



2024

Moosehide

GATHERING



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Hähkè's Address:

Drin hq̄z̄ guests,
Welcome to Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in
Traditional Territory and the 2024
Moosehide Gathering—our 16th
Gathering since 1993. Moosehide
Gathering is time to reconnect with
family and friends and to share our
language, culture, and traditions.
Moosehide Village has been a
special place for Tr'ondëk
Hwëch'in for millennia. Here, our
people have hosted potlaches to
honor people and significant
events, celebrating with songs,
dancing, drumming, and feasts
provided by the bounty of our land.
On the banks of the Yukon River
we gather at Moosehide to keep
the spirit of our ancestors alive and
give thanks to our Elders for
protecting and teaching our
traditions. We also extend a strong
mäh̄s̄j̄, cho to our Alaska relatives
for all their support throughout the
years, and to our youth leaders,
who will keep our traditions alive
for generations yet to come.



On behalf of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Council and all Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in citizens, I welcome you to Moosehide. Please join in the workshops, music, and feasts offered throughout the weekend. Have fun and take care of each other and the land. Nëkhwet'ënòh-'ay gha shò tr'inlay. K'ànàcha. We are happy to see you. Take good care.

Hähkè Darren Taylor
Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in



The story of Moosehide Gathering

In the late 1800s, as tens of thousands of gold seekers arrived in the Klondike Valley, Chief Isaac of the Hän people recognized that his community's traditions and way of life were threatened. He took the songs and dances of its people across the border to the old Tanacross village at Lake Mansfield, Alaska, entrusting his relatives to preserve them until the time was right. At this time, the Hän people moved from Tr'ochëk, their fish camp at the mouth of the Klondike and Yukon rivers, to Moosehide Village where we celebrate the gathering today.

The Tanacross community and extended family members held Chief Isaac's songs for our people for many decades until we were ready to reclaim them. The 1991 Yukon Aboriginal Languages Conference provided inspiration for the renewal of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in culture. Our main objective was to revitalize Hän history, songs, dances, and traditional dress. That same year, we held a weekend camp to bring our people together and enjoy each other's company.

In 1992, a group of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in people travelled to Tanacross to observe and learn how to host a large traditional gathering. It was then that they began learning long-forgotten Hän songs and dances.

Committed to revitalizing our ancestors' celebrations, the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in hosted the first Moosehide Gathering in 1993. Moosehide Gathering is a celebration of our culture and honoring of our heritage, our ancestors, and our future. We invite everyone to join us at Moosehide to share our stories, songs, and dances, enjoy local and guest performers, and the tasty feasts prepared by our cooks. We are honored to have you visit us.



General information

Info Booths

Get all the information you need at our info booths, located in Dawson City and Moosehide Village. Here you will find information on performances, workshops, camping arrangements, volunteer management, and anything else you might need to know about this year's Gathering.

INFO BOOTH HOURS

Thursday: 12:00pm – 8:00pm
Friday & Saturday: 9:00am – 8:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am – 12:00pm

*Substance free event
No dogs please*



What Do I Bring?

Remember Moosehide Village is located several kilometers down river from Dawson City and you will not have quick access to stores and general supplies.



Water

Please bring your own supply of drinking water to the Moosehide Gathering. There will be potable water available, but it must be brought in by boat. Please help by bringing your own.



Extra Snacks

If you are a hungry wolf, be sure to bring extra food and snacks! A free nightly feast is offered, and food is available for sale all day at the concession, but be sure to bring extra just in case.



Camping Equipment

If you plan to stay at Moosehide Village for the duration of the Gathering, be sure to bring all the necessary equipment for camping.



Cash

Be sure to bring cash if you wish to purchase merchandise, raffle/draw/50-50 tickets, or concession items.





Transportation

Free boat rides to Moosehide Gathering will be provided.

Remain patient during high-traffic hours as there will be many people travelling to or from Moosehide Village. Please note that Elders and performers have priority on boats.



Boat Hours

Thursday: 12:00pm – 10:00pm

Friday & Saturday: 8:00am – 10:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am – 6:00pm

We encourage able-bodied visitors to hike.

Rides to the Top of the Dome trail will be available & guides will bring groups on the trail.

Easy to intermediate level trail (4kms) - Estimated time: 2 hours.

Hike begins with a steep slope downhill, we encourage you to bring hiking poles & wear proper hiking footwear.



