

NWT YOUTH WATER STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

2017-2018



Water Stewardship in the Northwest Territories

NWT residents have a strong relationship with water. Clean and abundant water is essential to ecosystem health and the social, cultural and economic well-being of NWT residents. Many people draw spiritual and cultural strength from the land and water. We drink water to stay healthy – both groundwater and surface water. We eat and use plants, fish and other animals that rely on water. We depend on water for our economy, including fur harvesting and fishing. Rivers are a source of energy to generate electrical power. We use water to travel and transport goods during the summer and winter. We all have a responsibility to care for the land and water. Our use of the water and land must not harm the water and aquatic ecosystems on which people, plants and animals depend. This responsibility is called *water stewardship*.

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) supports and promotes the implementation of *Northern Voices, Northern Waters: NWT Water Stewardship Strategy* (Water Strategy). The Water Strategy was released in 2010 and has a vision that “the waters of the Northwest Territories will remain clean, abundant and productive for all time”. The GNWT is committed to working with water partners to achieve this vision. Many activities and programs contribute to this vision, including negotiating transboundary water agreements, community-based water quality monitoring, regulatory reporting and water stewardship education.

Water partners are anyone with a role in water stewardship. This includes Aboriginal, territorial and federal governments, Aboriginal organizations, communities, regulatory boards, non-government organizations, industry and academic institutions.

Youth and water stewardship

During development of the Water Strategy, water partners emphasized the importance of involving young people in water stewardship. Youth are the future leaders of our territory. Opportunities for youth to learn about water stewardship and participate in water stewardship activities create informed leaders and decision-makers of tomorrow.

This calendar lists opportunities for young people to explore water stewardship activities and programming in the NWT. Each month highlights different ways for youth to get involved! More detailed information about each program is available at the back of the calendar.

What does water mean to you and your community?

NWT youth were invited to participate in a Water Stewardship Youth Photo Contest. Youth were encouraged to submit photos and descriptions that captured what water means to them and their community.

More than 50 spectacular water-themed photos and captions were submitted from youth across the NWT!

The photos were displayed at the annual Water Strategy Implementation Workshop in Dettah in November 2016. More than 75 water partners from across the NWT and beyond browsed the powerful collection of photos and voted to choose the final contest winners. After a very close vote, two final prize winners were selected.

Congratulations to Deanna O'Reilly of Fort Resolution and Madison Melnyk of Norman Wells on their winning photos! These photos, along with many others from the collection, are featured throughout the calendar.

Some photo captions have been condensed or removed for editing purposes. To view the complete photo captions, visit www.nwtwaterstewardship.ca.

See back of calendar for specific information about monthly featured programs for youth.

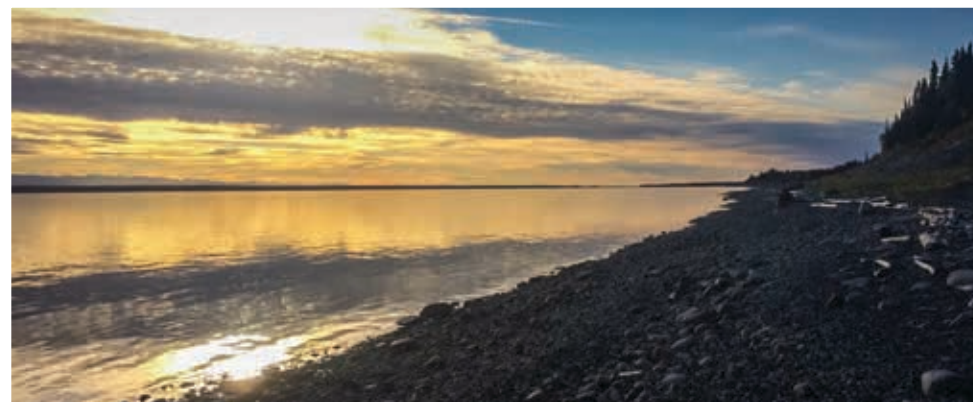


Photo and Caption Credit: Danielle Pike, Age 14, Norman Wells

“Water is the best thing for all humans, you need water to live. Water helps with everything, without water we would all not be here today. These two photos show everything that water means to me. Water is what makes you live, travel, grow and it’s very pretty.”



Photo and Caption Credit: Danielle Pike, Age 14, Norman Wells

For more information about water stewardship in the NWT, visit www.nwtwaterstewardship.ca or contact:

Environment and Natural Resources
Government of the Northwest Territories
Phone: (867) 767-9234
Email: nwtwaterstrategy@gov.nt.ca



JULY 2017

Photo and Caption Credit: Deanna O'Reilly, Age 24, Fort Resolution

"Water is life. Fresh, clean water is essential for our future generations."



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Tłı̨chǫ Summer Student Research Assistant Program

When: Typically July or August

What: An opportunity to work with university researchers for one month at the Tundra Ecosystem Research Station at Daring Lake.

Web: www.wrrb.ca

Sahtú Youth Network

When: Ongoing

What: A community-focused environmental, cultural and land-based network made up of Sahtú youth.

Web: www.sahtuyouthnetwork.com



AUGUST 2017

Photo and Caption Credit: Daniel Peterson, Age 12, Fort McPherson

“My grandparents taught me to respect the land and to take good care of the water if we want it to be there for future generations. I love going on the land and drinking our fresh, clean, sparkling water. I also like to travel with my Jijuu (grandmother in Gwich’in) because I learn so much from her.”

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Tłıchq Youth on the Land Program

When: Typically early August
What: A multi-day on-the-land expedition program for Tłıchq youth aged 12 to 19.
Web: www.tlicho.ca

Dehcho Youth Ecology Camp

When: Typically early August
What: A multi-day camp for youth to learn about Dene cultural and land-based knowledge systems as well as western science.
Web: www.dehcho.org



SEPTEMBER 2017

Photo and Caption Credit: River Marlowe, Age 12, Lutsel K'e

"I took this photo while sitting on a rock waiting for a moose. Water means so much to me as I need it to live and so do the fish and animals we eat. Almost everything in the world needs water to live."

