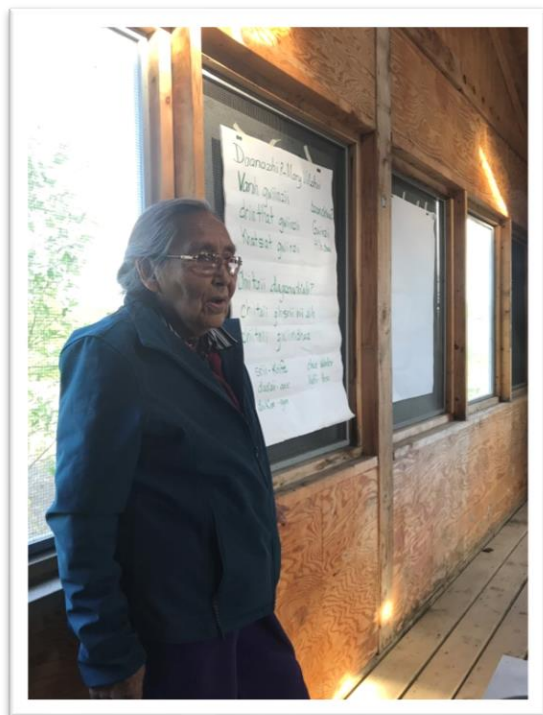


Education Leadership Program (ELP) 2022 Information Package



Photos - ELP 2018 – Department of Education, Culture and Employment

Yellowknife, NT and Surrounding Area
July 2 (8am) to July 11 (noon)

Important Dates



May 30, 2022: Deadline to submit application for ELP to Colleen or Stephanie at the Department of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE).

July 1, 2022: Participants must arrive in Yellowknife at the Chateau Nova Hotel (across the street from the NWT Legislative Assembly and the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre). The Chateau Nova has a free shuttle from the airport to the hotel. Those driving in will be pleased to find this hotel has ample and free parking available. The Chateau Nova also has a restaurant and bar on the first floor.

An ELP staff member will be in the lobby of the Chateau Nova to greet you and provide your ELP materials (ELP staff member will be onsite in the lobby between 2-5pm and again from 6-8pm on July 1).

ELP participants are responsible for arranging and initially paying for their own transportation to and from Yellowknife then can seek reimbursement for eligible costs from the NWT Teachers' Association (NWTTA) professional development office (for GNWT, NWTTA members) and from YK1 or YCS (for YK1 and YCS employees that have been approved as a funded participant in 2022 ELP).

No meals will be provided on July 1. A claim process will be available for all meals not provided throughout the 10 days of the ELP program, as well as July 1 (for those who travelled to Yellowknife).

July 2–July 11: These 10 days are the three ELP camp days and seven ELP classroom days. There are no late arrivals to, or early departures from, the 10 days of the ELP. The first day (July 2) will begin at 8am in the lobby of the hotel where you will board transportation to camp. Each day will begin at 8am, which means you should be sure to have breakfast prior to arrival.

July 11, 2022: The ELP program finishes at noon on July 11, 2022; this allows for afternoon plane departures, whether going south or north. If you are flying out of Yellowknife on July 11, please refrain from booking a morning flight. Canadian North, Air Canada and WestJet all have flights departing for southern destinations after 2pm. Flights to northern communities are too numerous to outline, so if you are returning to your home community in the NWT, please consult flight schedules for airlines that serve your community and select a flight that departs Yellowknife in the afternoon. We have listed all relevant airline links at the end of this document.

Locations

The 2022 Education Leadership Program (ELP) will take place in two locations, Yellowknife (École St. Patrick High School and Weledah Catholic School) and a camp location. The ELP begins with dedicated time focussed on Indigenizing education and cultural learning experiences. You will spend three days in a camp setting within 30 km of Yellowknife.

The 10 Days of the ELP

JULY 2-4 (Sat., Sun. and Mon.)

For each of the three camp days, you will have breakfast at your hotel (or at home for Yellowknife participants) and then meet with all participants and ELP organizers in the lobby of the Chateau Nova at 8am. Vehicle transportation will be arranged by ECE for travel to the camp location. All ELP participants must take the ELP-arranged transportation each day. This is for insurance purposes for the GNWT. Lunch and snacks will be provided each day at camp.

