

YOUTH NETWORK GROUP UPDATES – NOVEMBER 2016

In Attendance:

Environment Yukon
Youth Directorate
Youth of Today Society

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BYTE – Empowering Youth
Environment Yukon
Science Adventures – Yukon College
Yukon Association for Community Living (YACL)

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BYTE: Empowering Youth

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We've had a great few months at BYTE. Here are some of our best updates over the past two months:

- We welcomed Lindsey Doehle to our team as our newest Community Outreach Coordinator. Learn more about her here: <https://www.yukonyouth.com/byte-welcomes-lindsey-doehle-to-the-team/>
- You can e-mail Lindsey about all things BYTE at lindsey@yukonyouth.com or communitytours@yukonyouth.com
- We also welcomed a new Leaders in Training Conference coordinator, Alexie Merk, to the team! She is getting started on the planning of our 5th Annual Leaders in Training Conference, if you have any questions about LiT she can be reached at LiT@yukonyouth.com
- Lindsey attended a training with Girls Action foundation in Montreal at the beginning of November
- Yukon Youth Want, our election time campaign, was a big hit! We were able to talk about the importance of the youth vote on CBC with Dave White and with the official committee on electoral reform during their visit here. We received a lot of good pictures from youth attending the Volunteer and Career Fair about what they would vote for, from the Boys and Girls Club and just from hitting the streets
- We delivered a Digital Citizenship and a Healthy Relationships workshop at ISYY. Next month we'll be talking Safe Partying at ISYY.
- Chris and Lindsey were in Mayo for 1st Job to Dream Job and Safe Partying workshops at the school
- From December 4-10, they will be in Dease Lake delivering MOVE! and BYTE programming for the first time ever ☺
- We co-hosted an event at Baked to kick off the 12 Days to End Violence campaign. The theme is Raising a Generation without Violence – the event was an open mic night where people shared poetry, music and performances about the theme. We also were able to bring up a spoked word poet, Jillian Christmas, from Vancouver to raise the profile of the event.

Environment Yukon

Education and Youth Programs (Vanessa Stewart, Morris Lamrock)

- Yukon Back to Nature Network
 - Potential workshop by the end of January 2017
 - A chance for those working with youth outside to connect, share resources and support each other
- Children and Nature Network (C&NN) International Conference & Summit
 - In Vancouver this year! So close!
 - April 18-21, 2017
 - This is the premier international gathering of leaders, advocates and activists from the children and nature movement.
- EnviroWild Ambassador Email
 - Environment Yukon will be sending one teacher (environmental education ambassador) at each school a short update on available programs so they may share with fellow school staff. Updates will be sent three times a year (late summer, winter, spring) , next update is January 2017.
 - If you have environmental education related content to share please contact envirowild@gov.yk.ca
- Canada C3 (Coast to Coast to Coast) - Students on Ice
 - Apply to join one of the 15 legs on this 150 day sailing expedition around Canada. (details in jan)
 - <http://studentsonice.com/canadac3/>
 - Teachers - Send in a lesson plan by Dec 15 to be able to apply
 - Looking for educators, artists, scientist, youth, elders and more
 - Looking for representatives from across Canada so they will need Yukon folks!

Yukon Parks (Sara Nielsen)

- Yukon Parks hopes to work with YAC on both Pine Lake and Wolf Creek trail rehabilitation and accessibility projects next summer. We appreciated their help with the Conrad Campground brushing and trail work this summer. We received a support letter from YAC on this, Canada150 project.
- Connecting Canadians to Nature strategy/report and Nature Playbook is completed and available! Contact vanessa.stewart@gov.yk.ca for a free hard copy. #NatureForAll <http://www.parks-parcs.ca/english/nature-playbook.php> & http://www.parks-parcs.ca/english/ConnectingCanadians-English_web.pdf
- gotParks.ca “get out to parks”, intended for/by youth. Canada-wide jobs, places, sharing, programs
 - <http://gotparks.ca/>
 - Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/gotparks/>
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GOTParks/>

Trapper Education (Ryan Sealy)

- Environment’s Trapper Education Program has been providing two types of training for youth over the past three years:
- Certified Trapper Training (required for licencing for ages 12 and up)
 - 4-5 days long
 - Registration fee is \$315/student
- “Intro to Trapping” sessions (hands-on sessions for ages 12- 18)
 - ½ to 4 days long
 - No charge, but may require funding to continue

- Details of the Trapper Education Program's work with youth since September:
- Delivered one 4-day "Intro to Trapping" session for rural high school students at Dawson REM in Sept.
- Delivered one 2-day "Intro to Trapping" session for WISE Program at
- Delivered one 5-day certified Trapper Training workshop for CHAOS 10 and Eliza Van Bibber School Oct 31-Nov 4.

Requests received for 2017

- 2 "Intro to Trapping" sessions for Carcross Junior Rangers and CHAOS 9
- Field support for Kluane School's "Muskrat Camp" in March
- Field support for Carcross RRC's "Muskrat Camp" in April

Fish & Wildlife (Michelle Sicotte)

- The Grizzly Bear Management Plan working group would like to hear thoughts about Yukon Grizzly bears from kids and youth
- There will be an art and writing contest for youth and kids (hopefully to be published!) More on this to come.
- We can run workshops with youth groups if there is interest.

What is Fentanyl?

- <https://knowyoursource.ca/what-is-fentanyl/>

**The next YNG meeting: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 @ 1:15 p.m.
Location: TBD**