

GMVF TRAPPERS NEWSLETTER



Sir Alexander MacKenzie School
Trapping Program 2008 (Inuvik)

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Mr. Archie Kaglik shows Inuvik SAM School students how to make snares.

Trapper Recognition

Genuine Mackenzie Valley Fur (GMVF) Trapper Recognition Program awarded special recognition to Robert Kochon of Colville Lake NWT. Robert has attained highest level of fur sales through the GMVF program for the last three years. Robert's award included a trip to Fur Harvesters Auction annual Trapper's Convention March 28th, 29th, 2008 in North Bay Ontario.

Robert said he enjoyed visiting the various trapping display booths at the convention including skinning and pelthandling competitions. Robert has trapped all of his life and said he picked up some new tips and different techniques to try when he gets back home.



Robert visits with Ted Pappas (left) Western Canadian Raw Fur Sales and Mark Downey (right) CEO of Fur Harvesters Auction.



Robert receives certificates from the GMVF Program for highest sales 3 years in a row.

Robert, who produces 200 to 300 or so marten annually, lives in the bush and traps with his wife and 11 children from September to December each year.

"I have been trapping my whole life," Robert said. He is teaching his children, seven boys and four girls from five months to 18 years old, the skill of trapping just as his parents taught him. Robert mentioned that he observed how to better prepare skins by not over-stretching them.

"They do it the way it is supposed to be done for auction. It produces a better quality fur and we will be able to make more money," he said.

Attending this years FHA Annual Convention were more than 2,500 trappers and members of the general public.



Participants check out some of the many booths at the convention.



Several convention participants gather for the evening presentations and entertainment.

Sir Alexander MacKenzie School (Inuvik) Take a Kid Trapping Program

The trapping program was a very successful program here again at Sir Alexander MacKenzie School in the 2008 school year. We felt fortunate to be able to, once again, have this opportunity and would like to thank the Government of the Northwest Territories for the opportunity to be able to share in an experience like this. Each student was given a certificate of participation upon completion of the program and the students really enjoyed receiving these. These certificates were a nice addition this year. All in all, we had 63 students and 10 school staff take part in this experience. Each class went on separate trips for 2 days and one overnight as well as a session in the classroom. Students travelled by snowmobile and toboggan to our school site out in the Delta.

Jason Dayman Vice-Principal Sir Alexander MacKenzie School - Inuvik



Students learn how to start a fire by themselves and boil water.



Students proudly display their certificates of participation provided by the Take a Kid Trapping Program.



Travelling to camp by snow mobile was an exciting experience.



Trapping instructor Mr. Archie Kaglik shows students how to make snares.

Take a Kid Trapping

TAKE A KID TRAPPING is intended to be a basic introduction to trapping. The program is co-sponsored by **ITI**, **ENR** and **MACA** and is intended for delivery by schools and or aboriginal organizations in co-operation with ENR and ITI. Community Schools or agencies are encouraged to work with ENR and ITI in creating a program that meets their requirements. Proposals for project funding should be submitted to ITI for approval. Applicants are encouraged to lever funds from other agencies to increase community involvement and program depth. All programs may not be funded. Funding will be provided through contribution agreement-. **For further information call 867-920-6406**

Take a Kid Trapping Projects Summary 2007-2008

	Description	Third Party Agency	Projected # of Participants
SAHTU	Take a Kid Trapping	Sahtu Renewable Resources Board (Colville Lake)	25
	Take a Kid Trapping	Sahtu Renewable Resources Board (Deline)	20
	Take a Kid Trapping	Ft Good Hope Chief T'Selehye School / SRRB (Ft Good Hope)	8
	Life Skills	Fish Camp - Chief T'Selehye School (Ft Good Hope)	12
	4		65
S.SLAVE	Take a Kid Trapping	Deninu Kue First Nation (Ft Resolution)	10
	Take a Kid Trapping	Lutsel'ke Dene School (Lutsel'ke)	15
	Take a Kid Trapping	Deh Gah Hunting & Trapping (Ft Providence)	72
	Take a Kid Trapping	JBT (Ft Smith)	30
	Take a Kid Trapping	Western Arctic Leadership Program (Ft Smith)	16
	Take a Kid Trapping	PWK (Ft Smith)	15
	Take a Kid Trapping	Zhati Koe Friendship Centre (Ft Providence)	5
	7		163
N. SLAVE	Take a Kid Trapping	Foster Family Coalition (Yellowknife)	10
	Take a Kid Trapping	Kalemi Dene School (Ndilo)	86
	Take a Kid Trapping	YK Education District # 1 (Yellowknife)	40
	Take a Kid Trapping	Chief Jimmy Bruno School (Behchoko)	230
	Take a Kid Trapping	Elizabeth Mackenzie Elementary School (Behchoko)	250
	Take a Kid Trapping	Tsookwe Learning Paths (Behchoko)	15
	Take a Kid Trapping	Mezi Community School (Wha Ti)	80
	7		711
INUVIK	Take a Kid Trapping	Sir Alexander MacKenzie School - Caribou Hunting (Inuvik)	10
	Take a Kid Trapping	Inuvik HTC (Inuvik)	6
	Take a Kid Trapping	Moose Kerr School (Aklavik)	10
	Take a Kid Trapping	Sir Alexander MacKenzie School (Inuvik)	63
	Take a Kid Trapping	Samuel Hearne Secondary School (Inuvik)	10
	Take a Kid Trapping	Beluga Harvest Project Tuk HTC (Tuktoyaktuk)	6
	6		105
DEHCHO	Take a Kid Trapping	Take a Kid Hunting - Pehdzeh Ki First Nation (Wrigley)	22
	Take a Kid Trapping	Samba Ke' Dene Band (Trout Lake)	6
	2		28
	26 PROJECTS		1072

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