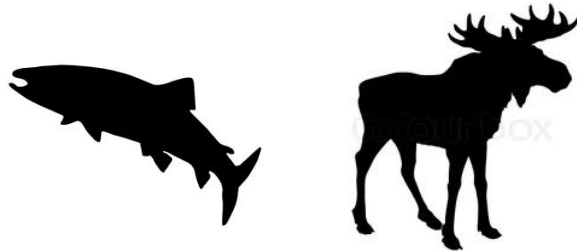




Fall Harvest Camp 2024

Information and Registration



**Please read and complete then submit to
Ashley Bower-Bramadat @ RSS**

or

Heritage Department

**Deadline for Registration:
Thursday, September 19, 2024**

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If you have any questions or comments, please contact:

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- What:** TH Fall Harvest Camp
- When:** Friday September 20 to Monday, September 23, 2024
- Where:** Cache Creek, Dempster Highway Kilometer 131
- Who:** Youth ages 12-17 (younger youth are welcome to attend with a parent and/or guardian)
- Why:** To learn all about small game hunting, moose hunting and fall camp life.

What is Fall Harvest Camp?

Fall Harvest Camp is hosted by Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in for Elders, Rangers, Citizens, 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 fish, small game, caribou, sheep and moose as food and the environmental pressures on this important part of the culture. It is an opportunity for the citizens to work, learn, hunting, safety, and survival skills with each other respectfully.

When is it happening?

Youth will meet at the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Community Hall on **Friday, September 20 at 9:00 am** with all their belongings and lunch packed and ready to go. We will be returning to town by **4pm on Monday, September 23**. 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 18 that the TH Community Hall starting at 5:30 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 12-17 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.

When can families attend?

Families are welcome to attend the TH First Harvest Camp. However, youth who have not registered for the camp will have to be under direct supervision of their parent and/or guardian. This year's camp partly runs over a weekend to maximize parent and/or guardian participation. However, youth registered for this 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.

What activities are planned?

The main theme of this camp is to fish for grayling, hunt for small game, caribou, sheep, moose; do the fish processing, do the field gutting, cutting, and packing; meat care such as hanging and cleaning; and making some dry meat. The youth will also learn about camp protocols, gun safety, ATV/skidoo, survival, and Tr'ëhude (**Living in a Good Way**). 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. 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 Cache Creek, for emergency use;
4. A truck will be stationed at Cache Creek for the duration of the camp;
5. Zero tolerance for bullying or swearing;
6. At least one medical personnel on site 24 hours. Knowledgeable staff and supervisors who have ample experience working with youth;
7. Fall Harvest Camp orientation on the first day of camp for all participants, staff, and supervisors.
8. **ALL CAMPS PUT ON BY Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in ARE ALWAYS SUBSTANCE FREE. IF THIS IS NOT FOLLOWED YOU WILL BE SENT HOME.**

What are the expectations?

Youth participants are expected to attend and participate in all workshops, activities and discussions. This includes chores, curfews, and meals. We are living in a team and shared setting: 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, they are under the care of the staff and supervisors, must listen carefully when given clear direction. As is the nature with all camps, youth are required to be flexible when it comes to the schedule. The hunting of, small or large game, is 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 includes 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, the youth does not have with them, parents will be contacted, and appropriate measures will be taken. There are no shower facilities at the TH **First 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 Cache Creek. Typically, youth stay 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 an 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.

If your child has any specific dietary requirements, please note down on the health form (ie allergies, lactose intolerant). Except for the bus ride up (please pack a light lunch), 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 TH First Harvest Camp could be adversely affected (example, 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 damage 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!**



Youth are required to bring the supplies listed below for attending the camp. The Gear Check and orientation day will be held at the TH Hall on **Thursday, September 19 at 5:30pm**. If any of these supplies are overlooked. **If you have any items missing, please make a list so we can find them for you!** A draft schedule will be provided to youth and parents during orientation.

List of Supplies

- Warm Sleeping bag and pillow**- Very important to have a good sleeping bag, it has been cold at Cache Creek
- Foamy or air mattress**
- Pajamas**
- Extra clothes**, pajamas, 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, Whistle, ATV Helmet**
- Warm hat and mitts** for cool mornings and nights while hunting
- Toiletries** - toothpaste, toothbrush, medication, etc.
- Water bottle and thermos** (with personal label) – need to keep hydrated and warm.
- Good **backpack** for carrying lunches for hikes and for long driving/boating trips



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
- ✓ Please pack a snack for the trip to camp
- ✓ You must attend the butchering, preparing and processing large game 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 changes, it's easy to add or take away a layer
- ✓ Tommy Hilfiger, Bootlegger, the Gap, etc are not suitable outerwear for cold climates. 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)
- ✓ Wear Warm Sturdy Boots or Hikers!
- ✓ You lose 80% of your body heat through the top of your head. Keep a HAT on it!



TH Fall Harvest Consent Form

I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that certain risks of injury are inherent to participation in recreation and sport activities, including TH Fall Harvest Camp, September 20-23, 2023. 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 anyway 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, medical conditions that 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, 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

What size shirt/sweater do you wear? _____

All information provided on this form is confidential



Positive Behavior 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 vaping, tobacco, illicit drugs and alcohol**) will not be tolerated and will result in removal from the trip and possible future consequences
- ⦿ 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'ondek 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 supervisors 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 supervisors. Please take the time to consider all behavior you feel would be inappropriate would require disciplinary action. Parents and guardians are encouraged to discuss behavior exclusive to their child and note it below.

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 20-23, 2024

(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 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.