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Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup

When: Ongoing

What: A national initiative that encourages schools, community organizations, youth groups and governments to host and/or participate in a local shoreline cleanup.

Web: www.shorelinecleanup.ca

Tłchq Aquatic Ecosystem Monitoring Program

When: Typically early September

What: An opportunity for Tłchq youth to connect with Elders and gain experience in conducting aquatic monitoring research.

Web: www.wrrb.ca



OCTOBER 2017

Photo and Caption Credit: Tyanna Steinwand, Age 25, Yellowknife

"I recently went to the Snare Hydro System. This water provides us with the electricity we need in our modern society. The falls were so breathtaking, beautiful and powerful. It is amazing that we have waters like this that provide energy for us so that we don't have to rely on other sources."

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Stream of Dreams Training Program

When: Ongoing

What: A watershed education training program that uses classroom teaching, science and art to help youth understand their connections to water and fish habitat.

Web: www.nwtwaterstewardship.ca



Photo Credit: Easton Johns-Courtoreille, Age 6, Fort Smith



NOVEMBER 2017

Photo and Caption Credit: Daniel Peterson, Age 12, Fort McPherson

“This photo shows the Peel River in September 2016. I went up the river from Fort McPherson with my Jijuu (grandmother in Gwich’in). We travelled the Peel River to her summer fish camp and then went further to where she grew up on the land called Three Cabin Creek. My Jijuu was very happy to visit the land where she grew up and she told me lots of stories.”

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**Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee
Community Harvesters Projects**

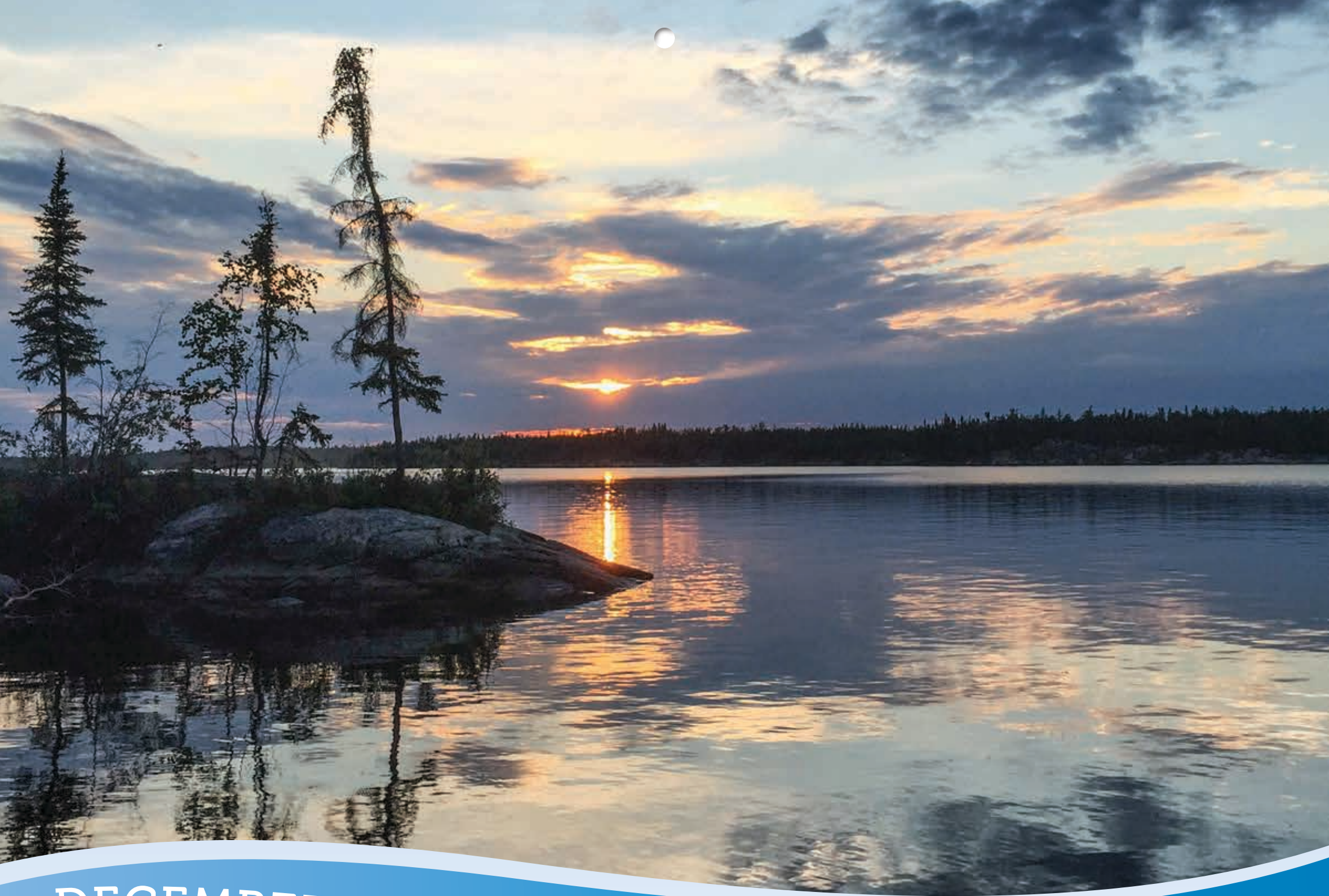
When: Typically late November, but varies annually

What: A land-based initiative that supports youth and community members to harvest, prepare and share traditional foods.

