

Youth Trapper of the Year 2008

As part of a continuing program to build and strengthen the production and capacity in the trapping industry, the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment administers an awards program for Northwest Territories Trappers.



Kalvin Sangris receives award from Minister Bob McLeod on right with MLA Bob Bromley (left)

The Trapper Recognition Program recognizes trappers' achievements in each of the five regions with awards for top producers in sales and number of pelts as well as the oldest and youngest active trappers.

From these five regional winners, one young trapper is recognized as the (overall) NWT Youth Trapper of the Year.

This year, Calvin Sangris has been selected as both the top Youth Trapper for the North Slave Region and also the NWT's Youth Trapper of the Year.

Kalvin is a 19 year-old student at St. Patrick's High School in Yellowknife. Growing up in Ndilo, Calvin learned to trap from his father, Frank, and has been trapping for more than 12 years.

Kalvin was one of the participants in the first Take a Kid Trapping Program at the K'alemi Dene School in Ndilo in 2002. In 2006-07, Calvin helped his dad deliver the Take a Kid Trapping Program.

That same season, he participated in the construction of a birch bark canoe in Ontario.

Kalvin's success truly represents the spirit and intent of the Take a Kid Trapping initiative. Not only has he learned the traditional methods of trapping and harvesting, he is now passing on his skills and knowledge.

Kalvin will receive a certificate for each award (signed by the Minister of ITI), along with a GMVF jacket and a gift of \$500 to purchase supplies or gear that he may need.