JULY 5-11 (Tues. to Mon.)

For each of these six and one-half classroom days, you will have breakfast at your hotel (or at home for Yellowknife participants) and then walk, taxi or drive to the campus of École St. Patrick High School and Weledah Catholic School. We are using these great spaces courtesy of Yellowknife Catholic Schools. The ELP will have a space for our full group presentations as well as four individual classrooms available for home group sessions. Lunches will be provided on site each day on campus.

FINAL DAY - Monday, JULY 11

Prior to leaving the Chateau Nova for your last half day of class, participants can request a 12:15pm check-out from the hotel or check out early in the morning and place luggage in hotel storage until lunch. A bagged lunch and beverage will be provided to each participant at noon. **Participants are responsible for arranging their own travel from Yellowknife.**

When you pack your bags...

Once you arrive and get settled in Yellowknife, we suggest you organize a smaller bag/backpack that you can bring each day for our three camp days. This will ensure you have a way of carrying all the items you may need for each day



For Camp Days :

Pack a small bag or backpack with the necessary belongings you will require for your day trips to camp.

It is recommended that this bag be packed the night before and ready for the morning of July 1, 2022.



For Yellowknife:

Rooms at the Chateau Nova Hotel will be assigned to participants from July 1 to the morning of July 11, based on single occupancy for travellers. All your luggage will remain in your hotel room for the 10 days of stay for the ELP.

An 11th night of stay can be arranged for those that have no available flight on that day, if returning to your home community in the NWT.

Recommended items to pack for Camp Days:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hat | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seasonal jacket | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comfortable outdoor clothing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water bottle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking boots or running shoes (closed-toed shoes) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bug repellent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any necessary medications | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rain gear | | |

Optional items for ELP Camp Days:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bug jacket | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fishing equipment (rod and tackle, if near water and you have a valid NWT fishing licence) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimsuit and towel if you are an adventuresome swimmer | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses | |

Packing items for Yellowknife:

- All personal toiletries
- Water bottle (bring to classroom days as well)
- Any necessary medications (place in your carry-on bag if you are flying)

What to Expect at Camp



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When the camp location is confirmed, ECE will send out detailed information about the location and the particular features of the camp. We will be sure to include some photos.

General Camp Objectives

Objectives for our ELP camp days together involve:

- Learning about our surroundings (orientation and understanding the importance of place);
- Beginning to learn about protocols of the region/area;
- Getting to know each other (renew and begin to build new collegial relationships);
- Understanding the components and expectations of the ELP program;
- Allowing participants to reflect on their own educational experiences, values and beliefs and to recognize that they bring these with them in their teaching and work in NWT education leadership;
- Understanding that community members have valid, important and sometimes different experiences, beliefs and values that are of importance and worthy in NWT education;
- Sharing meals/eating together;
- Understanding why community connections and input are always necessary and valued;
- Experiencing hands-on cultural activities together;
- Learning more about the culture and language of the Indigenous of the people of the Yellowknife area;
- Understanding the responsibilities and challenges of stewardship of a community school;
- Understanding the importance of school-community partnerships;
- Reflecting on school-community connectedness;

- Discussing and identifying areas where stronger community links can be formed by school leaders;
- Reflecting on how our own identity affects how we teach and lead; and
- Reflecting on your three days surrounded by beautiful land, water and people.

Safety

Remember that we will be sharing the land around the camp with wildlife and need to be respectful of their home. While we cannot guarantee that we will not encounter animals, we can take precautions to ensure that we limit the chance of any encounter, and that we all remain safe while inside and outside of the camp buildings. Hired and trained camp personnel will have access to bear spray and a firearm for wildlife protection. Once the camp location has been confirmed, ECE will share whether cell phone service is available in the area. If cell service is unreliable, the organizing team will ensure a satellite phone is on site.

Please read and adhere to the following camp safety information:



BEARS

- Although it is rare, there are bear sightings within 30 km of Yellowknife. Our camp will be equipped with bear spray should a bear approach camp. There will be a camp staff person on site that is qualified and trained to handle a firearm.



CAMP EQUIPMENT

- Camp equipment can be dangerous to the operator or damaged if used by someone not experienced. There may be equipment at the camp areas such as chainsaws, axes, and boat motors. Please, do not handle any of the camp equipment.



