

Kelly Lake Youth Camp

August 23, 2012



**~ 30 adults and youth
turned up to join the
celebration of learning**

Following the “Return to Country Food” workshop hosted by the Jean Marie River First Nation a youth camp was held at nearby Kelly Lake. Adults and youth arrived from the six Dehcho communities involved in the workshop for a fun day of learning and feasting. The youth were involved in traditional skills and science.



Angus Sanguetz took the youth out to set nets in Kelly Lake

Gillnets were set the day before the workshop. If the next generation is to continue harvesting healthy country food there is a great need to learn these skills from current day elders and harvesters. These youngsters were able to observe what its all about. Older youth get to try their hand in these skills later on.



Mike Low takes a group of kids out to check the gillnet.

It's great to be out on the water - a thrill for these youngsters.

Notice the life jackets – hard to miss. Water safety is a valuable lesson for travelling out on the water no matter what your age.



Hey! We caught some! George Low removes a jackfish from the gillnet

Kelly Lake has a great population of northern pike as well as walleye and lake whitefish. The whitefish grow big here- they're called "Jumbos" and they are delicious!

Jonas Hardisty told me that the Dene used to build fish traps from willows to harvest fish running in the Jean Marie River.



Mike Low demonstrates how to filet fish

At the summer “Ecology Camp” youth were also taught how to make smoked dry fish. Not only is it delicious it will keep without a fridge. Pretty important if you are in a traditional bush camp. What will we do with all these fish?



Let's cook it!

Tin foil is a modern convenience when you have a large group.

Fish is delicious cooked whole over the open fire. How about fried or baked.

I'm getting hungry already!



Bruce Townsend engages the youth in science.

Who's toilet has your toothbrush been in????

Interactive ecology lessons on a variety of subjects;

- Quicksilver Sam – mercury
- Marshmallow Madness – water chemistry
- Greenhouse Game – gasses
- Colours – photosynthesis
- Sexy Dish – water transparency
- Food Chain Game



What is the meaning of this group of beads?

Cheryl Cli and Bruce Townsend mix lessons and story telling into beading. Bracelets that tell a story.



Dig In!

Good food in the bush always leads to story telling.

Were you listening, kids?



Everybody had a good time!

Right Guys.



Right Gals.