Hike Hours

Departure from Dawson

Thursday: 12:00pm and 3:00pm

Friday: 10:00am / 12:00pm / 2:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am / 12:00pm / 2:00pm

Sacred Fire

Please do not feed the Sacred Fire or put anything in or around this area. Designated Sacred Fire Attendants will be caring for and feeding the fire throughout the Moosehide Gathering. If you have any questions about the Sacred Fire or its protocols, please ask one of the firekeepers.



Merchandise Hours*

All proceeds from merchandise sales directly support the Moosehide Gathering.

Concession Hours*

All proceeds from the breakfast sales will go towards Nitr'inkê-in Shi' Hqzq Tr'ëtä'äl / Our Children Are Going to Eat Good, the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in nutrition program. The afternoon concession sales directly support K'äjít-In Zho / Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Youth Centre.

Thursday: 5:00pm – 7:30pm
Friday & Saturday: 11:00am – 7:30pm
Sunday: 11:00am – 2:00pm
** Closed during feast.*

Thursday: 12pm – 4pm / 7pm – 9pm
Friday: 8:30am – 10am / 12:pm – 4pm / 6pm – 9pm
Saturday: 8:30am – 10am / 12:pm – 4pm / 6pm – 9pm
Sunday: 8:30am – 12am / 2pm – 4pm
** Closed during feast.*

Feasts

Since the very earliest times, whenever a gathering was held on Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Traditional Territory, Hän families hosted large feasts for their guests in the spirit of sharing and caring. In keeping with this tradition, all visitors are invited to join in our feasts each evening during the Moosehide Gathering. Feasts will include traditional foods, wild meat, salads, sweets, and other tasty surprises! We are very grateful for our cook Nora Van Bibber, as well as her helpers, and all the many volunteers who are helping to make the feast a great success.



Feast Hours
Thursday: 5:30pm
Friday & Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 1:00pm

- The MC will announce when the feast is ready
- A prayer will be offered
- Elders will be served first, then performers and volunteers
- Please be patient

Recycling & Compost

We take great efforts to make this event kind to the earth, including purchasing local foods and vegetables, buying natural cleaning products and toilet paper,

and composting food waste from the feast and concession. Please ensure you take advantage of the Zero-Waste tent located next to the Feast tent where volunteers will help you sort your waste.

Artist Market Hours

Local and visiting arts and crafts vendors will be selling their wares in the Artist Market.

Thursday: 5:00pm – 9:00pm
Friday & Saturday: 11:00am – 9:00pm
Sunday: 10:00am – 3:00pm

Kids Zone & Education Tent Hours

The Kids Zone and Education is hosted by the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Program Nì'ehlyat Nidahji' / Our Families, Our Future, the Education Department, Yukon First Nation Education Directorate (YFNED), the Yukon Literacy Coalition and the Canadian Prenatal Nutrition Program (CPNP).

We offer daily activities, games, stories, and crafts. This area is an activity area for children and youth. Please supervise your children during the activities. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thursday: 12pm – 6:00pm
Friday & Saturday: 10:00am – 5:00pm
Sunday: 10:00am – 1:00pm

Raffles

There will be daily raffles, big-ticket item draws, and 50/50 tickets for purchase. Try your luck! All proceeds go to Moosehide Gathering. Please note big-ticket item draws will take place on Saturday July 27th at 6:00 pm, during the feast line up.

Raffle Hours

Thursday: 5:00pm – 9:00pm
Friday: 11:00am – 9:00pm
Saturday: 11:00am – 9:00pm

Heritage Celebration Tent

Join us at the Heritage Celebration Tent and be informed, explore, learn and share in Indigenous Law. Learn about Nun Cho Ga, the Tr'ondëk /Klondike UNESCO World Heritage Site, and our Hän language featuring daily Hän Yoga sessions. Share

our collections through stories. Partake in Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Story telling with Darcy McDiarmid, and if you are lucky, taste some traditional food cooked on the fire. The Heritage Celebration Tent is hosted by the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Heritage and the Implementation Department.

Heritage Celebration Tent Hours

Friday & Saturday: 10:00am – 5:00pm

Gift Give Away

The Gift Give Away is a cultural custom of the Hän people to honor visitors who share in our celebration. Traditionally, the redistributing of wealth is connected to our strong value system of taking care of people in our territory and community.

If you want to be part of this circle of celebration, please come to the Arbour at noon on Sunday. Please note that the tradition is to share gifts with others (other First Nations and visitors), so it will be others who will receive gifts rather than Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Citizens.

Moosehide Graveyard

Our ancestors are in attendance at the graveyard, and it is very important that they be treated with respect. An offering of tobacco and prayer is appreciated. Mähsj cho.

