, Argentina, where they boarded the expedition vessel, M/V Polar Star.

Sahtu Youth Contributions by Community



Deh Cho Region

Jean Marie River, Louie Norwegian School, School Trip – \$2,000

Students from Louie Norwegian School visited Wanuskewin, Batoche, and Fort Carlton in Alberta and Saskatchewan to explore the landscape, museums and archives of these culturally rich sites.

Fort Simpson, Youth Exchange – \$2,000

One student was supported to participate in a Youth Challenge International opportunity to volunteer in Guyana, South America. This community-based project provides young Canadians with the opportunity to live and work with local community members as well as a group of international youth from other countries.

Dreamcatcher Aboriginal Annual Youth Conference

Fort Simpson, Swinging Teens – \$3,474

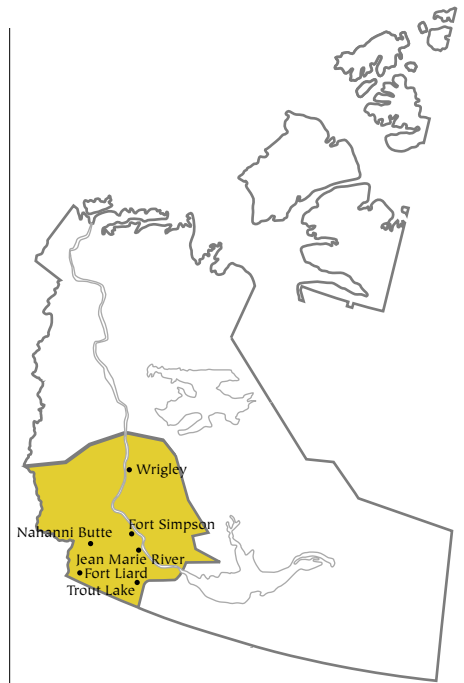
Wrigley – \$3,042

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Fort Simpson,

Canadian Youth Against Impaired Driving Conference – \$5,000

Seven young people from Fort Simpson traveled to Regina for this national conference. They heard stories from people affected by impaired driving and learned about healthy alternatives to this high-risk activity.



Canadian Youth Against Impaired Driving (CYAID) Conference

The Student Life Education Company, in cooperation with OSAID (Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving), hosted the 12th annual Canadian Youth Against Impaired Driving (CYAID) Conference March 21 to 23, 2002.

Students, teachers, police, and governments from across Canada all joined forces to create CYAID in 1987. CYAID believes that Canadian youth have the power to stop impaired driving.

By attending the CYAID 2002 Conference, students and advisors gained valuable tools and resources to assist in the fight to stop impaired driving in communities and schools. The conference included peer presentations, information about provincial and federal issues, programming ideas, leadership development, fund raising and advisor sessions. A presentation was also made on NSAID (National Students Against Impaired Driving) Day – the day CYAID attempts to focus and reduce impaired driving across Canada.





Role Model Tour

Fort Liard – \$5,000

Fort Simpson – \$5,000

Mike Ryan engaged the youth in his workshops and presentations about positive lifestyle choices, self-awareness, empowerment and the benefits of education.

Sharon Firth shared her experiences as a four-time Olympian, encouraging the benefits of education.

Fort Simpson, Leaders and Healers Youth Conference – \$1,009

One youth traveled to Victoria, British Columbia, for a three-day conference featuring 36 empowering sessions on leading and healing within schools and communities.

2003 Leaders and Healers Youth Conference

The theme of Focus 2003 reflects a search for both leaders and healers within our schools and communities – people who are determined to achieve success by overcoming adversity while rising to the challenges of life.

Focus 2003 speakers represent all of us and serve as outstanding role models for all ages and cultures. Within each of us is a survivor, a leader, a healer and a champion.

This inspirational three-day conference welcomed keynote speakers SwilKanim, Silken Laumann, Don Burnstick and Cherry Kingsley. Thirty-six empowering sessions were presented by informative and experienced facilitators.

