



# KA'A'GEE TU FIRST NATION YOUTH ON-THE- LAND CAMPS

On the Land Camps are a way to connect vital Indigenous teaching practices and ways of knowing with scientific tools in traditional languages.

# ABOUT ON THE LAND CAMPS

**On-the-land camps provide a space for youth to learn about changes happening in their homelands and to find ways to connect with the Land.** Hands-on activities engage youth using scientific tools and equipment, cultural practices and traditional knowledge and local Dene language.

Local youth and community members learn more about what researchers are studying in the Northwest Territories. Researchers learn more about Dene values, traditions, languages, and cultural practices, and how to work in a good way with communities in the North.

**The camps engage, educate, and empower youth,** while strengthening relationships between local First Nations and the researchers who work in their communities.



## Elder Participation

Elder involvement  
Spiritual teachings  
Storytelling

## Dene Cultural Activities

Dene language learning  
Beading and sewing  
Berry-picking and fishing

## Science Activities

Hands-on activities  
Using different types of technology  
Gamifying presentations

## Building Relationships

Providing two ways of knowing  
Bridging the gaps between youth and Elders  
Bridging the gaps between community and researchers

## Connecting to the Land

Youth build connection with the Land and Elders  
Connecting to Land, peers, and camp staff  
Providing a safe space for learning about the Land

# COMMUNITY IMPACTS

## Knowledge Transfer

- Provides two knowledge perspectives and two ways of working or learning
- Provides space to teach Dene ways of being to the youth in sacred places
- Strengthens Dene culture in the youth

## Youth Engagement

- Engaging local youth through hands-on science and Dene cultural activities
- Empowering and inspiring youth to be future leaders

## Building Relationships

- Building relationships & community
- Bringing together Elders, youth and scientists/researchers
- Promoting honest, open and meaningful dialogue

## Local Economy Boost

- Short term employment for camp staff
- Financial support for on the land camps



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