Respecting Our Elders

You can honor Elders by:

- Offering them your chair or place at the table
- Asking them if they would like food, tea, or coffee
- Offering to help them if they seem in need
- Giving them your place in line at the boats, feast, or concession stand

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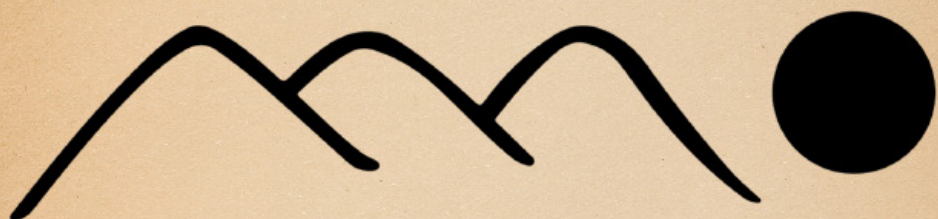
We are proud to announce that Moosehide Celebration will be accessible to the deaf and hard of hearing community. ASL interpretation will be provided throughout the entire day program. Our ASL interpreters are Mary Tiessen and Debra Russell.



Volunteering at Moosehide Gathering

If you would like to join our crew of amazing volunteers, you are invited to add your name to our on-call volunteer list. We will need lots of help over the weekend so if you would like to help, we would love to have you! To sign up, please visit one of the Moosehide Gathering Information Booths.





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GROUP OF COMPANIES

Day 1 (Thursday, July 25th)

Moosehide Gathering 2024 Schedule

3:30 pm Opening Ceremony
Opening Prayer
Opening Remarks:
Hähkè Darren Taylor, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in
Bill Kendrick, Mayor of Dawson City
Lighting of the Sacred Fire
Raising of the Flags
Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Hän Singers

5:30 pm Prayer and Feast – All are welcome
No Boat rides during the Feast

7:00 pm Music at the Arbour by Ed Peekeekoot followed by Jimmy
and the Hammerstones

10:00 pm Last Boat leaving Moosehide



Day 2 (Friday, July 26th)

12:00 pm Mainstage hosted by MC William Greenland
Performances featuring traditional & contemporary artists
from the Yukon, NWT, BC, Ontario and Alaska including:
Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Hän Singers, Tanacross, Tagish Nation
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6:00 pm Dancer, Dakwakada Dancers, Dennis Allen & Kevin Barr,
Dakhká Khwáan Dancers, Ed Peekeekoot, Hoop Dancing
performance by Indigadancer Feryn King, Moose Calling
Contest and more

6:00 pm Prayer and Feast – All are welcome
No Boat rides during the Feast

7:00 pm Diyet and the Love Soldiers followed by the Last Chance
Fiddle Band

10:00 pm Last Boat leaving Moosehide

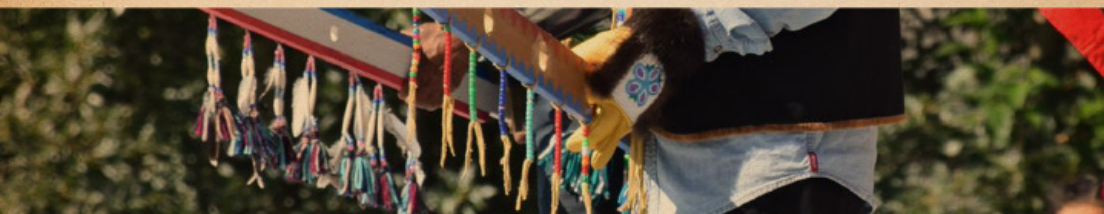
Day 3 (Saturday, July 27th)

12:00 pm Mainstage hosted by MC William Greenland
Performances featuring traditional & contemporary artists from the Yukon, NWT, BC, Ontario and Alaska including:
- Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Hän Singers, Tanacross, Scott Ward
6:00 pm Hypnotist Show, Teechik Dancer, Dakwakada Dancers, Tagish Nation Dancers, Hand Games Performance, Wolf & Crow Calling Contest and more

6:00 pm Prayer and Feast

7:00 pm The Dawson City Youth Fiddlers will start the evening program followed by the Last Chance Fiddle Band, Dennis Allen, Kevin Barr, & Boyd Benjamin

10:00 pm Last Boat leaving Moosehide



Day 4 (Sunday, July 28th)

10:00 am Church Service at the Arbour

12:00 pm Closing Ceremony
Hän Singers
Lowering the Flags by the Dawson City Canadian Rangers
Closing Remarks: by Hähkè, thanking Everyone
Closing the Sacred Fire
Closing Prayer
Hän Singers

12:50 pm Gift Giveaway by Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Citizens

1:15 pm Prayer and Farewell Feast / Open Mic

3:00 pm End of the Gathering

6:00 pm Last Boat leaving Moosehide



Traditional Crafts Workshop Tent

Please visit the Workshop Tent for workshops scheduling, sign-up and more details.
Space is limited so sign-up early if you can!