Invited delegates included School Administrators and Teachers, School Board Trustees, First Nations Associations and Bands, Community Workers, School Support Staff, Social Workers, Counsellors and Psychologists, Justice Workers and Police, Health Care Providers, Youth and Parents.

Focus 2003 is supported in part by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

Wrigley, Kole Crook Fiddle Camp – \$2,911

Over 30 children participated in a week-long fiddle camp that included lessons in square dancing, jigging and daily instructions with the fiddle. Youth from Wrigley, Fort Providence, Hay River, Fort Resolution, Yellowknife and Fort Smith developed an appreciation for the fiddle and it's rich tradition of entertainment and fun.



Fort Simpson, NWT Youth Business Conference – \$5,000

“Be Youth Own Boss” Youth Business Program motivated youth to pursue business ownership as an employment option.

NWT Youth Business Conference – “Be Your Own Boss”

The Deh Cho Business Development Centre hosted the first annual NWT Youth Business Conference in Fort Simpson on April 2 to 4, 2002.

The focus of the conference “Dance to the Beat of Your Own Drum” was to assist young adults in finding meaningful work without having to leave their home community by introducing alternatives to them about self employment and motivate them to pursue business ownership. At the very least, delegates are challenged to take ownership and re-create a culture of self-reliance.

In three days, youth learned and shared ideas with dynamic speakers, inspiring workshops, and live entertainment, and left the conference with new ideas and proven tactics for building a successful business.

Exhibit space was available and young entrepreneurs were encouraged to promote their business and meet and learn from this group of very talented and respected individuals.

Keynote speaker Peter van Stolk, “Jones soda” creator of the \$1,000,000 new age drink “Jones Soda Co.”, presented a powerful message. Sessions included: How can I find ideas and turn them into a business?; Making Your Own Way; The Next Generation – Unleashing your business potential; and niche marketing.

Panel presentations included: ‘Resource Development’ speakers gave an overview of the potential business and training needs of the industries; ‘Obtaining Financing’ speakers discussed financing accessible to the youth; and Seasoned Entrepreneurs and Northern Youth Entrepreneurs spoke on the pitfalls and possibilities of running a business.



“Honouring Our Gifts”, Mackenzie Regional Youth Conference

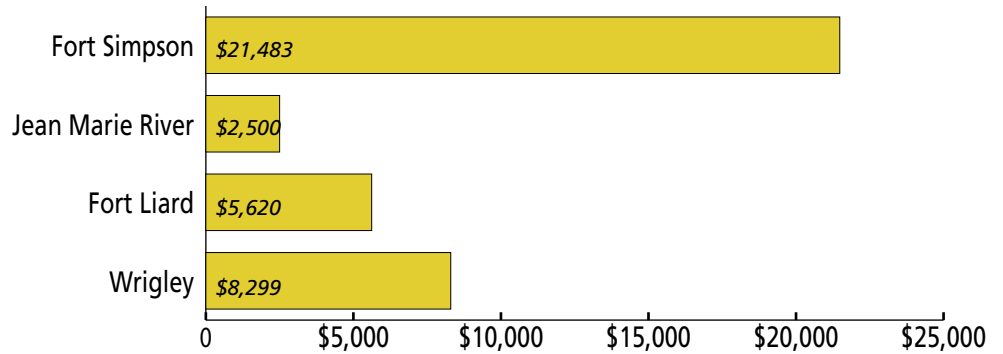
Fort Liard – \$620

Jean Marie River – \$500

Wrigley – \$2,346

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Deh Cho Youth Contributions by Community



North Slave Region

Yellowknife, Canadian Youth Against Impaired Driving Conference – \$5,000

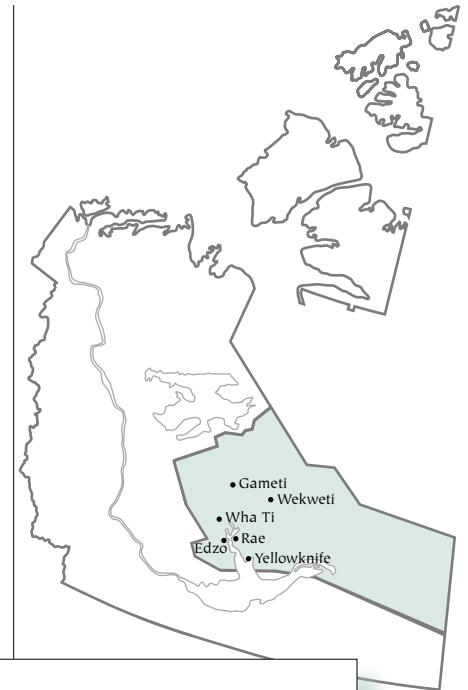
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Rae-Edzo, College and University Visits – \$10,000