EXPLORING

- We want people to enjoy their time at camp. We want participants to make good use of free time, but we also want people to be safe. If you decide to explore the landscape, travel in pairs, do not leave the camp unless you have notified ELP staff that you are leaving, where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Maps and walkie-talkies will be available at the camp for participants to use.



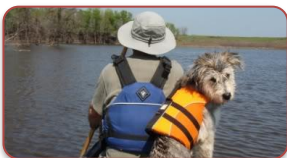
FIRST AID

- Participants with first aid training are asked to identify themselves as first aiders. Both staff and participants with current first aid training will be identified to the group.
- First aid kits will be available at the camp and must accompany any activities that take place outside of the camp.



SATELLITE PHONE

- There will be a satellite phone available at camp if cell service is unreliable in the area.



LIFE JACKETS

- If any type of boating becomes a part of the activities during the three days at camp, each participant will require the use of a life jacket. The ELP team will ensure that there is one adjustable life jacket for each boat passenger, if watercraft are available.

Meals

GNWT and NWTTA members who travel to Yellowknife to attend the ELP will use a claim form for the meals not provided by the program including:

July 1 (only if travelling to YK)	\$100 (no meals provided)
July 2-10 (only if travelled to YK)	\$55 (lunch and AM/PM refreshment breaks provided)
July 11 (only if travelling)	\$100 (no meals provided - inside NWT, \$75, if headed outside NWT)

All lunches and morning/afternoon nutrition breaks will be provided by the ELP program on site, whether at camp or during classroom days.

YCS/YK1 participants will have all lunches and morning/afternoon nutrition breaks provided by the ELP program as well. There will not be any breakfast or supper claim process for YK1/YCS participants as it is expected that they will be accommodated at home and not on duty travel.

Education Leadership Program Costs

The cost for the ELP program (excluding travel) is as follows for each participant:

- Course Fee: \$800

Payment of ELP Fee:

GNWT NWTTA Members:

- ECE will invoice directly to the NWTTA professional development office for this amount.

YCS & YK1 NWTTA Members:

- Consult your Superintendent to determine if any ELP costs can be paid by your employer; if not, inquire whether you have professional development funds available.
- ECE will invoice directly to your district office if funding amounts are available.

Other costs (travel costs, accommodations while en route and any other eligible costs):

GNWT NWTTA Members:

- The NWTTA will distribute a claim form in early June. You can submit your travel costs to get to Yellowknife and other eligible costs to the NWTTA office.

YCS & YK1 NWTTA Members:

- Receipts for eligible costs must be submitted to the YCS or YK1 office upon completion of the ELP (if you have been approved for funds to attend the ELP).

Hotel costs in Yellowknife

Room and taxes for hotel accommodations at the Chateau Nova Hotel will be direct billed on behalf of approved ELP participants. Participants will not be asked to pay for these costs.

Reimbursements

Reimbursement opportunities are available for ELP participants who are NWTTA members; however, each collective agreement outlines different entitlements. Review your entitlements.

GNWT NWTTA Members:

Contact Adrien Amirault at the NWTTA for information about professional development funding to attend the ELP ph. 1-867-873-8501 or pd@nwtta.nt.ca. Fax - 867-873-2366)

Submit ELP reimbursement forms with eligible receipts directly to Adrien Amirault at the NWTTA via email, fax or mail during or after ELP completion.

YCS & YK1 NWTTA Members:

Contact your YK1 or YCS district office to request/apply for ELP funding or to access your professional development funding.

Submit all eligible receipts directly to your respective district offices to recover ELP funding or your professional development funding for any eligible costs.

Contacts:

Any questions regarding ELP attendance, programming or logistics can be directed to:

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Useful Airline Links:

Canadian North	https://canadiannorth.com
Aklak Air	http://aklakair.ca
North-Wright Airways	https://north-wrightairways.com
Air North	https://www.flyairnorth.com (YK to Ottawa, Ottawa to YK – June, July and August only)
Westjet	https://www.westjet.com
Northwestern Air Lease	https://nwal.ca
Air Canada	https://www.aircanada.com
Air Tindi	https://www.airtindi.com