



# ASSOCIATION OF YUKON SCHOOL COUNCILS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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## MARCH 2011 NEWSLETTER

### CREATING A POSITIVE CLIMATE IN OUR SCHOOLS

The countdown is on to the Spring School Councils' Conference, **April 14-16<sup>th</sup>** and we look forward to seeing MANY of you there!!

The importance of School Climate, Student Connectedness and Success are the major focus of this event! We look forward to learning with all of you and our special guests **Timi Tullis** and **Lori Klein** from **Juneau, Alaska** who work with the *Association of Alaska School Boards* and the Alaska Initiative for Community Engagement.

Check out <http://www.ayscbc.org/semi-annual-school-councils-conference.html> for more important information about the conference and registration forms.

Make sure your School Council/Board has representatives in attendance.

You are also invited to share this information with others in your school community who have an interest in Yukon education.

### NEW HORIZONS SUMMIT

Yukon College, Yukon Education and Council of Yukon First Nations will be hosting a New Horizons Summit. **on** Monday through Wednesday, April 11th -13th, 2011at Yukon College, Ayamdigut Campus (Whitehorse)

Information:

[http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/psb/new\\_horizons.html](http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/psb/new_horizons.html)

**The AYSCBC Annual General Meeting will take place on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm at the Westmark Whitehorse** (right after conference proceedings that day, same venue) All are welcome.

**Following the AGM, there will be a dinner for AYSCBC Members and our special guests Timi and Lori from Alaska**, hosted by the Association!

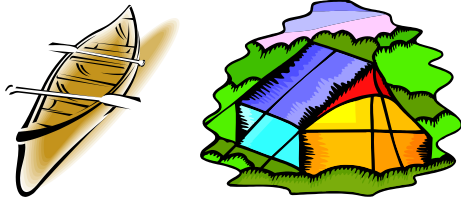
**Please RSVP** if you would like to attend the dinner...to Carol at [exec.director@ayscbc.org](mailto:exec.director@ayscbc.org)

### **IMPORTANT Reminder:**

**The Department of Education provides funding for accommodation and travel expenses for one delegate per rural School Council to attend the conference.**

**Rural School Councils who are AYSCBC members are eligible to apply for funding support from the Association. This can help offset the costs for any of their School Council members to attend School Council Conferences, providing said School Council members are not receiving financial travel assistance from another source.**

**AYSCBC funding assistance is set at \$150 per full day of conference (Friday and/or Saturday) attended to a maximum of \$300 per person per conference. Forms will be available at the conference. Cheques are made payable to the appropriate School Council.**



**Do you know some young people who are interested in strengthening their outdoor skills?**

**Take Advantage of the NOLS Local Scholarship Program!**

The National Outdoor Leadership School, is a non-profit organization that offers expeditions teaching leadership, wilderness skills, technical travel skills, and environmental studies.

Available this 2011 summer:

1) 2 x **\$3000 scholarships** to Yukoners under 30 years of age toward one of the following courses:

- 30-day Backpacking
- 30-day Backpacking and Canoeing
- 30-day Outdoor Educator Backpacking and Canoeing

For descriptions go to: [www.nols.edu/courses/locations/yukon/](http://www.nols.edu/courses/locations/yukon/)

2) numerous **\$500 and \$1000 Scholarships** (potential for more depending on funding) toward:

- 21-day Yukon Youth Wilderness Leadership Summer Camp (ages 14-18)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE APRIL 15TH**

E-mail [yukon@nols.edu](mailto:yukon@nols.edu), or contact BYTE: [info@yukonyouth.com](mailto:info@yukonyouth.com) or the Boys and Girls Club of Whitehorse: [daveblotner@gmail.com](mailto:daveblotner@gmail.com) for information and application forms.

**SCHOOL COUNCILS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF AYSCBC**

(as of March 2011):

- Del Van Gorder School Council
- Robert Service School Council
- Eliza Van Bibber School Council
- Ross River School Council
- F.H. Collins Secondary School Council
- Selkirk Elementary School Council
- Ghuch Tla Community School Council
- St. Elias Community School Council
- Grey Mountain Primary School Council
- Takhini School Council
- Hidden Valley Elementary School Council
- Tantalus School Council
- J. V. Clark School Council
- Teslin School Council
- Porter Creek Secondary School Council
- Watson Lake School Council

*To find out more about becoming a member Council of AYSCBC, contact Carol. Your support helps us provide support to you and the work that you do in your communities.*

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