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## **Funding supports First Nation interpretive training**

WHITEHORSE—Yukon government is supporting an opportunity to enhance interpretive tours at Fort Selkirk Historic Site by providing \$19,200 for wilderness heritage interpretive training.

"This important training assists students interested in interpreting and preserving Yukon's unique heritage," Tourism and Culture Minister Mike Nixon said. "The fund supports training opportunities for career development in the culture and tourism sectors."

Yukon College Dawson City campus and the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in are jointly developing a wilderness heritage interpretive program to be held in Dawson City this spring.

Three students from Pelly Crossing have been chosen by interview to attend the training funded by the Department of Tourism and Culture. The coursework includes wilderness survival, basic interpretation, research, advanced wilderness first aid, and local cultural and natural history.

Once the students have completed their four-week training, they will be eligible for hire at Fort Selkirk Historic Site and the Big Jonathan Interpretive Centre in Pelly Crossing.

Fort Selkirk Historic Site is located at the confluence of the Yukon and Pelly rivers. The site is co-owned and co-managed by Yukon government and the Selkirk First Nation. Since 1982, the two partners continue to work together to preserve, develop and manage the site.

Selkirk First Nation's cultural centre is a replica of the historic Big Jonathan House at Fort Selkirk, where there are interpretive tours focused on Selkirk First Nation history, traditions and culture.

Each summer, Selkirk First Nation work crews preserve buildings at Fort Selkirk, provide tours and maintain camping areas with funding and technical support provided by the Yukon government.

For information on visiting Yukon historic sites, go to [www.tc.gov.yk.ca](http://www.tc.gov.yk.ca).

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