

BEHCHOKO 2011

Tɔ̃ Icho
ɔ̃ mbè
PROGRAM



WE ALL MADE IT POSSIBLE !!!

✘ Group Leaders:

- + Steven Lafferty
- + Treeva Richardson

✘ Summer Students:

- + Michelle Apples
- + Noreena Apples
- + Freda Beaverho
- + Paige Lafferty
- + Kelsey Mantla
- + Janet Mackenzie (2 days)
- + Tiffany Sanspariel
- + Courtney Wanazah
- + Nicole Wetrade
- + Deon Zoe
- + Jocelyn Zoe
- + Vanita Zoe
- + Marty Zoe-Chocolate



WEEK 1: JULY 11TH – 15TH

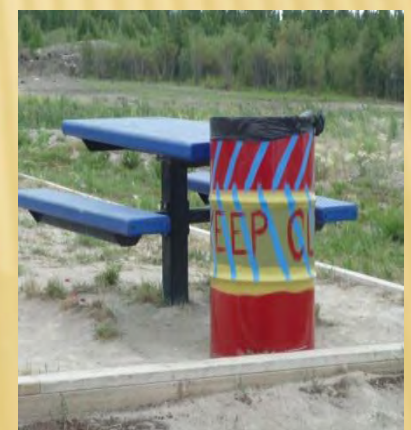
- ✘ **July 11th** – Went over the Tłıcho ımbè Program Overview:
 - **TIP Summer Student Job Description** (purpose, scope, duties and responsibilities);
 - **Community Service Project** (decide where the group feels improvement is needed in the community and demonstrate that they have the power to make that change in the community);
 - **Cultural Activity Curriculum** (Fishing, Paddle and Drum making, Traditional uses of plants, Travel routes, Satellite phone use and end of the summer overnight trip); and
 - **Safety Certificate Courses** (Standard First Aid CPR & AED, GPS, Canoe Safety and Fire Arms Safety).
- ✘ **July 12th** – Discuss Community Service Projects with students and where they felt improvement were needed, all agreed that garbage was a major issue, therefore students wanted to (paint and place garbage bins around town, paint graffiti at playgrounds, buildings and the bridge) we also came up with a list of 10 projects, as well as rules in the program and went over all required documents for new employment.

JULY 13TH – 14TH

- ✘ July 13th – 14th (AM) – Started with the first Community Service Project; Garbage issue, paint and place garbage bins around town, paint graffiti at playgrounds and the Bay-Island Bridge and picked up garbage around all the playgrounds).
- ✘ Our idea was to locate the newly painted garbage bins around all the playgrounds and in the community where there is always high traffic of pedestrians.
- ✘ Painting supplies donated by:
 - Community Government of Behchoko
 - Stagg River Contracting LTD.



1ST COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT PHOTOS



JULY 13TH - 14TH FISHING



- ✘ Students engaged in their first cultural activity which was fishing. They gained the wealth knowledge about the important role that fish play in the lives of the Tłıcho. Topics discussed and covered where the:
 - + Rules around harvesting (no stepping over food and/or equipment);
 - + How to set a fish net;
 - + Traditional fish names;
 - + How to cook, cut, dry and store fish; and
 - + Legends and stories around fishing.

1ST CULTURAL ACTIVITY: FISHING PHOTOS



JULY 15th

- ✦ Due to the weather (rain/thunder and lightening), the group was unable to go out on the land for lunch. Therefore, we all agreed to help out at the Bible Camp that was happening at the arbor.



WEEK 2: JULY 18TH – 22ND



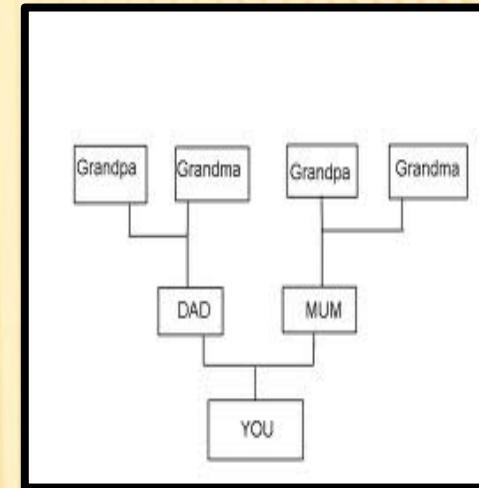
- ✘ July 18th and 19th - Students participated in their first Certificate Safety course, Standard First Aid CPR & AED. This course is a basic requirement for most jobs especially in the North with remote communities and is a great asset for the young students that are going to school or may be employed in the near future.

