



Following Our Peoples Way: Building a Circle of Dignity and Justice

Gūdené' K'éh Gūs'ānī: Dene 'Á Nezen Gedí' Gūtīe Sū'āī dege

Project Vision:

Build a safer and more responsive community by creating a team of Advocates who are anti-violence leaders that support, respond, and restore dignity and safety amongst survivors of violence.

Project Overview:

- Build a core group of 10 Advocates in Watson Lake (including Upper Liard and Lower Post) made up of Indigenous and non-Indigenous women
- Advocates will receive trainings in response-based practice and Kaska Dena principles, protocols and teachings of dignity, justice and healing
- There will be a Circle of Support (i.e. LAWS, Elders, Project Coordinator, staff at local agencies, schools and organizations) to support Advocates throughout the Project
- Advocates role in the community will involve:
 - o Organizing community campaigns
 - o Job shadowing/placements at local agencies
 - o Survivor support (i.e. referrals to agencies, accompany survivors to appointments)
 - o Note: This is an initial list of activities, Advocates will design the types of activities they provide to the community

What is the commitment?

- Advocates will do 3-days/month of training and activities in the community on violence prevention beginning fall 2019.
- The training and activities will begin October 2019 and run for 4 years. The training will build year after year so continued involvement is important.

What Advocates will learn and offer their communities?

- Advocates will help to fill a very important gap in support for survivors of violence
- Create change in your communities so women and children feel safer and supported
- Advocates will receive an in-depth Response-Based training, delivered by Dr. Allan Wade and Dr, Shelly Bonnah and gain skills in working with survivors of violence

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO JOIN THIS TRAINING THIS FALL PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AND LEAVE YOUR NAME AND CONTACT INFO.

TU CHO GATHERING UPDATE



The Liard Aboriginal Women's Society, the Liard First Nation and the Ross River Dena Council are partnering for a summer camp GUK'EH GU'SANI – "Living our Kaska Way" at Frances Lake beginning July 9th and running through to the end of August.

The camp will focus on remembering our culture by practicing our language, by storytelling, and by joining together in traditional medicine, traditional crafts, traditional sewing, and traditional ceremonial practices. The camp will honor the central place of our Elders in remembering our culture, partnering participants with language speakers to practice our language through immersion.

Camp Coordinator

Welcome home to our Camp Coordinator, Miranda Lane. Miranda is the daughter of Margaret Mitchell nee Jimmy) and Granddaughter of the late Little Jimmy Doctor, Miranda will be staying at Frances Lake, and is responsible for the overall coordination of the Camp. A Big Welcome home to Margaret, Joey and Miranda, so good to have you are back in our homeland.

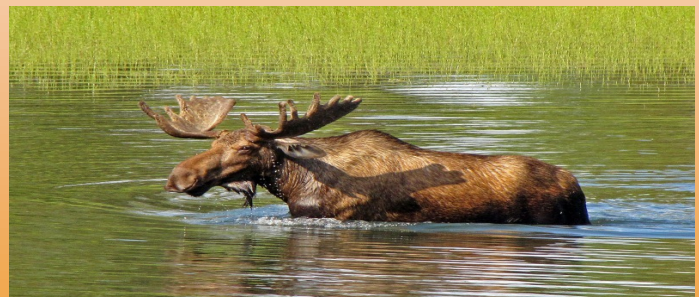
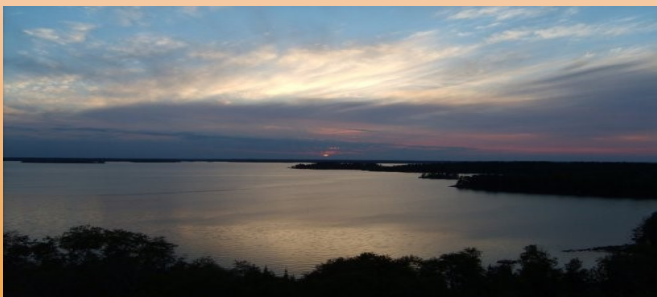
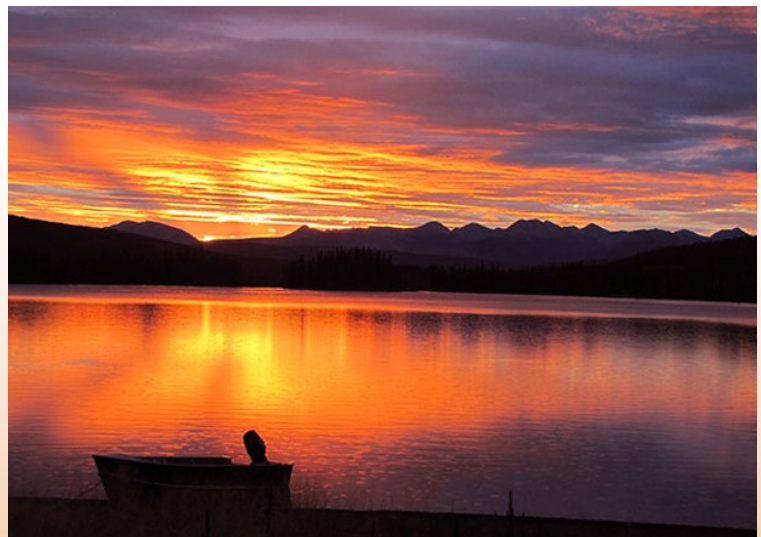
Important Dates to Remember:

- The Camp Opens July 9th
- THE CAMP WILL BE CLOSED ON WEEK OF AUGUST 5TH DUE TO THE LFN AGM ON AUGUST 6th, 7th and 8th AND YUKON HANDGAMES TOURNAMENT ON AUGUST 9th, 10 th and 11th AT JACKSON LAKE IN THE KWANLIN DUN TRADITIONAL TERRITORY.

Camp food, programming and services will not be available, but you are welcome to stay at the camp during this time.

EVENTS:

- LANGUAGE CLASSES
- MEDICINE GATHERING
- MEDICINE MAKING
- SEWING
- CAMP FIRE TALKS
- HAND-GAMES
- TRADITIONAL HEALING
- SHARING STORIES OF RESISTENCE TO VIOLENCE
- SHARING



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Important Contacts

For more information and to arrange transportation to the camp, please contact:

- Liard First Nation Receptionist at 867-536-5200
- Vera Sterriah at the Ross River Dene Council, 867-969-2021 or 867-689-9719

All three partners will each take 2 weeks sponsoring cost of camp operations ie: cooks, maintenance and Level 3 First Aid. Schedule is as follows:

July 9th to 19th Liard Aboriginal Women's Society will sponsor camp.

July 21st to August 4th Ross River Dena Council will sponsor camp.

August 5th to August 11th no programs or services offered due to the Yukon Hand-games Tournament held at Jackson Lake in Traditional Territory of Kwanlin Dun First Nation.

August 12th to August 23rd – Liard First Nations will sponsor camp.

August 26th to August 30th– Liard Aboriginal Women's Society will sponsor camp.

August 31st to September 4th—will be to take down camp and close for season.

NO SERVICES OFFERED.DURING THIS PERIOD.

All are welcome. Food is provided, but please bring your own camping gear since our Elders will be given priority use of our cabins. Please bring your own dishes! We will not be providing any dishes or cutlery.



PLEASE RESPECT OUR LAND AND OUR WAY AND REMEMBER OUR CAMP IS

DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE.

A NATIVE PRAYER

O Great Creator, I come before you in a humble manner, and offer you this sacred pipe. With tears in my eyes and an ancient song from my heart, I pray.

To the four powers of Creation, to the Grandfather Sun, to the Grandmother Moon, to the Mother Earth and to my ancestors.

I pray for all my relations in nature. All those who walk, crawl, fly and swim, seen and unseen. To the good spirits that exist in every part of Creation.

I ask that you bless our elders and children, families and friends. And the brothers and sisters who are in prison. I pray for the ones who are sick on drugs and alcohol and for those who are now homeless and forlorn. I also pray for peace among the four races of humankind.

May there be good health and healing for this Earth. May there be beauty above me, may there be beauty below me, may there be beauty in me, may there be beauty all around me. I ask that this world be filled with Peace, Love and Beauty.

-Medicine Grizzly Bear