Phone: (867) 978-2723



Photo Credit: Jessi Pascal, Aklavik



DECEMBER 2017

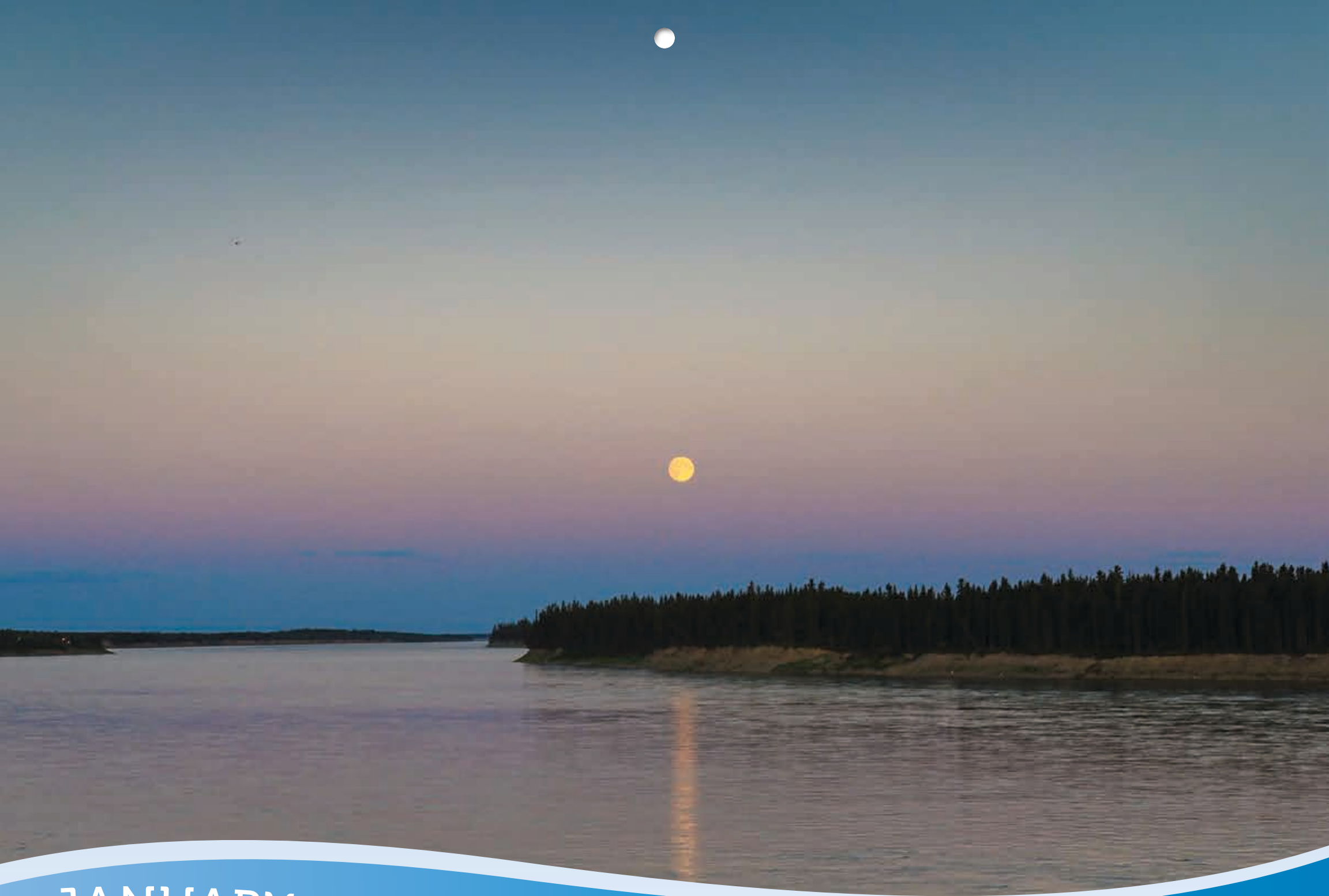
Photo and Caption Credit: Lauren Seabrook, Age 16, Yellowknife

“Water means the world to me; it’s a source of life, a source of enjoyment and a source of love. The water provides a sense of comfort, but also a thrilling danger. It’s a beautiful view and a beautiful meaning.”

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Dechinta Centre for Research and Learning

- When:** Spring semester, apply in December; fall semester, apply in June
- What:** A university accredited, land-based education program led by northern leaders, experts, Elders and professors.
- Web:** www.dechinta.ca



JANUARY 2018

Photo and Caption Credit: Shawna McLeod, Age 25, Fort Providence

“This photo was taken along the Mackenzie River in summer 2014. Water is a very sacred element to my community. The Mackenzie River continues to be the life of the community; we have a beautiful view of the river and easy access to it. It’s where many people learned to swim, fish and boat, and be connected to the land. Without water there is no life.”

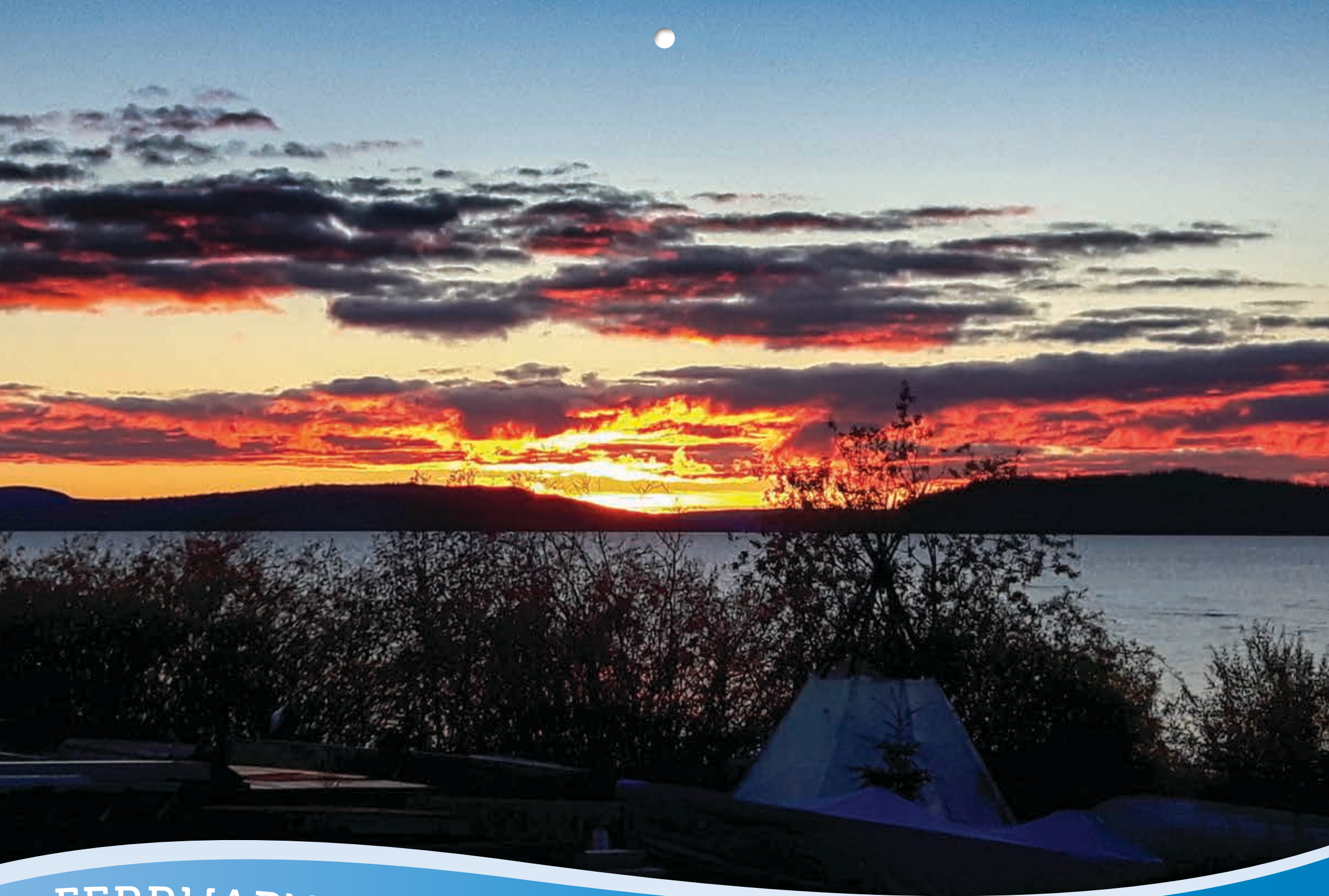
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NWT Youth Ambassador Program