Friday Workshops between 10:00am – 5:00pm

Drum building I - with Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Citizens Dolores Scheffen, Dillan Taylor and Edward Whitehouse / build your own drum – participants must commit to attend both workshops, Drum building I and II

Hide stretching - with Copper Caribou / learn how to stretch a piece of raw caribou hide on a willow frame

Fish skin Tanning Demonstration
- with Cheryl McLean / learn about the different fish skin tanning methods

Hoop making - with Indigadancer Feryn King / learn the history and some basic about Hoop dancing, build your own Hoops

Plant Walk - join Fran Morberg-Green and Madeline Noonan on a walk around Moosehide Village / learn about plants and what you can use them for

Beading - learn the basics of traditional beading with Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Citizens Dustin and Tristan Henry

Saturday Workshops between 10:00am – 5:00pm

Drum building II - with Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Citizens Dolores Scheffen, Dillan Taylor and Edward Whitehouse/build your own drum - participants must commit to attend both workshops, Drum building I & II

Raven-Tail Earing - with Copper Caribou / craft some earrings today

Fish leather workshop - with Cheryl McLean / craft with fish leather, beads, shells and pearls

Hoop making - with Indigadancer Feryn King / learn the history and some basics on Hoop. Try it out yourself

Iced - Tea Making - with Fran Morberg-Green and Madeline Noonan / demonstration and tasting

Beading - learn the basics of traditional beading with Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Citizens Dustin and Tristan Henry



Music Workshops

Music Workshops hosted by NORTH KLONDYKE HIGHWAY MUSIC SOCIETY

Open Friday & Saturday 10:00am to 5:00pm

The North Klondyke Highway Music Society is pleased to return to the Moosehide Gathering for its seventh time. The Society's Music Tent features fiddle workshops led by Amelia Slobogean, Ryan McNally, Lina Halimi and local tutors. In addition, musicians are welcome to gather at the tent to jam and exchange tunes. Workshops are open to all ages and abilities on a first come, first serve basis.

Please visit the Music Workshop Tent for more information.

Fiddle – Beginner

Groups of six work for 60 minutes learning the basics of technique and square dance tunes.

Fiddles supplied.

Fiddle – Intermediate to Advanced

Groups focus on the important 'must-know' tunes played at jigging and square dance events.

Fiddles available.

Guitar Accompaniment – Beginner to Advanced

Groups of 6–8 learn how to accompany fiddle tunes common to square dances.

Participants will bring their own guitars.

Ukulele – Beginner

Groups of 6–8 learn the basics of ukulele (how to hold, strum, chording) and learn some simple tunes. They will also learn chords to a few northern 'must know' tunes.

Ukuleles are provided.

Song writing

Have you always wanted to write an original song, but don't know where to start?