Dogrib students toured colleges and universities in northern Alberta. They explored, visited and familiarized themselves with the schools to better cope with the issues of leaving home when attending post-secondary studies.

North American Indigenous Games Cultural Group – \$5,000

Two youth groups participated in traditional cultural activities at the North American Indigenous Games. The students were exposed to Manitoba culture, Indigenous performers and artists, and talented athletes from across the United States and Canada.



North American Indigenous Games Cultural Group

For thousands of years Aboriginal people have held games throughout the continent of North America. Historical records indicate that many modern team sports were derived from traditional Indigenous games. These games taught personal and social values which were a curriculum for the Aboriginal way of life. Qualities such as honesty, courage, respect, personal excellence and gratitude for the guidance of parents, elders and communities, prepared children and youth for the responsibilities of adulthood.



Today, the North American Indigenous Games continue this tradition. The games were held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, July 25 to August 4, 2002, and attracted participants from across Canada and the United States.

There are 16 sporting events featured, of which three were traditional Aboriginal sports. They included Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Boxing, Canoeing, Lacrosse, Golf, Shooting, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tae Kwon Do, Volleyball, and Wrestling.

A Cultural Village provided a unique opportunity to showcase the talents of Manitoba's Aboriginal artists, as well as Indigenous performers and artists from across North America. The Cultural Village also awarded an opportunity to convey, through educational demonstrations and teachings, the historical and contemporary experiences of Manitoba's Aboriginal peoples. It also gave athletes, the general public and members of the Aboriginal communities the chance to interact collectively in a unique cultural setting that created lasting and memorable impressions.

“Honouring Our Gifts”, Mackenzie Regional Youth Conference

Wekwati – \$5,000

Wha Ti – \$6,440

Gameti – \$4,113

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Yellowknife, Costa Rica Youth Challenge International – \$6,000

Two youths participated in a ten-week community development program offered by Youth Challenge International. This program gave the students the opportunity to travel to Costa Rica to be involved in environmental and infrastructure projects in impoverished areas.

Youth Challenge International – Costa Rica

Youth Challenge International combines community development, health education and environmental work in adventurous projects carried out by teams of volunteers aged 18 to 30 years.

Participants live and work alongside community members building and improving schools, health posts and water supplies as well as help to organize Youth Skills Summits – bringing together Indigenous youth from small villages. They work with local biologists and park rangers to preserve and reclaim rainforests.

Volunteers represent several countries and come from all walks of life. Living conditions are basic and work schedules are demanding. An experienced international staff team ensured projects are dynamic and result-oriented. Self-discovery, personal growth and community development are key elements in all activities. Project departures occur throughout the year.

Costa Rica is renowned for its biodiversity and progressive social and park systems. However, many rural communities still lack basic amenities including potable water, basic health or education services, and forests have been radically diminished in the last half-century. Volunteers help improve basic infrastructure through one of two courses: living and working with residents in small communities to help build aqueducts, health posts or school. They may also be assigned to help construct small-scale projects such as trails, lookouts, ranger huts and visitor centres in parks and conservation areas in order to attract and educate more visitors. All of the projects are community identified and other projects may occur where local needs arise and resources permit.

In addition to 40 hours of Spanish instruction from a local qualified teacher, community-identified development projects provide a rich cross-cultural experience. Cross-cultural communication and shared learning are core components of this program.

Yellowknife, National Rural Conference – \$1,138

Delegates from the northwest region were brought together for the National Rural Youth Conference to identify key issues to be brought forward at the event and strategies on how to have a maximum impact at the event.