- When:** Applications typically due in early January for the year
- What:** A guided and structured volunteer experience for NWT youth at major territorial, national and international events.
- Web:** www.maca.gov.nt.ca



Photo Credit: Shawna McLeod, Age 25, Fort Providence



FEBRUARY 2018

Photo and Caption Credit: River Marlowe, Age 12, Lutsel K'e

"Looking north-east towards Tomato Island."

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Aurora College Environment and Natural Resources Technology Program

- When:** Fall programs, apply in February; winter programs, apply in September
- What:** A two-year diploma program suited to natural resource and environmental management careers.
- Web:** www.auroracollege.nt.ca



Photo Credit: Orie Simpson, Age 12, Wekweètì



MARCH 2018

Photo and Caption Credit: Madison Melnyk, Age 14, Norman Wells

“This photo represents the NWT to me because the river is so strong and beautiful like the people of the NWT. The river is like glass, which to me represents the natural beauty of our land. It looks peaceful and my family and I hope it will always be like this.”



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Canada Water Week

- When:** Annually in March to coincide with World Water Day on March 22
- What:** A series of public and school events and activities held as part of a national celebration of water.
- Web:** www.nwtwaterstewardship.ca



Photo Credit: Orie Simpson, Age 12, Wekweètì



APRIL 2018

Photo and Caption Credit: Olivia Villebrun, Age 23, Fort Smith

"I still remember the wonder and awe I experienced when I took this photo. I went for a hike to the Pelican Rapids on the Slave River. Normally I would walk by these rocks, but I noticed minnows in one of the pools! I stopped and looked in the pool for a half an hour at all the aquatic plants and organisms. Every new place I looked there was something new to discover. This was a wonderful reminder of how diverse our waters are in the NWT."

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Earth Week

- When:** Annually in April to coincide with Earth Day on April 22
- What:** A week-long series of youth-friendly activities and events to celebrate and support environmental stewardship.
- Web:** www.ecologynorth.ca



Photo Credit: École St. Joseph School, Ms. Ehalt-Zawyrucha's Grade 6/7 Class, Yellowknife



MAY 2018

Photo and Caption Credit: École Boréale, Ms. McLaughlin's Grade 6/7 Class, Hay River

"It is important to have healthy water and drink water every day: We should drink a lot of water in a day (6 to 8 glasses); our water should not be in a plastic bottle that we throw away; every student received a bottle that is reusable."

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Tundra Science and Culture Camp

When: Late July to early August
What: A 10-day outdoor environmental education camp held at Daring Lake for NWT high school students and teachers.
Web: www.enr.gov.nt.ca

Northern Youth Leadership

When: Summer camp applications typically due mid-May
What: A youth-focused organization that offers multi-day outdoor adventure and traditional skills camps for NWT youth aged 11 to 17.
Web: www.northernyouth.ca

Tłıchq Imbe Program

When: Applications typically due in May
What: A six-week hands-on cultural learning program for senior high school and post-secondary students.
Web: www.tlicho.ca



JUNE 2018

Photo and Caption Credit: École St. Joseph School, Ms. Ehalt-Zawyrucha's Grade 6/7 Class, Yellowknife

"This photo was taken at the Yellowknives Dene First Nations Willìdeh site at Yellowknife River. On October 11, our "Learning through the Arts" Grade 6/7 class went to a fall harvest camp where we learned about the traditional ways of the Yellowknives Dene. There was a focus on the harvesting of fish in preparation for the long winter months."

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Young Leader's Summit on Northern Climate Change

When: Applications typically due in June

What: An opportunity for youth across the three territories to learn about climate change impacts and creative adaptations and solutions.

Web: www.ecologynorth.ca

Rivers to Oceans Day

When: Annually in June to coincide with Canadian Rivers Day and World Oceans Day

What: A half-day outdoor youth water education event in Yellowknife.

Web: www.nwtwaterstewardship.ca



JULY 2018

Photo and Caption Credit: Liam Coedy, Age 24, Norman Wells

“Water is life. Symbolically, water is about freedom and embracing your fear and vulnerability. Water is emotion. As seen from the shocked face, the glacier water was very frigid as it was nearing the end of August; snow peaked mountains could be seen from this river gully. Embrace your vulnerability and take the plunge...”