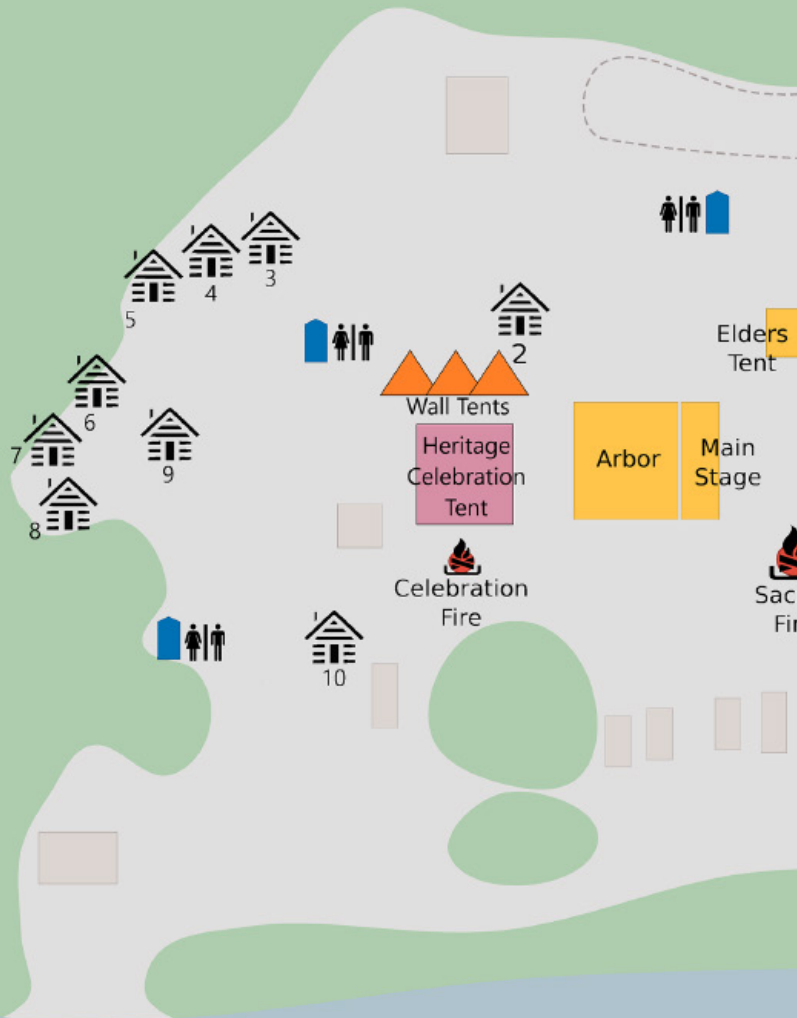
Learn the basics of 'how to write a song'

