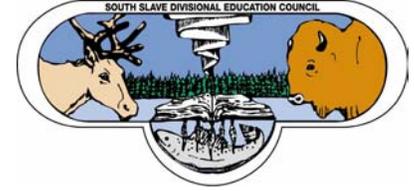




# Creating Futures



Northwest Territories Education, Culture and Employment

## Trades Awareness Program - South Slave High Schools Pilot

### Description of Organization:

The *South Slave Communities Learning Network* (SSCLN) began as a partnership involving the South Slave Divisional Education Council, the Thebacha Campus of Aurora College, and the two Education, Culture & Employment (ECE) Career Development Centers in the South Slave region and has been expanded to include other partners depending on the specific initiative.

Together the organizations that make up the SSCLN are responsible for the coordination of life-long education programs in the South Slave region from birth (early childhood, through grade school (K-12) and adult life (Community Learning Centre and College programs).

### Rationale for this Initiative:

Typically, because of their small size, schools in the NWT do not have accredited shops, adequate equipment, or qualified instructors to offer trades programs. The purpose of the *Trades Awareness Program* is to provide select South Slave high school students with greater information and exposure to the 'trades' and other adult College program offerings.

### Description of Program:

Thirty-two (32) or more high school students from across the South Slave (Hay River, Deninu, Katlodechee First Nation, Fort Smith, Lutsel K'e) and at least 5 chaperones will attend Aurora College-Thebacha Campus in Fort Smith from June 5 - 10, 2005. The students will start with a tour of the community and the College trades and academic wings, followed by a day each of *Welding, Carpentry, Cooking* and *Plumbing* introductory courses. The courses will be at least 6 hours in duration each day, a maximum of 8 students per class. In future years, other courses may be added such as *Management Studies/Office Administration, Natural Resources Technology, Teacher Education/Early Childhood Education*, and *Social Work*. The final morning will be dedicated to *Apprenticeship and Career Development* workshops delivered by Career Centre staff.

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**Trades Awareness Program - South Slave High Schools Pilot continued**

**Instructors & Course Content:**

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| <p><i>Plumbing - Sandy Napier</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• safety</li> <li>• demonstration of process- bruster loop</li> <li>• practice measurement skills</li> <li>• practice soft soldering skills</li> <li>• pressure test</li> </ul> | <p><i>Welding - Doug Phillips</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• safety</li> <li>• basic skills</li> <li>• fire</li> </ul>   |
| <p><i>Carpentry - Duncan MacPherson</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• safety</li> <li>• will make an octygon stool</li> <li>• will make a piggy bank - one that can't be opened</li> </ul>  | <p><i>Cooking - Colleen Napier</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• health, safety, cleanliness</li> <li>• food safe guidelines and station set up</li> <li>• knife safety demonstration</li> <li>• prep and cook all food items</li> <li>• eat prepared food</li> <li>• cleaning and sanitization (students in "whites")</li> </ul> |
| <p><i>Apprenticeship &amp; Career Development – Sydney O’Sullivan, Marissa Monchuk &amp; Ethel Chalifoux</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apprenticeship activities</li> <li>• Employer information interviews</li> </ul>                    |  |

**Agenda:**

|                  | Sunday<br>June 5  | Monday<br>June 6  | Tuesday<br>June 7  | Wednesday<br>June 8   | Thursday<br>June 9   | Friday<br>June 10                   |
|------------------|---|---|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| <b>MORNING</b>   |   | 9:00 AM - noon – Aurora College   |  |   |  |                                     |
|                  |   | 1 <sup>st</sup> of<br>carpentry,<br>welding,<br>cooking or<br>plumbing          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> of<br>carpentry,<br>welding,<br>cooking or<br>plumbing   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> of<br>carpentry,<br>welding,<br>cooking or<br>plumbing  | 4 <sup>th</sup> of<br>carpentry,<br>welding,<br>cooking or<br>plumbing                 | career<br>development<br>activities |
| <b>LUNCH</b>     |   | 12:00 - 1:00 PM – Breynat Hall  |  |   |  |                                     |
| <b>AFTERNOON</b> |   | 1:00 - 4:00 PM – Aurora College   |  |   |  |                                     |
|                  | Travel to<br>Fort Smith   | continue<br>carpentry,<br>welding,<br>cooking or<br>plumbing                    | continuation<br>from morning   | continuation<br>of morning  | continuation<br>of morning   | Travel<br>Home                      |
| <b>SUPPER</b>    | 6:00 PM<br>Breynat Hall<br>BBQ,<br>Welcome,<br>Introductions<br>&<br>Chaperone<br>Orientation | 4:00-7:00 PM  |  | 5:30 PM<br>Roaring<br>Rapids Hall -<br>Akaitcho<br>Community<br>Feast,<br>Jigging,<br>Talent Show<br>& Hand Gms | 6:00 PM<br>Queen Eliz.<br>Park (5:45<br>pickup at<br>Breynat Hall)<br>- Movie<br>night | give<br>parent<br>a<br>hug          |
| <b>EVENING</b>   |   | 7:00 PM<br>Aurora College<br>Apprenticeship<br>Activity &<br>Skills<br>Olympics | 7:00 PM<br>Aurora College<br>- Tours (Fort<br>Smith,<br>College<br>academic and<br>trades wings,<br>TEP, etc.) |   |  |                                     |
| <b>Curfew</b>    | 10:00 PM – Breynat Hall   |   |  |   |  |                                     |

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## **Questions & Answers (Q&A)**

### **What is the Trades Awareness Program?**

- The South Slave Trades Awareness Program is an intensive program that will provide selected students from across the South Slave with hands-on trades related experience as they rotate through four trade courses including *Cooking, Welding, Plumbing and Carpentry* (during the week of June 5<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>).
- The Trades Awareness Program is one piece of a unique South Slave Communities Learning Network partnership involving the South Slave Divisional Education Council (SSDEC), Aurora College and the South Slave office of Education, Culture and Employment whose purpose is the coordination of life-long education programs from birth, through grade school, and adult life for the South Slave Region.

### **How will the Trades Awareness Program be of value/benefit to students?**

- This trades partnership will provide youth with work related experience, skills development and provide career related resources that are meaningful for students.
- One of the great benefits of this program is that students will be working with qualified instructors in an accredited shop environment, while meeting other students from across the region, with the purpose of expanding their trades awareness and knowledge through hands-on experience.
  - Typically, because of their small size, schools in the NWT do not have accredited shops, adequate equipment, or qualified instructors to offer trades programs. We believe this partnership is the first step to addressing many of these challenges.
- The diversity of course offerings available to these students will allow them to make informed decisions about a variety of careers and provide tools and options for furthering their education after high school.

### **What specifically will the students be doing? And, where will the Trades Awareness Program take place?**

- Thirty-two students from across the South Slave (Hay River, Fort Resolution, Katlodeeche First Nation, Fort Smith and Lutsel K'e) and at least five chaperones will attend Aurora College – Thebacha Campus in Fort Smith from June 5<sup>th</sup> –10<sup>th</sup>.
  - The students will start with a tour of the community and the College Trades and academic wings, followed by a day each of *Welding, Carpentry, Plumbing, and Cooking* introductory classes
  - The courses will be at least six hours in duration each day, with a maximum of eight students per class
  - The final morning will be dedicated to Apprenticeship and Career Development workshops delivered by Career Centre staff.