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Hay River Nature Club

- When:** Ongoing, typically bi-weekly
- What:** A free drop-in program for youth aged 10 to 14 to experience the outdoors through various fun-filled activities.
- Web:** www.ecologynorth.ca



AUGUST 2018

Photo and Caption Credit: Sarah Pruys, Age 23, Fort Smith

“For me, this photo shows the fun and excitement our waters offer people from all around, not only Canada, but the world. They also show how the water can bring people together and contribute to the strong sense of community we are so proud of up here in the north.”

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Slave River Paddlefest

- When:

August long weekend
- What:

A multi-day recreational paddling event held on the Slave River in Fort Smith.
- Web:

www.slaveriverpaddlefest.ca



SEPTEMBER 2018

Photo and Caption Credit: Tyanna Steinwand, Age 25, Yellowknife

“This portage trail is used to push/pull canoes and boats around the rapids so people can travel safely. These trails have been used since time immemorial by the Tłıchǫ people to travel when getting together for gatherings or for getting to hunting grounds.”

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Water Teaching Resources

When: Ongoing

What: Online educational resources available for teachers, non-governmental organizations and others involved in water stewardship education.

Web: www.nwtwaterstewardship.ca



OCTOBER 2018

Photo and Caption Credit: Marina Walker, Age 10, Fort Providence

"I took these pictures at the dock in Fort Providence on the Mackenzie River. The first picture is my brother taking garbage out of the river. The second picture is garbage we found by the shore. There are bottles and a camping fuel container. This is dangerous for fish and birds and other animals that drink the water, and for us."

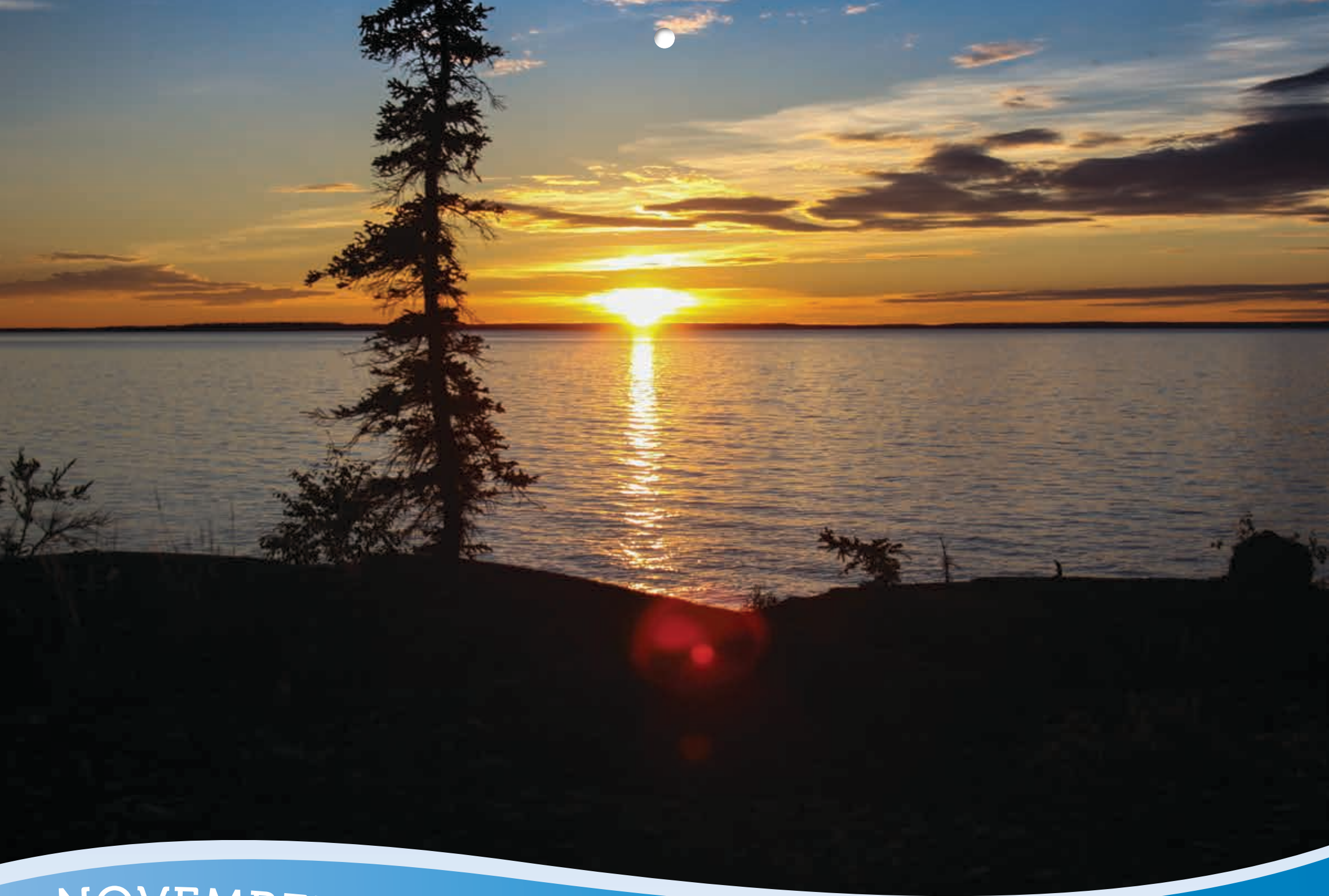
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Aurora Research Institute Youth Programming

When: Ongoing

What: Hands-on science programming available to schools, and for day camps and community events in the NWT.

Web: www.nwtresearch.com



NOVEMBER 2018

Photo and Caption Credit: Lauren Seabrook, Age 16, Yellowknife

“Water provides a sense of comfort, but also a thrilling danger. It’s a beautiful view and a beautiful meaning.”

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Wetland Heroes

- When:** Ongoing
- What:** An opportunity to recognize youth for their efforts to prevent wetland loss in Canada. No project is too big or too small to be recognized!
- Web:** www.ducks.ca



Photo Credit: JohnRex Lagare, Age 14, Norman Wells



DECEMBER 2018

Photo and Caption Credit: Danielle Gillard, Age 23, Yellowknife

“This photo was taken in Yellowknife at Rotary Park at 5:45 am in July 2016. Water brings us life in more ways than one – water to drink, water to clean and cook, water to support plants, forests and animals, and water to protect us from fires. Without water we would not be able to exist.”