Yellowknife, Northern Excursion Club – \$3,000

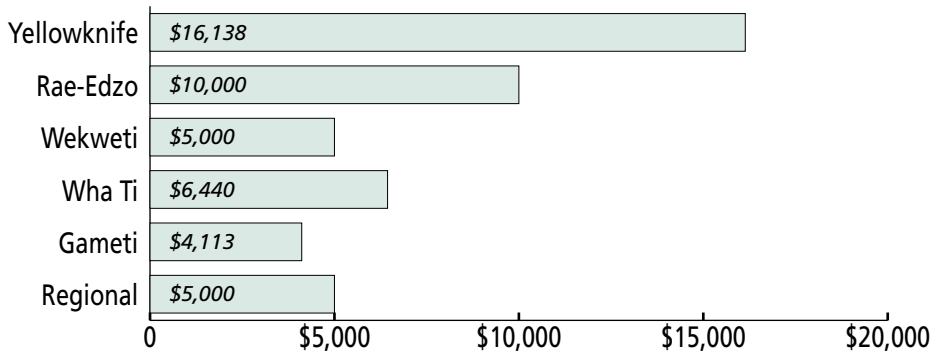
The Northern Excursion snowmobile trip provided students with the opportunity to build leadership, teamwork and planning skills while developing positive self-esteem and an appreciation for the outdoors.

Yellowknife, Victim Services – \$1,000

A workshop geared to coping with bullies promoted the prevention of family violence and promotion of healthy mind and body initiatives in the betterment of society.



North Slave Youth Contributions by Community





South Slave Region

Dreamcatcher Aboriginal Annual Youth Conference

Fort Providence – \$5,000

Fort Smith – \$7,000

Fort Resolution – \$5,000

Lutselk'e – \$5,000

Hay River Reserve, Katodeeche First Nation – \$5,000

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Hay River Reserve, Katodeeche First Nation, Role Model Tour – \$5,000

Mike Ryan engaged the youth in his workshops and presentations about positive lifestyle choices, self-awareness, empowerment and the benefits of education.

Sharon Firth shared her experiences as a four-time Olympian, encouraging the benefits of education.

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Fort Providence – \$5,000

Lutselk'e – \$4,200

Fort Resolution – \$4,000

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Fort Resolution, High-risk Kids Conference – \$5,000

The conference encouraged individuals, families and communities to discover and recover their human, spiritual and traditional values by discussing origin and approach for high-risk kids. A wide range of people attended this conference, including family service workers, community leaders, parents, educators, counselors, and people in the community.

Enterprise, FCM Conference Denmark – \$1,100

One youth councillor participated in a Federation of Canadian Municipalities mission to Denmark to study alternative energy programs.

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is a national organization with representation from all of the territories and provinces. The FCM appoints a National Board of Directors which set policy priorities that reflect the concerns of municipal, affiliate and associate members. The National Board meets quarterly and appoints members to Standing Committees to develop policy positions on key national and municipal issues.

One of the FCM's concerns and goals is the protection of the environment. Annually the FCM provides opportunities for delegates to join on a Community Energy Mission. In August of 2002 the Energy Mission headed to Denmark. The trip was open to all Canadian municipalities and was designed to help municipal governments find ways to decrease energy costs and dependence on imported energy. Participants visited established projects that demonstrated a range of sustainable energy options, including wind, solar and other renewable energies, community energy systems, municipal and agricultural waste and integrated planning.

Fort Smith, Kole Crook Youth Fiddle Camp – \$1,875

Over 30 children participated in a week-long fiddle camp that included lessons in square dancing, jigging and daily instruction with the fiddle. Youth from Wrigley, Fort Providence, Hay River, Fort Resolution, Yellowknife and Fort Smith developed an appreciation for the fiddle and it's rich tradition of entertainment and fun.

The Kole Crook Fiddle Camp

The first Kole Crook Fiddle Camp took place at the Fort Smith Metis Council Elders Retreat in March of 2003. The camp brought together over 30 participants, ranging in ages from eight to 84, from Yellowknife, Wrigley, Fort Resolution, Hay River, and Fort Smith. Instructors came from as far away as New Brunswick, Ontario, and British Columbia.