1ST CERTIFICATE SAFETY COURSE PHOTOS



JULY 20TH - COSMOLOGY PROJECT (FAMILY TREE)

- ✘ July 20th - Paddle making was on the schedule, but due to the bad weather (raining, thunder/lightening) we had to cancel. The group agreed to do there Family Tree at the Mission with Lena Zoe. She was an awesome and great help with helping us complete our Family Trees. **GUESS WHAT??** Were all related, somehow.



JULY 21ST (AM) – 2ND COMMUNITY SERVICES PROJECT



- ✘ July 20th – Paddle making was on the schedule for today, but due to Robert's medical appointment we had to re-schedule with little time. The students came up with grass cutting, garbage picking and painting over graffiti, mainly in the playground area, so children can play in a safe environment. Lawrence Kotchelia, Foreman for Public Works with the Behchoko Community Government generously lent us there grass cutter, lawn mower and rakes.



JULY 21ST - 22ND - 23TH - 25TH - 26TH

PADDLE MAKING



- ✘ July 21st to July 26th - Students participated in their second Cultural Activity, Paddle Making, with elders Robert Mackenzie, Francis Mackenzie and Edward Camille. Topics discussed and covered were the:
 - + History of the paddle;
 - + Different styles of the paddle;
 - + Different trees used;
 - + Materials, tools and equipment used;
 - + Process of paddle making;
 - + How the process has changed; and
 - + Traditional legends around paddles.
- ✘ By making their own paddles, students took great pride in their work and promised to use their homemade paddles with pride on the next trip with the Trails of our Ancestors.

2ND – CULTURAL ACTIVITY: PADDLE MAKING PHOTOS



WEEK 3: JULY 25TH - 29TH

- ✘ July 25th - Diabetic work shop with Kevin White, Diabetic Specialist from the TCSA, who spoke with the students about the importance of healthy eating, regular exercising and unhealthy eating. Basically to promote a healthy lifestyle.
- ✘ Student asked many questions about what were healthy foods, unhealthy foods, proper exercising and ways to eat well and not gain weight. Students were in total shocked about unhealthy foods such as noodles, pop, chips, subs and etc. and how they effect the body.



JULY 26TH – JULY 27TH



- ✘ July 26TH - Students participated in their second Certificate Safety course GPS, and were given a GPS device as well. This course is a safety requirement for being out on the land.

- ✘ July 27TH – Students, Group Leaders, GPS Instructor, Project Manager Paul Cressman and CBC Reporter Janna Graham, all went out on the land by boat. Students used their new skills with the GPS to locate the planned lunch destination and to give an interview with CBC.



- ✘ The CBC story can be heard on line at <http://www.cbc.ca/thetrailbreaker/2011/08/10/tlicho-imbae-program/>

2ND CERTIFICATE SAFETY COURSE PHOTOS



JULY 28TH – 29TH – AUG 1ST – 5TH – 6TH

DRUM-MAKING

- ✘ Students participated in their third Cultural Activity, drum and rattle making, with elders Phillip and Rosa Huskey and son Peter. Topics discussed and covered where the:
 - + History of the drum;
 - + Preparation of scraping caribou hide;
 - + Many uses of drumming;
 - + Different trees used;
 - + Materials, tools and equipment used;
 - + Process of drum making;
 - + Drum dances, hang games, songs; and
 - + Traditional legends about drums and drumming.

- ✘ By making their own drums and rattles, students took great pride in their work and promised to make use of them.



3RD CULTURAL ACTIVITY: DRUM/RATTLE MAKING PHOTOS



WEEK 4: AUGUST 1ST – 5TH



- ✘ **August 1st** – Students continued working on their drums and rattles.
- ✘ **August 2nd – 3rd** - Students participated in their third Certificate Safety course, Canoe Safety. This course is a basic introduction to canoe safety and makes a great requirement for student who wish to participate in the Trails of our Ancestors.
- ✘ **August 4th – 5th** – Students continued working on their drums and rattles.



3RD CERTIFICATE SAFETY COURSE PHOTOS



WEEK 5: AUGUST 8TH – 12TH

- ✘ August 8th and 9th - Students participated in their fourth Certificate Safety course, Firearms Safety. Many students received their Canadian Firearms Safety Non-Restricted Licences.
- ✘ This course was an introduction to all aspects of firearms and makes a great requirement for students.



4TH - CERTIFICATE SAFETY COURSE PHOTOS



HISTORIC INFORMATION



- ✘ August 10th – Discussed Historic travel routes of the Tlcho people, reasons they traveled, animal migrations and what was so significant about those areas. Got maps from the Lands Department and talk with elders at the Cultural Center and also went to visit Joe Rabesca for more information and historic story-telling.
- ✘ After much discussion, we all agreed to have Joe take us out on the land for lunch on Friday, he was delighted that we asked and agreed.

