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Annual recreation gathering builds community capacity

Recreation leaders from across Yukon are in Marsh Lake and Whitehorse for the annual recreation gathering, jointly hosted by the Government of Yukon and the Recreation and Parks Association of Yukon. The gathering is taking place October 10 - 12.

The gathering provides professional development and networking opportunities for recreation practitioners, after-school and youth leaders, volunteer board members and local recreation authorities. Leaders will leave the gathering with the tools they need to support quality recreation and active living opportunities in their communities.

This year, all participants will complete the Yukon First Nations 101 course offered by Yukon College. This course delivers a broader understanding and appreciation for Yukon First Nations history and will help participants improve recreation program delivery.

The results of the 2016 Yukon Healthy Living Study will also be released at the gathering, helping inform community recreation planning and programming.

Quotes

"Recreation is the fabric that weaves our communities together. This event allows our recreation leaders to network, learn new skills and expand capacity for all Yukon communities. These individuals are instrumental in helping us build healthy, vibrant and sustainable communities – and I'd like to thank them for their tireless effort."

–Minister of Community Services John Streicker

"The Recreation Gathering is an excellent way for community recreation staff to educate themselves about new and different ideas for programming, leadership and resources they can bring back to their community. It's great to connect face-to-face to the support that is available in the territory through the Yukon government, the Recreation and Parks Association of Yukon and fellow community leaders."

–Recreation and Parks Association of Yukon president Ian Spencer

Quick facts

- This is the 16th annual recreation gathering.
- Workshops include how to keep and find volunteers, connecting communities using nature, how to use spaces and places creatively, and more.

Learn more:

2016 Yukon Healthy Living Study  233K
Recreation and Parks Association of Yukon

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