The Camp is run by the Kole Crook Fiddle Association, which began in Wrigley following the tragic and untimely death of loved and respected Metis Fiddler Kole Crook, who died tragically in a plane crash. Following Kole's death a small group teamed up, in his memory, to teach fiddling to the youth of Wrigley. Andrea Hansen, co-founder of Strings Across the Sky, a foundation dedicated to reviving the dying art of fiddle playing among northern youth, was recruited. After students put on a successful demonstration at the Beavertail Jamboree, the idea of putting on a fiddle camp was born.

Budding fiddlers were teamed up in beginner, intermediate and expert cabins with their instructors, for the four day camp. Plans and preparations are already unfolding for camps in various communities across the north.



Fort Smith, ArcticMun – \$3,820

An opportunity for students to attend Canada’s first post-secondary International Model United Nations Conference. This conference helped northern students, residents and possible future leaders to build skills and obtain education from a global perspective.

Canadian International Model United Nations Conference

The Canadian International Model United Nations (CANIMUN) Conference is a four-day bilingual event, organized by the United Nations Association in Canada (UNA-Canada) in partnership with Canada’s Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT). CANIMUN offers a pan-Canadian international Model UN conference and welcomes delegates from all corners of the world.



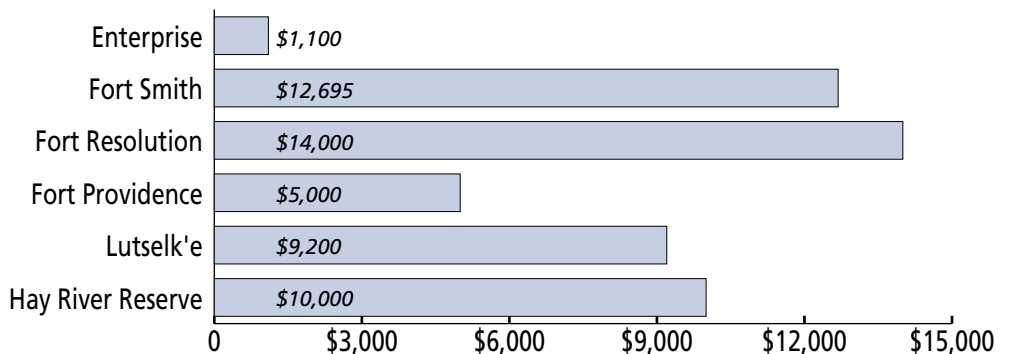
CANIMUN is staffed with avid Model UN enthusiasts from across Canada. Each staff member brings a cultural and regional uniqueness to this new and innovative international conference. CANIMUN also

has exciting features that include: unique and prominent conference venues; renowned speakers; simultaneous translation in French and English for larger size committees; CPAC daily coverage; an International Model United Nations Forum; and, a series of challenging and innovative committee set-ups that promotes stimulating and engaging debate for all participants.

The United Nations Association in Canada (UNA-Canada) is a national charitable organization established in 1946. Their mandate is to engage the Canadian public in the work of the United Nations and the critical international issues which affect us all. They accomplish their goals through a dynamic staff team at the national office and a network of volunteer-driven regional branches.

The United Nations Association in Canada strives for a better world through a variety of national projects focused on specific issues and audiences. They work closely with the educational communities in every province and territory to build their capacity to educate young people from a global perspective. They also work directly with youth, challenging them to develop the tools and skills necessary to confront some of the world’s most complex problems.

South Slave Youth Contributions by Community



Territorial

Fort Simpson, NWT Youth Council Annual General Assembly – \$15,000

Youth identified a number of serious issues including Aboriginal language loss, women in industrial workplaces, alcohol and drug abuse, healing, and poor health care. A number of resolutions to these problems were proposed to initiate significant change.

Yellowknife, NWT Youth Council – \$9,300

Board training took place in November 2002.

Territorial Youth Contributions by Community

