YOUTH LEARN TRADITIONAL SKILLS THROUGH THE ‘TAKE A KID TRAPPING’ PROGRAM

The ‘Take a Kid Trapping’ Program is designed to introduce Northwest Territories (NWT) youth to the Traditional Harvesting practices of hunting, trapping, fishing and outdoor survival. The program was initiated in 2002 out of concern that the average age of a trapper or harvester was 60. It was believed that the survival of traditional harvesting practices would be threatened if more youth weren’t encouraged to participate.

ECE’s Role in Supporting NWT Arts

Since 1985, ECE has supported the NWT Arts Council as it strives to stimulate and promote northern art. The Council’s role is to provide recommendations to the Minister of ECE regarding financial awards and workshops. If you would like to apply for funding, please consult the Arts Council website for an application at: pwnhc.learnnet.nt.ca/artsCouncil

ECE also has a Support to Northern Performers Program designed to aid in the development and promotion of performing arts and artists in the NWT at local and regional public festivals and events. For more information, consult the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre website at: pwnhc.learnnet.nt.ca/programs/index.asp

ITI’s Role in Supporting NWT Arts

ITI recognizes the importance of tradition and the economic potential of the NWT arts and fine crafts industry. ITI’s support is provided through the Support for Entrepreneur and Economic Development (SEED) Policy. ITI, through the NWT Arts Branding Logo, also supports marketing and promotional efforts nationally and internationally by bringing awareness to the importance and value of traditional arts and fine crafts in the NWT. For more information please visit ITI’s website at: www.itil.gov.nt.ca/artscrafts
ABORIGINAL DAY
June 21, 2011
NWT-WIDE
A day to recognize and acknowledge the valuable contribution of Aboriginal peoples in Canada. In the NWT, we are particularly proud to honour the Dene, Métis and Inuvialuktun. Communities across the NWT will celebrate this day by participating in annual festivities which have grown to include music, dance, art, traditional games and traditional foods.
Check with your local band or community office for details on National Aboriginal Day events in your community.

OPEN SKY ARTS FESTIVAL
July 1-3, 2011
FORT SIMPSON
An annual celebration of the vibrant arts below the tree-line. There is something for all, including outdoor concerts, traditional Dene and contemporary arts and crafts, exhibits, demonstrations, workshops, theatre and dance performances.
Phone: (867) 695-3005
Web: www.openskyfestival.ca

HAY DAY
July 8-10, 2011
HAY RIVER
The second Hay Days will be an eclectic mix of culture and the arts. A wide array of musicians from the area and across the NWT will come together to entertain both the young and old.
Phone: (867) 874-6522

FOLK ON THE ROCKS
July 14-17, 2011
YELLOWKNIFE
This annual folk festival features entertainers from across the NWT, Southern Canada and the U.S., including Inuit, Métis and Dene singers, drummers, and dancers and Inuit throat singers. Displays of arts and crafts, music and songwriting, workshops and a children’s stage are featured.
Phone: (867) 920-7800
Web: www.folkontherocks.com

GREAT NORTHERN ARTS FESTIVAL
July 15-24, 2011
INUUVIK
Experience this cultural festival and participate in a variety of visual and performing arts events including displays, workshops, live performances and artist demonstrations.
Phone: (867) 777-8638
Fax: (867) 777-8601
Email: gnai@town.inuvik.nt.ca

MACKENZIE DAZE CELEBRATION
July 29 – August 1, 2011
FORT McPHERSON
This annual music festival takes place on Midway Lake, 30km south of Fort McPherson. This festival features traditional Gwich’in singing, country music, and dancing.
Phone: (867) 952-2330

OLDTOWN RAMBLE AND RIDE
July 29 – August 1, 2011
FORT PROVIDENCE
This popular community festival features many cultural activities and includes jet boat and canoe races.
Phone: (867) 699-3441

NORMAN WELLS MUSIC FESTIVAL
August, 2011
NORMAN WELLS
This music festival will host many musical acts from the Sahtu Region and beyond.
Phone: (867) 587-6678
Email: rec_programmer@normanwells.com

HAPPY DAZE
August 20, 2011
BECHCHO
A weekend of horseshoe tournaments, log splitting contests, drumming, traditional dances and a youth carnival.
Phone: (867) 392-6500

SOUTH SLAVE FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL
August, 2011
FORT SMITH
Four full days of live entertainment, music and dance featuring talented Northern performers.
Phone: (867) 872-3065

DENINOO DAYS
Mid August, 2011
FORT Resolution
Traditional food, games and activities held at the Slave River Delta.
Phone: (867) 394-4556

NORTHEAST TERRITORIAL ARTS ASSOCIATION
Phone: (867) 394-4556
Fax: (867) 394-4556
Email: rec_programmer@normanwells.com

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES ARTS FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

People in the NWT love to get together and celebrate. The NWT is home to a variety of unique festivals and events that celebrate and showcase the diversity of our people, culture and arts. Visit www.nwtarts.com for more events listings.