

# GMVF TRAPPERS NEWSLETTER

## Fall 2008

Students Joey Poodlat, Jarius Stewart, Ernest Sangris and Brendan Baillargeon carry a traditional birch bark canoe that they built at the Traditional Skills Education Camp June 2008 at Yellowknife River

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Paul Mackenzie carves a paddle at the Traditional Skills Camp, June 2008, Yellowknife River

# Traditional Skills Education



Checking for leaks



Shelly Goulet lashes the gunwales together with spruce root



Paul Mackenzie in search of a good strong spruce root



Ernest Sangris pierces holes through the thwarts before lashing to canoe with roots



Brendan Baillargeon and Joey Poodlat seal the canoe with boiled spruce gum and fat mixture



Paul Mackenzie shows his skills at carving a paddle out of a spruce tree



Elder Judy Charlo of Dettah teaches how to tan a moosehide



In the spirit of tradition, students had fun with Dene games sessions



Traditional food preparation – smoked fish demonstration

The **Take a Kid Trapping Program** sponsored a Traditional Skills Education Camp that took place at Yellowknife River in June 2008. Kalemi Dene School, the community school of Ndilo, headed the project and invited several students from other schools to take part. In total, approximately 200 students participated in the project which included:

- **Building a birch bark canoe**
- **Tanning moose hides**
- **Preparing traditional foods**
- **Dene games**

# Trapper Recognition

REGION	HIGHEST SALES \$	HIGHEST # PELTS	SENIOR TRAPPER	YOUTH TRAPPER
<b>S.SLAVE</b>	Stanley Beck	Jerry M. Beaulieu	Gabe Wanderingspirit	Michael James Hordal
<b>N. SLAVE</b>	Joseph P. Mantla	Joseph P. Mantla	Francis Gon	Kalvin Sangris
<b>SAHTU</b>	Robert Kochon	Wilfred Jackson	Jim Pierrot	Clinton Kochon
<b>DEH CHO</b>	Charlie Tale	Charlie Tale	Douglas P. Norwegian	Dustin Hope
<b>INUVIK</b>	Bradley J. Firth	Hank Rogers	Mary M. Firth	David William Kay
<b>NWT</b>				Kalvin Sangris

The Genuine Mackenzie Valley Fur Program recognizes the annual achievements of trappers who participate in the program. The chart above shows the achievements of regional trappers for the 2007-2008 trapping season. Awards will be given to those listed above, including certificates signed by the Minister of Industry, Tourism & Investment, GMVF jackets, and drums of gas for those achieving two awards.



## Fur Auction Dates 2009

Note: There will be no December sale this year.

### Fur Harvester Auction

<i>Last Receiving Date</i>	<i>Sale Date</i>
December 7, 2008	January 8, 2009
January 18, 2009	March 13 & 14, 2009
April 12, 2009	May 24, 2009
May 23, 2009	June 18, 2009

### North American Fur Auctions

<i>Last Receiving Date</i>	<i>Sale Date</i>
December 8, 2008	January 6 & 7, 2009
January 12, 2009	February 16 – 22, 2009
March 30, 2009	May 17 – 22, 2009
June 1, 2009	To be announced

## Market Forecast

**Beaver** – Demand for larger sizes  
**Coyote** – As last year  
**Fisher** – Firm or better than last year's prices  
**Lynx** - Heavy qualities and better colors will sell strong  
**Marten** – Strong demand  
**Mink** – As last year  
**Muskrat** – Steady as last year's prices  
**Polar Bear** – Strong demand for larger sizes  
**Red Fox** – Good demand for heavy pelts  
**Timber Wolf** – Strong demand for larger sizes and taxidermy ready pelt preparation  
**Weasel / Squirrel** – Good demand for complete pelts with tails

# Prime Fur Bonus and Grubstake

Species	Fur Advance	Prime fur Bonus	Total Payment for Prime Fur
Bear, black	\$100	\$50	\$150
Bear, grizzly	\$250	\$50	\$300
Bear, polar	\$250	\$50	\$300
Beaver	\$25	\$20	\$45
Coyote	\$25	\$10	\$35
Ermine	\$4	\$1	\$5
Fisher	\$35	\$15	\$50
Fox, colored	\$25	\$15	\$40
Fox, white	\$25	\$15	\$40
<b>Lynx</b>	<b>\$80</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$105</b>
<b>Marten</b>	<b>\$65</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$90</b>
Mink	\$25	\$10	\$35
Muskrat	\$4	\$1	\$5
Otter	\$50	\$10	\$60
Squirrel	\$2	\$1	\$3
Seal, all	\$55	\$25	\$80
Wolf, all	\$200	\$50	\$250
Wolverine	\$200	\$50	\$250

## GRUBSTAKE PROGRAM

All Fur Harvested in the NWT is Eligible.

Pelts Harvested	\$5 per Pelt
0 - 19	\$0
20 (pelt min)	\$100
40	\$200
60	\$300
80	\$400
100	\$500
200	\$1,000

- Minimum 20 pelts
- Maximum payment \$1000
- All fur bearing species
- Payment issued Sept 15<sup>th</sup>

Contact your local Renewable Resource Officer for more information

THE PRIME FUR BONUS IS PAID OUT ON ALL FUR THAT SELLS FOR THE ADVANCE PRICE OR BETTER. Fur that sells for less than the advance will not receive a bonus payment.

The payment schedule will remain the same as last year.



### CONTACT US

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