3RD - COMMUNITY SERVICES PROJECT

- ✦ August 10th – Help Giselle Marion with identifying people in old/new photos with the help of the elders we went to visit in the comfort of their homes. We also went to the Seniors Home and outside the Cultural Center. Wow, were they all happy to see a lot of old photos of family, friends and even themselves.



4th – CULTURAL ACTIVITY: TRADITIONAL MEDICINE



- ✘ August 11th – Students participated in their fourth and last Cultural Activity, Traditional Uses of Plants, with Leon Weyallon. Topics discussed and covered where the:
 - + History of Traditional Plants;
 - + Preparation of traditional plants;
 - + The many uses of traditional plants;
 - + Different types of trees used;
 - + Materials, tools and equipment used;
 - + Process of making traditional medicine;
 - + Stories and legends about traditional plants.

- ✘ By going out on the land and collecting plants, Leon was able to prepare, explain and offer the students the opportunity to taste, smell, see and take home different types of traditional plants and medicine.

4TH CULTURAL ACTIVITY PHOTOS



LUNCH ON THE LAND

- ✘ August 12th – Joe Rabesca and Leon Weyallon took us all out to Rock Island (Entrance into Russell Lake) to have lunch, which the group had talk and planned 2 days earlier. Topics discussed and covered where:
 - + Stories and legends about why it's called Rock Island; and
 - + How Mowfi use to meet his people there and they would play hang-games and that they had a drum dances for 3 days.
- ✘ After lunch we sat around the campfire and heard many different stories and before we departed back to Behchoko, we cleaned up on the Island and headed back.



LUNCH ON THE LAND PHOTOS



WEEK 6: AUGUST 15TH – 19TH

- ✘ **August 15th** – The group ask Tony Rabesca if he could help with the planning process of our trip to Marion Village in the next couple of day, the planning went really well. Thanks, a million to Tony for his patience, helpfulness and great bush planning skills.
- ✘ **August 16th** – Worked on our 4th Community Services Project; visiting and helping with the elders at the Senior's Home.



4TH - COMMUNITY SERVICES PROJECT



DEPARTURE FOR OVERNIGHT TRIP – 1ST DAY

- ✘ August 17th – The group was supposed to depart for the overnight trip to Marion Village, but due to the bad weather (high wind and raining) we waited it out at Joe Rabesca's house, right into the late evening.
- ✘ Thanks a lot to Joe and his wife Helen for feeding, allowing and inviting us into their house.



PATIENTLY WAITING AT JOE RABESCA'S HOUSE



DEPARTURE FOR OVERNIGHT TRIP – 2ND DAY



- ✘ **August 18th** - The group was suppose to depart for the overnight trip to Marion Lake, but due to bad weather (high winds and rain) we decided to go to Russell Lake instead. After much discussion,.



OVERNIGHT TRIP PHOTOS



MORE OVERNIGHT/NEXT DAY TRIP PHOTOS



“QUOTES”

**FROM THE STUDENTS THAT
PARTICIPATED IN THE
2011 TŁIČHO IMBE PROGRAM**

QUOTES



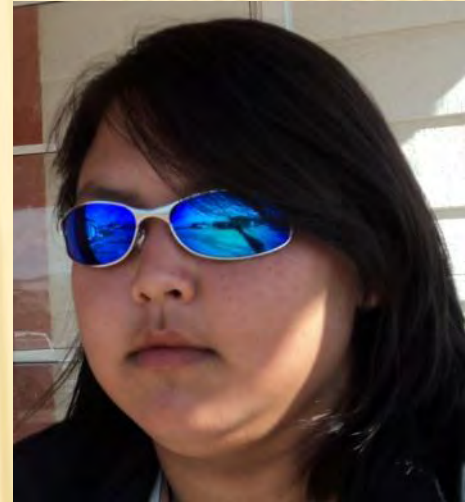
- ✘ “Being on the land, means a lot of different things to me, I have learned to respect it, and always give the land an offering even if you have been there before, just to make peace on the water and land and always have respect for it” – Courtney Wanazah

“Before, I liked to be alone, and always hated being in groups. I guess that changed. Talking, asking, listening and learning also did approve”! – Freda Beaverho



MORE QUOTES

- ✘ “Through out the things we did, there was support in everything and encouragement from both co-workers and group leaders” – Tiffany Sanspariel



- ✘ “I have changed during the summer by doing what I’m suppose to do and waking up early regularly on a daily basis. I learned to have fun in a group and keep focused on work” – Nicole Wetrade

MORE QUOTES



- ✘ “I got better at working with big groups, making some traditional medicine and making dry fish” – Deon Zoe

- ✘ “Paying respect to the land when you take from it” – Marty Zoe-Chocolate



CREDITS

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