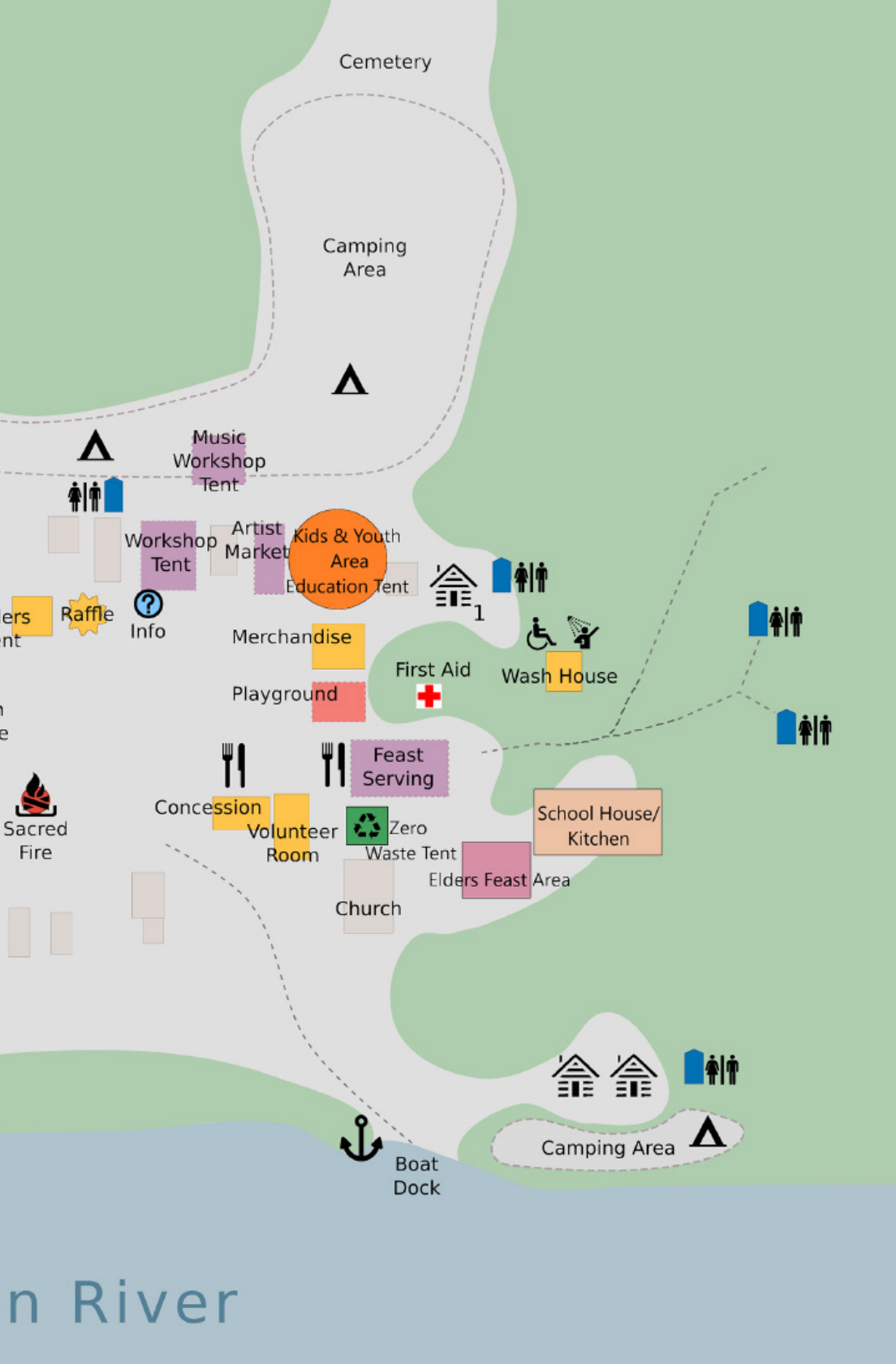
Songs & Jamming

Time will be set aside to focus on the tunes common to square dances. Examples are Red River Jig, Crooked Stove Pipe, and more. And don't forget 'always make time to jam together'.



Moosehide





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GROUP

Performer Biographies

Master Of Ceremonies

William Greenland

YELLOWKNIFE, NWT

William Greenland is due to return to the Moosehide Gathering this summer... If you aren't familiar with William, he is a proud citizen of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in. He decided to carry on his mom's legacy of being Tr'ondëk. William currently resides

in Yellowknife and works as independent traditional wellness counselor, Native American Flute Recording Artist who plans to release a new full-length album in 2024. William was the Moosehide Gathering MC from 2006 to 2018 and has seen so much wonderful music that could be heard all along the wonderful Yukon River. He is excited to be back for the 16th Moosehide Gathering.



Hän Singers and Dancers

DAWSON, YT

The Hän Singers and Dancers have been singing traditional Hän songs since the early 1990s. The group includes members of all ages and performs in small and large ensembles. The history of the songs sung by the Hän Singers extends back to Chief Isaac, an influential Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in leader. He foresaw that his people could lose an important part of their culture: the songs and dances. Elders tell stories of how Chief Isaac gave the Hän songs to Alaskan people for safekeeping. Elder

Archie Roberts was the only one who knew the songs when Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in had their first Moosehide Gathering in 1993. Since then, Alaskan Elders Laura Sanford, Larry Jonathan, and Kenny Thomas Sr. and their family members have assisted Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in in reviving five traditional songs from Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Traditional Territory. Since Moosehide Gathering 2006, the group has received two new songs. The Hän Singers recorded 10 songs at the Dawson City Music Festival Association's recording studio in 2024. You will be able to buy your copy during the Gathering.

Tanacross Drummers & Dancers

TANACROSS, ALASKA

The Tanacross Drummers & Dancers have been active for many years. They enjoy sharing their songs and dances as a large group to build self-esteem and show pride

in their heritage. They believe it is important for future generations to learn and pass on their traditional songs and dances. The Tanacross Dancers and the Hän people have an historic connection, and the dance group enjoys coming to Moosehide Gatherings and celebrations to show their support.

Diyet & The Love Soldiers

BURWASH LANDING, YT

Diyet was born in a tent and spent her childhood on the ancestral lands of the Kluane First Nation people in Canada's Yukon Territory. Coming from a family rooted in traditions but tempered with a good sense of adventurous hippie attitudes, Diyet has created a musical presence that is as diverse as her Southern Tutchone, Tlingit, Japanese and Scottish heritage. She discovered her voice singing on the school bus, went on to acquire a degree in music, then became a published songwriter in Vancouver, BC. When the pull of the North was too strong, she packed her bags, and her Dutch husband, moving back to her village of 90 people without a plan or even a pub to play in. The result of this unlikely career move has been international collaborations, extensive touring, features in the New York Times, MacLean's Magazine, and on BBC Radio (Messiah/Complex). Backed by the Love

Soldiers, she has three acclaimed albums The Breaking Point, When You Were King, and Diyet & The Love Soldiers which received nominations for: "Folk Album Of The Year" at The Indigenous Music Awards, "Indigenous Artist Of The Year" at the Western Canadian Music Awards and won "Indigenous Songwriter Of The Year" at the Canadian Folk Music Awards. Diyet is alternative country, folk, roots and traditional with catchy melodies and stories deeply rooted in Diyet's Indigenous world view and northern life. Diyet sings in both English and Southern Tutchone (her native language) and plays bass guitar. Backed by Love Soldiers, husband and collaborator, Robert van Lieshout (acoustic guitar, drums & percussion) and Juno Award winning producer, Bob Hamilton (electric guitar, pedal steel & mandolin); this multi-instrumental trio from the Yukon has a sound that can fill a big stage or capture an intimate room.



