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Watson Lake to host Rural Experiential Model for Yukon students

WATSON LAKE—High school students from seven Yukon communities will gather in Watson Lake to participate in a Rural Experiential Model (REM) from April 27 to May 1.

"A Rural Experiential Model is a dynamic and engaging way of delivering intensive, specialized programming that promotes student engagement and success," Minister of Education Doug Graham said. "Students can pursue their personal interests while connecting with kids their own age from other communities. The Yukon government recognizes the tremendous work undertaken by rural school staff to run this program."

Approximately 86 students in Grades 10 to 12 from Carmacks, Dawson City, Haines Junction, Mayo, Pelly Crossing, Ross River and Watson Lake are participating. Students can choose from 11 daytime learning options that are developed and delivered by teachers, administrators, local experts and department support staff.

Participants can earn two Fine Arts and Applied Skills credits for completing 28 hours of intensive daytime training and 15 hours of evening learning activities. Course options include Ancestral Technologies/On the Land, Hair and Esthetics, Mini Med School and more. Students will also participate in three evening activities, choosing from Dene games, First Nations art and carving, sports, beading, storytelling, digital fabrication, music, hiking and movies.

Previous REMs were hosted by Dawson City and Carmacks, with 242 students participating since September 2013.

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