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**Government of the Northwest Territories
Summer Student Employment Program**

- When:** Applications accepted starting December 1
- What:** The GNWT supports northern post-secondary students in achieving higher education by offering summer work opportunities.
- Web:** www.hr.gov.nt.ca

More Information about Youth Activities and Programming

ONGOING

Aurora Research Institute Youth Programming

Do you want to take your science activities to the next level? The Aurora Research Institute (ARI) offers hands-on science programming for schools, day camps and community events in the NWT. They can deliver a range of exciting activities and games that match students' science interests, while helping teachers meet their curriculum objectives. ARI can also connect classes with visiting researchers for in-class presentations or trips into the field. For more information, visit www.nwtresearch.com.

Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup

The Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup is a national initiative led by the World Wildlife Fund and the Vancouver Aquarium. Every year, thousands of Canadian youth participate in shoreline cleanup events across the country, tracking and recording the trash they find along the way. In the NWT, shoreline cleanups are often organized in the spring and fall by schools, community organizations, youth groups and governments. In 2016, the GNWT hosted a shoreline cleanup and water stewardship education event along the Frame Lake Trail in Yellowknife. More than 80 youth participated! Visit www.shorelinecleanup.ca to find out if a cleanup is happening in your community, or to register your own.

Wetland Heroes

Looking to take action to conserve and protect Canada's wetlands? Consider becoming a Wetland Hero through Ducks Unlimited Canada! Wetland Heroes are youth under the age of 25 recognized for their efforts to prevent wetland loss in Canada. No project is too big or too small to be recognized. Wetland Heroes automatically receive a free year's subscription to the *Conservator* magazine and are eligible to apply for an Award of Merit with \$500 to further their conservation efforts. Get started by filling out the Wetland Hero form at www.ducks.ca.

JULY 2017

Tłıchq Summer Student Research Assistant Program

The Tłıchq Summer Student Research Assistant Program is an exciting opportunity for Tłıchq youth to gain valuable work experience related to climate change in the north. Youth have the chance to work alongside university researchers at the Tundra Ecosystem Research Station at Daring Lake in July or August. Youth have helped researchers sample vegetation, measure permafrost depth, prepare lab samples, take water temperatures and record water data. For more information, visit www.wrrb.ca.

Hay River Nature Club

Calling all Hay River nature enthusiasts! The Hay River Nature Club is a free, year-round, drop-in program for youth aged 10 to 14. The Nature Club promotes a greater appreciation for nature by providing opportunities for youth to experience the outdoors through various fun-filled activities. Recent activities include kayaking, canoeing, dog sledding, bird watching and ice-fishing. The Nature Club aims to run two activities per month. Visit www.ecologynorth.ca for more information about upcoming activities and events.

Sahtú Youth Network

The Sahtú Youth Network is an idea that has grown from feedback recorded during research projects conducted in the Sahtú area with the Sahtú Renewable Resources Board. The network is made up of youth from the five communities in the Sahtú. To get involved, visit www.sahtuyouthnetwork.com.

Stream of Dreams Training Program

The Stream of Dreams training program is available in the NWT! The program is a trademarked, watershed education program that uses classroom teaching, science and art to help youth understand their connections to water and fish habitat. The GNWT has trained staff to run the program in the NWT. Visit www.nwtwaterstewardship.ca to learn more about the program.

Water Teaching Resources

Looking to engage others in learning about water stewardship in the NWT? A variety of online educational resources are available for teachers, non-governmental organizations and others involved in water stewardship education activities in the NWT. In recent years, the GNWT has worked with water partners, particularly Ecology North, to develop hands-on classroom activities. Visit www.nwtwaterstewardship.ca to access the resources.

AUGUST 2017

Tłıchǵ Youth on the Land Program

Calling all Tłıchǵ youth! This month the Tłıchǵ Government is hosting a 10-day on-the-land expedition program for youth aged 12 to 19. This is an exciting opportunity for youth to learn from Elders about Tłıchǵ culture, discover traditional trails, develop new skills and build cultural identity. Activities will include hunting, trapping, boat trips, storytelling, wilderness survival skills training and more. For more information, visit www.tlicho.ca.

Dehcho Youth Ecology Camp

The Dehcho Youth Ecology Camp is held every summer (usually August) at a different location in the Dehcho Region. The camp is led by Dehcho First Nations and provides fun opportunities for youth to connect with and learn about northern ecosystems, including water ecology, water contaminants, water stewardship and environmental impacts on fish. The camp promotes a better understanding of Dene cultural and land-based knowledge systems as well as western science methods. Visit www.dehcho.org for more information and eligibility details for the 2017 camp.

SEPTEMBER 2017

Tłıchǵ Aquatic Ecosystem Monitoring Program

The Tłıchǵ Aquatic Ecosystem Monitoring Program is a community-driven project aimed at addressing water quality and fish health concerns raised by Tłıchǵ people. Every summer (usually early September) the project team conducts an on-the-land fish camp that rotates to a different Tłıchǵ community each year. The camp is a great hands-on learning opportunity for Tłıchǵ youth to connect with Elders and gain experience in conducting aquatic monitoring research, including the collection of fish and water samples, and making observations using both Tłıchǵ and scientific knowledge. For more information and eligibility details for this year's camp, visit www.wrrb.ca.

OCTOBER 2017

No specific program or application dates this month.

NOVEMBER 2017

Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee Community Harvesters Projects

The Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee Community Harvesters Project is a land-based initiative that supports youth and community members to harvest, prepare and share traditional foods. This includes everything from community hunts to youth on-the-land camps. The Project organized a two-day fish camp on the Peel Channel in November 2016. To find out what opportunities are available this year, call 867-978-2723.