Jimmy and the Hammers

DAWSON CITY, YT

Uncle Jimmy and the Hammerstones was founded June 21, 2019 – National Indigenous People's Day. The band is led by James Roberts (guitar/fiddle), Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in citizen and Dawson resident Peter Menzies (fiddle/vocals). The Hammerstones focus on jigging and square dance music and are called upon to support community dances and Dawsons' youth fiddle club. Depending on the event, the band can be a four piece or a backup band with 20 fiddlers!



Ed Peekeekoot

VANCOUVER ISLAND, BC

Ed Peekeekoot is a gifted and very experienced musician, storyteller, and artist from the Ahtahkakoop Cree First Nation in Saskatchewan, now living on Vancouver Island. Multi-instrumentalist, singer-songwriter, and storyteller, Ed Peekeekoot is a skilled and seasoned performer. He has a timeless kind of cool that appeals to audiences of all ages. Ed's performances go from blazing guitar work to foot stomping fiddle and haunting Native flute – all sprinkled with his Cree humor and philosophy. Ed has released 5 CDs and many of the illustrations for a Cree history book that led him to explore the history of his people more deeply. He has appeared on APTN many times and has been featured in a documentary series. Ed's paintings and carvings are in collections around the world.

Tagish Nation Dancers

WHITEHORSE, YT

Tagish Nation Dancers have been practicing and performing since 1973. With direction and help from Angela Sidney and Clara Schinkel. Thier songs and dances reflect the Tlingit and Tagish heritage. They are very grateful to continue the practice after so much and so long.

Teechik Dancers

OLD CROW, YT

The Teechik Dancers have been dancing together for the past 9 years. Adults work with youth and together they showcase the jigging and dancing from North Yukon Old Crow.



Kevin Barr

TAGISH, YT

Kevin Barr first picked up a guitar at the age of 9 and has been playing professionally for the past 50 years. His repertoire is vast and varied, from three tours in Europe with the Undertakin' Daddies to opening for the Ozark Mountain Daredevils, BJ Thomas and

Ian Tyson; he has also shared the stage with Peter Roewen of New Riders of the Purple Sage, KD Lang, Willie P. Bennett, Penny Lang and Phil Lloyd.

Kevin is a well-known face at festivals across Canada and the US along with sharing album credits on many prestigious recordings.

Benjamin Boyd

VANCOUVER, BC

He can fiddle. He can jig. He can cook. He can sing. But what makes Boyd Wesley Benjamin truly extraordinary is he can fly. Boyd comes from a long line of Gwich'in fiddlers in the North and is widely known for his musical talent, but when he was growing up, he had loftier dreams.

When Boyd was a young boy, he would watch planes taking off and landing from his bedroom window in Old Crow, Yukon. Today he flies for Air Canada but during the Gathering we have the 'flying Gwich'in fiddler' here on the ground at Moosehide, playing for you.



Scott Ward

VICTORIA, BC

Scott Ward is an Ojibway Comedy Hypnotist who originally from Manitoba, Canada but now calls Victoria, BC his home. Scott has sent the last twenty years

empowering communities far and wide. The last decade has been spent hosting and performing his comedy hypnosis shows and interactive workshops. You will be amazed and mesmerized by his high quality, fully produced hilarious hypnotic stage show.



Dennis Allen

EDMONTON, AB

Dennis Allen is an exciting and engaging multi-disciplinary artist originally from the frontier town of Inuvik, Northwest Territories. A gifted storyteller, Dennis' work translates seamlessly between film, music, writing, and storytelling. From a long line of ancient Inuvialuit and Gwich'in storytellers, Dennis is a bona fide raconteur. With a slew of awards, and a hat full of accolades, Dennis Allen was born to entertain. Any self-respecting northerner can sing at least one classic tear-jerker. It was a mandatory right of passage and Dennis is no exception. From original music, ranging from hell raising gospel, to blistering blues, Dennis sings and plays with the emotion and purity of classic performers from a different era.



