



Łutsel K'e Dene Spring Hunt

March 2021

Partners & Sponsors:

Thaidene Nene Ni Hat'ni

Ni Hadi Xa

Lutsel K'e Dene School

LKDFN Wellness Dept

LKDFN WLED

Parks Canada

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Overview

We have been very fortunate to have a permanent cabin at Timber Bay, Artillery Lake. We have been working with students to create a plan for a week-long culture camp in early March. This year, we also want to hold a school hunt. Sometimes it is difficult to get the interest of the students to want to take part but this year the majority of students have expressed interest in the camp and a hunt and we want to make this happen for them.


The Thaidene Nënë Ni Hat'ni is built to pass on teachings to youth and this spring hunt will allow for hands on training for youth from Ni Hat'ni Dene Guardians as well as the Ni Hadi Xa Traditional Knowledge Monitors and local harvesters.

Goals

1. To get students out on the land, immersed in the language and learning important skills and traditions.
2. To work together with community and community organizations to ensure the hunt is successful.
3. To gather photos and videos of Thaidene Nënë Ni Hat'ni Dene Guardians for a “winter monitoring” story.
4. To gather information and pass on traditional knowledge from Ni Hadi Xa TK Monitors to youth.
5. To gather stories for Thaidene Nënë and TK Archives.
6. To introduce and orient Parks Canada Staff with the traditional territory and practices of the Denesuline people.
7. All meals for the students will be provided for breakfast, lunch & dinner.
8. There are approximately 15 youth and 20 adults participating in this year's Spring Hunt. In the absence of Caribou, we will harvest either moose or muskox and fish.
9. Elder JC Catholique will oversee students & staff with daily activities which include camp set up & take down, wood harvesting, ice harvesting, hunting, dry meat making, butchering, setting fish nets, checking fish nets, ice fishing, fixing fish, story telling, traditional land use areas navigation, traditional and modern ice safety awareness, safe travel trip planning, old cabin excursion, graveyard site, and as always the teaching of the fundamental Dene Laws.

Timeline

Ideally, the excursion will happen March 11-20, 2021, and students will partner with a community member to go out for the week to hunt. Students will be part of the entire process and have the opportunity to bring fresh meat home to their families and elders. There will be travel on land by skidoo



from Lutsel K'e and air charters from Lutsel K'e – Timber Bay, Artillery Lake. All participants will be fully immersed in the traditional Denesuline way of life.

Travel

March 11, 2021 there will be 13 skidoos travelling from Lutsel K'e to Timber Bay.

March 12, 2021 the people who travelled by skidoo will set up 10 canvas tents.

March 13, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - Chartered flight from Yellowknife – Lutsel K'e. There will be 3 Legs from Lutsel K'e - Timber Bay to transport students, local members & gear.

March 19, 2021 – Chartered flight from Timber Bay – Lutsel K'e to return students, community members & gear.

March 20, 2021 – the 13 skidoos will drive from Timber Bay – Lutsel K'e.

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