DECEMBER 2017

Dechinta Centre for Research and Learning

The Dechinta Centre for Research and Learning is a university accredited initiative that delivers land-based education in the NWT. Dechinta is led by northern leaders, experts, Elders and professors who engage northern and southern youth in learning about the unique environment, politics and history of the north. Water stewardship topics exist throughout Dechinta programming, including water law, policy, monitoring, protection and leadership. Visit www.dechinta.ca for more information about upcoming programs. Application deadlines for spring semester courses are typically at the end of December.

APRIL 2018

Young Leader's Summit on Northern Climate Change

Every other summer Ecology North hosts a Young Leader's Summit on Climate Change. The summit is a fun opportunity for youth across the three territories to learn more about the impacts of climate change, and discuss creative adaptations and solutions. During the 2015 Summit, participants travelled through the southern NWT speaking to Elders, scientists, community members and politicians about the severity of northern climate change impacts. This year's event is scheduled for mid-July and will focus on climate change impacts on northern watersheds. Applications typically open in May and are due in June. For more information, visit www.ecologynorth.ca.

Earth Week

Get ready for Earth Week 2018! Earth Week is held every third week in April to coincide with Earth Day on April 22. Events are held worldwide to show support for environmental stewardship and inspire people to lessen their impact on our planet. Here in the NWT, Ecology North hosts a week-long series of youth-friendly activities and events to celebrate Earth Week. Past events have included nature walks, movie nights, clothing swaps, various information sessions and a fish fry. Keep an eye out for Earth Week events and activities happening in your community at www.ecologynorth.ca.

JANUARY 2018

NWT Youth Ambassador Program

Interested in gaining volunteer experience? Why not become a Youth Ambassador for the NWT! The NWT Youth Ambassador Program offers a guided and structured volunteer experience for NWT youth at major territorial, national and international events. Past events include Arctic Winter Games, North American Indigenous Games and Canada Winter Games. Applications are typically due in early January. For more information and to apply, visit www.maca.gov.nt.ca.

FEBRUARY 2018

Aurora College Environment and Natural Resources Technology Program

Aurora College's Environment and Natural Resources Technology Program (ENRTP) is a two-year diploma program where students learn the skills needed to succeed in natural resource and environmental management careers. Potential course offerings include Freshwater Fisheries, Arctic Marine Science, Water Resources Management and Source Water Protection. Aurora College accepts applications throughout the year, but recommends applying in February for fall programs and September for winter programs. For more information about the program and to apply, visit www.auroracollege.nt.ca.

MARCH 2018

Canada Water Week

Canada Water Week is a national celebration of water held every year in March. In the NWT, the GNWT supports different water stewardship activities and events across the territory. Past events have been coordinated by Ecology North and have included water photo and art contests, fish fries, water games and activities at schools, water treatment plant tours, movie nights and other community events. Visit www.nwtwaterstewardship.ca to find out if Canada Water Week events are happening in your community.

MAY 2018

Tundra Science and Culture Camp

Looking for something fun to do this summer? How about spending 10 action-packed and fun-filled days on the tundra! Tundra Science and Culture Camp (TSCC) is a summer outdoor environmental education program for high school students and teachers in the NWT. The program runs from July to August at Daring Lake. Students work closely with scientists, environmental educators, on-site researchers and Elders. Students learn about the land from both scientific and traditional perspectives. Applications are typically due mid-May, but are considered on a first-come first-serve basis. For more information and application forms, visit www.enr.gov.nt.ca.

Northern Youth Leadership

Northern Youth Leadership is a project on Tides Canada's Shared Platform that runs outdoor adventure and traditional skills camps for NWT youth aged 11 to 16. The camps are offered in safe outdoor environments where youth experience and learn about the natural environment while building leadership, teamwork and traditional skills. Past camp activities include kayaking, canoeing, catching and preparing fish, nature hikes, crafts and swimming. Summer camp applications are usually due mid-May. For more information, visit www.northernyouth.ca.

Tłıchq Imbe Program

The Tłıchq Imbe Program is a hands-on cultural learning program for senior high school and post-secondary students. The program brings Tłıchq youth and Elders together to learn about the land, water, cultural practices, history and language. Youth receive water safety and canoe training, and spend much of their time learning on the water. The program runs in every Tłıchq community for six weeks in the summer. Applications are typically due in May. Visit www.tlicho.ca for more information and eligibility details.

JUNE 2018

Rivers to Oceans Day

Rivers to Oceans Day is a youth water education event held every June in Yellowknife to coincide with Canadian Rivers Day and World Oceans Day. The event provides opportunities for youth to partake in a variety of fun and hands-on water activities. Rivers to Oceans Day is hosted by different water partners, including the GNWT, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Ecology North and the City of Yellowknife. In 2016, more than 250 Yellowknife students attended the event and cycled through 16 different water activity stations hosted by various water partners. For more information about Rivers to Oceans Day 2018, visit www.nwtwaterstewardship.ca.

JULY 2018

No specific program or application dates this month.

AUGUST 2018

Slave River Paddlefest

Slave River Paddlefest is a recreational paddling event held every August long weekend on the Slave River in Fort Smith. In addition to offering events and opportunities for people of all ages and skill levels, the festival features a community feast, and guided hikes along the Slave River and surrounding area. Visit www.slaveriverpaddlefest.ca for more information.

SEPTEMBER 2018

No specific program or application dates this month.

OCTOBER 2018

No specific program or application dates this month.

NOVEMBER 2018

No specific program or application dates this month.

DECEMBER 2018

Government of the Northwest Territories Summer Student Employment Program

Looking for meaningful work during the summer? The GNWT supports northern post-secondary students in achieving higher education by offering summer work opportunities. Students gain valuable work experience to enhance their employment opportunities after graduation. Applications for the program are accepted beginning December 1. Visit the Summer Student Employment Program at www.careers.hr.gov.nt.ca/opportunities/summer-students.

For more information about other NWT Water Stewardship Strategy initiatives, visit <http://www.nwtwaterstewardship.ca> or email nwtwaterstrategy@gov.nt.ca.

Thank You

Thank you for submitting spectacular photos and capturing the many meanings of water throughout our unique territory!

