



Home of the Denduu Gwich'in

Birch Creek Tribal Council

Tribal Newsletter

Spring/Summer 2015

Greetings

Hello, I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and good spirits. This is the tribe's first newsletter in a long time. One of our goals for this year was to improve communications to Denduu tribal members. A part of this effort is making sure that we have updated contact information; to update your contact information, please contact Nadine at the tribal office. Also, coming soon is a new Birch Creek Tribal Council website where you can find general information, applications and forms, and news and updates. In addition, if you have any events, news, tribal member recognition or photos that you would like us to share in the newsletter and website, please send them to the council. Another thing the council would like to do this year is to host a long-term community planning session for the tribe and community of Birch Creek. The purpose of the planning session would be to set long-term goals and objectives for the tribe, and to identify needs and priorities. This will take place in Birch Creek with more information to follow as we plan. I look forward to hearing from tribal members on what their vision for the future is and their suggestions on how we can improve. Enjoy your summer and please be safe.

-Nadine Carroll

Council Members

1st Chief- Jacqueline Baalam

2nd Chief- Oskar James

Secretary/treasurer- Lawrence James

Member- Mary "Yessie" James

Member- Angelica Baalam

Tribe Employees

Tribal Administrator- Nadine Carroll

Tribal Family Youth Specialist-

Jacqueline Baalam

ASAP Workers- Vennessa Joseph,
Winston James Jr.

Generator Maintenance- Victor James

Airport Maintenance- Vincent Williams

Accounting Services- Arctic Resource Group, Heather Heineken

Tribal News

Birch Creek Water System

The water system in Birch Creek is now up and running. Birch Creek finally has safe, drinkable water available for its residents. We would like to thank the following individuals for repairing our water system; Jon Defendoch of Campwater Industries, Fred Kameroff and Racheal Lee of TCC, and also to Victor James and Vincent Williams of Birch Creek for assisting.

Electricity

The new generators are still being worked on with help from Jeff Green of Apex industries. Please be patient with the system, as we hope to have it operating correctly soon. Also, residents are encouraged to be mindful of their electric consumption and eliminate unneeded usage. The cost of running the electric system puts a huge burden on tribal funds. As of now we have not resolved the client billing problem, but hope to in the future.

Client Services

The tribe offers the following client services to tribal members on a limited basis and subject to program policies. Contact the tribal office for detailed policies and applications.

Medical Assistance

Medical assistance is offered to tribal members in different areas such as emergency, vision, and dental. Emergency medical assistance will help tribal members with emergency travel and other areas that are not covered by Contact Health or Medicaid. Vision will assist tribal members with vision related expenses dependent on need. Dental will assist, up to a certain amount, with services that are not covered by IHS. All programs and assistance are dependent on program funds available and number of applicants. Preference will be given to elders and youth.



Employment & Education

Training Opportunities

- Doyon Drilling Roustabout Training
 - Deadline **June 26th**
 - If you want to apply and would like assistance contact Nadine.

Employment

- No positions open at the council

Job Placement and Training

Currently administrated by TCC and includes funding for tools, training, airfare, room/board, and work clothing needed to enter the workforce. Contact TCC Education and Training Department at 1-800-478-6822 ext. 3199.

Education

Higher education, adult vocational training, and adult basic education programs are all administrated through TCC. Applications and information available on the TCC website or by calling them at ext. 3032.

****If you need immediate, emergency assistance with the above items, contact the Birch Creek Tribal Council office.***

Upcoming Events

June

July

July 6th – TCC Centennial Anniversary Celebration
Fairbanks, AK

July 12th-18th & 19th-25th Camp Naashii Youth Camp
Yukon River, AK Middle school & High school students, yukonflatcamp.org

DRAWING CONTEST!

Drawing contest for all tribal members and children of tribal members ages 5-12! The theme of the contest is “healthy culture, healthy lifestyle”. Mail or deliver entries to 3202 Shell Street, Fairbanks AK 99701. Include contact info, name, age, and parent(s) names. Deadline is July 30th, 2015. One grand prize winner will receive a Wii console, Wii Fit Plus, and a Zumba game.

Grand prize winners will receive all of the contents pictured



2015 Salmon Outlook

2015 Run and Harvest Outlook for Yukon River Salmon				
	Chinook	Summer Chum	Fall Chum	Coho
Projection:	Poor	Average to above average	Average to above average	Average to below average
Escapement:	Potential to meet most goals	Expect to meet goals	Expect to meet goals	Expect to meet goals
Subsistence:	Fishery restrictions necessary	Expect to provide for normal harvest	Expect to provide for normal harvest	Expect to provide for normal harvest
Commercial:	No fishery anticipated	800,000 to 1,400,000 Potentially available for harvest	250,000 to 470,000 Potentially available for harvest	60,000 to 80,000 Potentially available for harvest

Are you Interested in Being a Community Planning Specialist in Birch Creek?

\$20/ an hour for a total of 400 hours
Oct. 2015- Feb. 2016

Applicant must reside in the village, have a high school diploma or GED, and meet basic requirements. For more information contact Nadine.

APPLICATIONS DUE JULY 24, 2015

The tribal office will have to apply to TCC for this program and compete with other tribes. This position may or may not be selected for funding. If there is interest from individuals Birch Creek will apply.

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