



# TH First Hunt Camp 2024

## Information and Registration



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**Heritage Department**

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

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- What:** TH First Hunt Camp
- When:** Friday, October 18 to Monday, October 21, 2024
- Where:** Cache Creek, Dempster Highway Kilometer 136
- 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 winter camp life.



## **What is First Hunt Camp?**

TH First Hunt 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 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, hunt, safety, and survival skills with each other respectfully.

## **When is it happening?**

Youth will meet at the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Hall, **Friday October 18<sup>th</sup> at 900 am** with all their belongings and lunch packed and ready to go. We will be returning to town by **5pm on Monday, October 21<sup>st</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 First Hunt Camp will not be permitted to attend.**

All youth attending First Hunt Camp must also attend the Orientation meeting and **gear check** on Thursday, **October 17<sup>th</sup>** at the TH Main Office, back alley to Heritage Office starting at 5:30 pm. **IF YOU DO NOT COME TO THE MEETING YOU CANNOT COME TO FIRST HUNT 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 Hunt Camp. However, youth who have not registered for the camp will have to be under direct supervision of their parent and/or guardian, and limited accommodations available. 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. Tents will be available to be set up.

## **What activities are planned?**

The main theme of this camp is to hunt for small game, caribou, sheep, moose, 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 big game, 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** and **swearing**;
6. At least one medical personnel on site 24 hours. Knowledgeable staff and supervisors who have ample experience working with youth;
7. TH First Hunt 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 that they are under the care of the staff and supervisors and must listen carefully when being 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 and 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 and 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 that 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 Hunt 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. Youth stay in boys or girls' cabins, 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, separate quarters for elders, cook, and tents and a workshop area 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 Hunt Camp could be adversely affected (example, forgetting warm protective gear and getting soaked) and cold.**

**\*\*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 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 Main Office, back alley to Heritage Office on **Thursday, October 18<sup>h</sup> at 5:30pm**. If any of these supplies are overlooked, the youth will not be attending camp. **Please note: participants are not required to bring all of**



**their gear to the check. 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** - one for hunting moose, and one or more for other activities, lots of extra wool socks and long/short sleeve shirts and pants and shorts.
- Warm Winter Jacket & Ski Pants** - 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 winter **boots** – need to change if feet get wet!
- Flashlight/Headlamp**
- Warm hat and mitts** for cool mornings and nights while hunting
- 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
- ✓ 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!

### **First Hunt Consent Form**



I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that certain risks of injury are inherent to participation in recreation and sport activities, including TH First Hunt Camp, October 18-21, 2024. 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, or medical conditions we should be aware of including: asthma, diabetes, back pain, etc \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Hwëch'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.

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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 First Hunt Camp***

***October 18-21, 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 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.