- Daniel Peterson – Fort McPherson
- Danielle Gillard – Yellowknife
- Danielle Pike – Norman Wells
- Deanna O'Reilly – Fort Resolution
- Easton Johns-Courtoreille – Fort Smith
- Jack Blake – Fort Providence
- JohnRex Lagare – Norman Wells
- Lauren Seabrook – Yellowknife
- Leandra Joy – Norman Wells
- Liam Coedy – Norman Wells
- Madison Melnyk – Norman Wells
- Marina Walker – Fort Providence
- Olivia Villebrun – Fort Smith
- Orie Simpson – Wekweètì
- River Marlowe – Lutsel K'e
- Sarah Pruys – Fort Smith
- Shawna McLeod – Fort Providence
- Tyanna Steinwand – Yellowknife
- École Boréale, Ms. McLaughlin's 6/7 Class – Hay River
- École St. Joseph School, Ms. Ehalt-Zawyrucha's 6/7 Class – Yellowknife

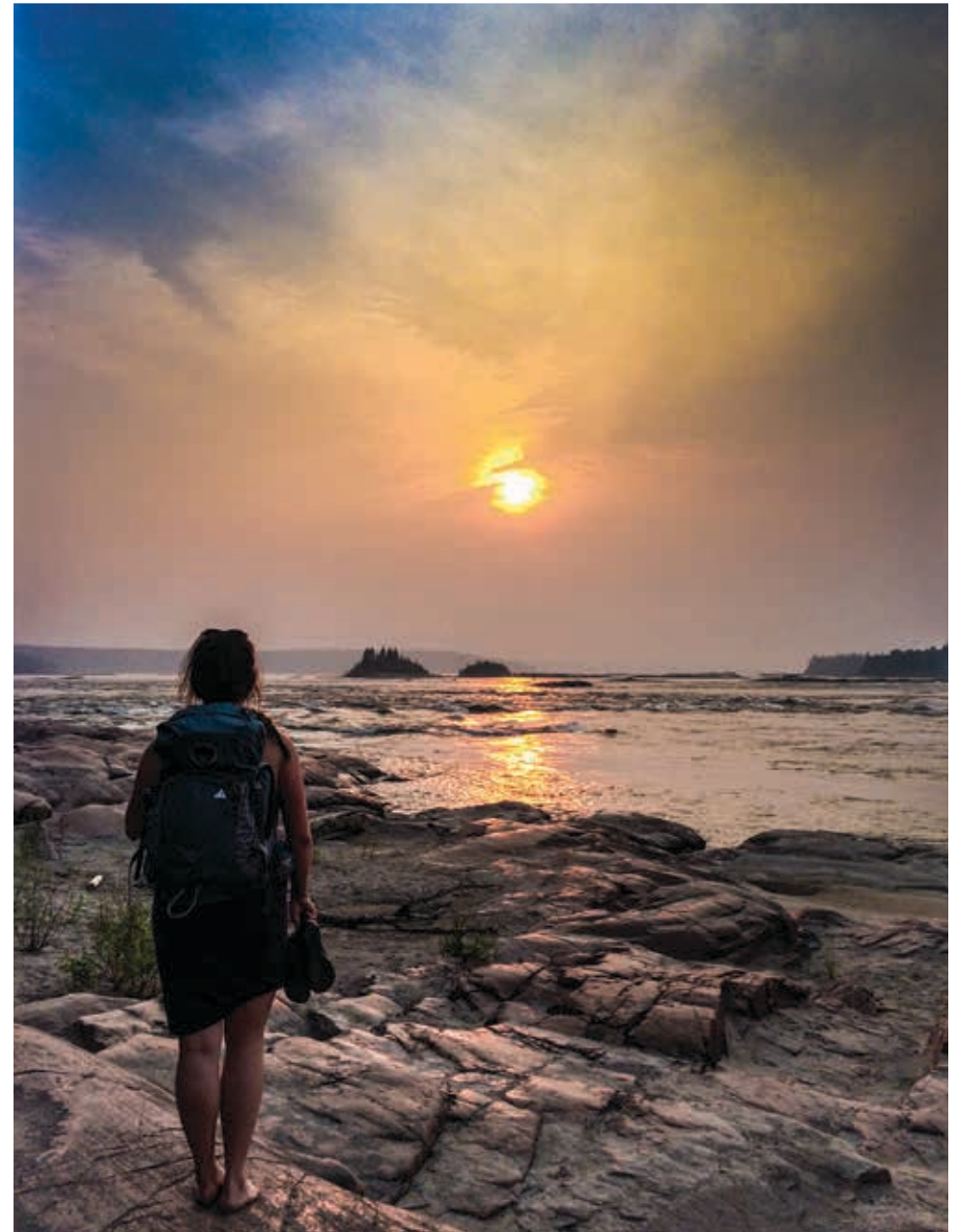


Photo and Caption Credit: Olivia Villebrun, Age 23, Fort Smith

“Every August long weekend Paddlefest is held at Mountain Rapids on the Slave River. One year a local Elder, Francois Paulette, did the opening prayer. His words still resonate with me about the importance of respecting the water because we believe we are playing with the water, but the water is really playing with us.”

July 2017 to December 2018

JULY 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 <small>Canada Day</small>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

AUGUST 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 <small>Civic Holiday</small>	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

SEPTEMBER 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 <small>Labour Day</small>	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

OCTOBER 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 <small>Thanksgiving</small>	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

NOVEMBER 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 <small>Remembrance Day</small>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

DECEMBER 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31 <small>Christmas Day</small>	25 <small>Boxing Day</small>	26	27	28	29	30

JANUARY 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 <small>New Year's Day</small>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

APRIL 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

JULY 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <small>Canada Day</small>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

OCTOBER 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 <small>Thanksgiving</small>	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

FEBRUARY 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

MAY 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 <small>Victoria Day</small>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

AUGUST 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6 <small>Civic Holiday</small>	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

NOVEMBER 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 <small>Remembrance Day</small>	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

MARCH 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 <small>Good Friday</small>	31

JUNE 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 <small>Aboriginal Day</small>	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

SEPTEMBER 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3 <small>Labour Day</small>	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29

DECEMBER 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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23/30	24/31	25 <small>Christmas Day</small>	26 <small>Boxing Day</small>	27	28	29