Indigadancer

OTTAWA, ON

Feryn Karahkwiihstha King, a North American Indigenous (Mohawk) artist and Wolf Clan member from Akwesasne, Quebec, is a multifaceted professional. Her Kani'ekeha name, meaning "She Makes the Moon Beautiful" or "Bright Moon," reflects her identity. Feryn is an international hoop dancer, cultural instructor, acrobatic Aerial Lyra performer, and visual artist. Her passion for dance has taken her across Canada, the United States, and Europe. From self-taught traditional Pow wow dances to a diverse dance education, including Modern, Contemporary, and Ballet, she graduated from Centennial College's Dance Performance Program in 2017. Feryn's journey includes performances at events like Classiqu'Arts SDG and collaborations with Kahawi Dance Theatre and Taboo from the Black Eyed Peas. Recruited by Cirque Du Soleil's TOTEM group, she toured five major European cities from 2018-2020. Today, Feryn continues to share and teach hoop dancing, blending traditional and fusion styles in her unique expression.

Description of Hoop:

First Nations Hoop Dancing is a traditional Indigenous dance form that incorporates intricate movements with hoops. Dancers manipulate multiple hoops to create various shapes and designs, symbolizing aspects of nature, storytelling, and cultural beliefs. It's a captivating performance art that showcases athleticism, skill, and cultural heritage.





Dakhká Khwáan Dancers

WHITEHORSE, YT

An Inland Tlingit Dance Group of Northern Canada. The Dancers, are a National Award winning Inland Tlingit dance group based out of Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. They focus on reclaiming their languages and traditional values through their inherent art form of singing, drumming, dancing, and storytelling. They strive to present their performance with the outmost respect to cultural protocol and with the highest form of artistic integrity. Since forming in the community of Carcross in 2007, they have grown from 6 to 30 members and with the addition of a children's group, the Dakhká Khwáan Jrs. Members of the group come from all Interior Tlingit Nations and other welcomed Nations from the Southern Yukon and elsewhere. Dakhká Khwáan means Inland People/Nation, a name given to them by the late Dakla'weidi elder, Mrs. Eliza Bosely. They are members of the Dakla'weidi, Yan Yedi, Ganaxteidi, Deisheetaan, Ishkihittaan, Kookhittaan, Lukaax.ádi and Wolf Clans.



Virginia McCoy 2010

The group is led by Marilyn Jensen, who has danced since she was 2 years old in the group her Late Mother started in the 1970s, The Skookum Jim/Keish Tlingit Dancers. In addition, they are advised and guided by their loving group Elders and through the knowledge passed on from their Ancestors. Members of the group are the descendants of renowned Yukon Indigenous elders: Peter and Agnes Johns, Angela Sidney, Dora Wedge, Johnny Johns, Patsy Henderson, Louise Dickson, Tommy Smarch, Antonia Jack and numerous others. They share a passion for expressing our identity through the arts and absolutely love to sing, drum, learn language, make regalia and dance. Together, they have danced across Canada, the US, New Zealand, Taiwan, the Vancouver 2010 Olympics and the Pam Am in 2015. The group received the 2014 National Aboriginal Cultural-Tourism Award and have been nominated for a Indigenous Music Award for their first album called Reconstruct/Deconstruct which they produced in collaboration with DJ Dash.

Last Chance Fiddle Band

VENETIE, ALASKA

Gwich'in fiddle group from Venetie Alaska, Gary Simple, Jerry Frank and Ricky Frank have been playing together since childhood. Growing up in the 60's, they grew all up dancing to old fiddle tunes and between fiddle and guitar players. The Last Chance Fiddle Band is the last traditional fiddle band that plays all the 12 fiddle dances that been handed down since 1800.

Honouring our Elders

This year we are celebrating our **Elder Angie Joseph-Rear**.

Angie is of the crow clan, mother, grandmother and a descendant of the Hän Hwëch'in. She was born at St Mary's Hospital and was raised in Moosehide village with 8 of her siblings. Angie loves being out on the land with her friends and family practicing the cultural ways of her ancestors. Her summers were spent with her husband Robert Rear and children at Moosehide Village fishing for Chinook and Chum salmon. And in the fall season they would hunt for Caribou and Moose.

Angie is well known for her beautiful beadwork projects, and she often donates her work to community charities.

Angie served as the Chief of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in between 1987 and 1990. After her term as a leader she provided a strong voice on the TH council and expresses how important the language is for her people.

Angie has spent many years as a Hän language teacher, dedicated to the preservation of the language. She spends much of her free time teaching at youth events and culture camps ensuring that important lessons include language activities and the sharing of traditional knowledge, stories, and traditional law, or Da'ole. When at the culture camps, she enjoys teaching the youth about preserving the harvest and how to smoke and dry meat and fish.





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