



# Yuut Elitnaurviat

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## YUUT DRIVING ACADEMY AND TAAV EMPOWERING TEENS

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This past fall, Yuut Elitnaurviat and the Tundra Women's Coalition (TWC) worked together to help teens attain either their Alaska Driver License or Learners Permit through the Yuut Driving Academy and Teens Acting Against Violence (TAAV) programs.

TAAV is a teen program on violence prevention and youth empowerment. The Yuut Driving Academy is Western Alaska's only State-Certified Driving School and recently received its certification as a Third Party CDL

testing site in December.

The Yuut Driving Academy's Permit Class trains the students to pass the DMV Knowledge Test, and is offered to the public once a month. Lena Morris of TAAV successfully completed the

Permit Class and has received her Alaska Learners Permit.

The Driving Academy program is up to sixteen hours of instruction, and is half the cost of a similar program in Anchorage. Angyla Green and sisters Yvonne and Staci Aloralrea of TAAV all completed the program, earning them their Alaska Driver's Licenses.

Anyone from the community interested in these programs should contact Gerry Graves at (907) 543-0978 or (907) 545-5300.



**Above:** TAAV participants posing for a picture with Driving Instructor Gerry Graves.

## YUUT ELITNAURVIAT CAREER GUIDES TRAVEL TO VILLAGES



**Above:** Career Guide Orrie Reich and students in Crooked Creek.

Horse power is not a new thing on the tundra. What is new is the number of villages which have members with Rural Drivers Licenses!

Yuut Elitnaurviat feels good about supporting this effort

with their presentations on Employability Skills, Career and Occupation Awareness, Regional Trainings, and Driver Education. Career Guides have been traveling to villages recently offering the presentations along with the DMV Knowledge test.

An important step to empowerment is certified skills. Passing the DMV Knowledge Test can get

you a Rural Driver License, which is equivalent to an Instructional Permit in Bethel, and is the first step in obtaining a full State of Alaska Driver License.

Possessing a Driver License shows employers that you are dedicated enough to earn a credential, and also makes you more valuable to the employer.

Traditional Councils, City Management teams, and

Yuut Elitnaurviat Career Guides have pooled their efforts in this important step to assist local residents in their employment quest.

We salute this effort!

- The Yuut Career Guides

**Below:** Students taking the DMV Knowledge test in Platinum, AK.



SPRING 2012 ANSEP COMPUTER BUILD A BIG HIT



Above: Interspersing loading software with eating pizza, students in the Spring 2012 ANSEP Computer Build work on constructing the computers that they get to keep if they complete the entire program.

The spring 2012 ANSEP computer build was a success! 17 students from various villages and Bethel Regional High School came to Yuut Elitnaurviat to learn how to build a working computer from the ground up.

The students were given lessons on all of the components needed to get their computer up and running. From the power supplies to the installation of the CPU onto the motherboards, they gained a basic understanding of

how each part works along with the correct installation procedures.

The class also taught the students how to install all the software necessary to insure proper communication between the computer programs and the installed hardware.

After the kids finished all the software installs they were introduced to computer programs which give the students an idea of some of the software suites used in today's engineering environments.

All in all this build was a complete success. All computers are up and running, giving these students the tools to compete in an increasingly competitive environment.

- Brock Hampton, College Readiness Coordinator



Above: Students work to assemble their computers.

ABE FACILITATORS NOW IN TEN ALASKAN VILLAGES

Thanks to a three year 1.3 million dollar Alaska Native Education Grant which was awarded to Yuut Elitnaurviat this fall, ten Yukon-Kuskokwim villages will now have Adult Basic Education facilitators in them.



Above: Kwethluk ABE Facilitator Ashley Wiora.

The sites that now have ABE facilitators are: Akia-

chak, Bethel Tundra Center, Chevak, Emmonak, Hooper Bay, Kasigluk, Kwethluk, Napakiak, Quinhagak, Toksook Bay, and Tuntutuliak.

Starting in January, the ABE classes in the village sites will also begin participating in distance delivered Math classes from a math teacher in Anchorage.

Says ABE Instructor Betsy Taguchi: "[The Math classes] are very cool, well liked by all the students, and also by the teachers who love having a real pro

teach math to their students! She also provides the material, which is excellent".

In addition to having facilitators in the villages, the ABE center at Yuut Elitnaurviat will be open again starting January 11th, 2012 and already has had nineteen people graduate with their GEDs.

- ABE Staff

Below: The newly hired ABE facilitators come to Bethel to see Yuut Elitnaurviat, meet the Bethel ABE staff, get some training, and eat some great food at the Yuut Elitnaurviat cafeteria.



**NEW GROUP OF CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE CERTIFICATE STUDENTS BEGIN TAKING CLASSES**



**Above:** Students in Electrical Level 1 practicing wall socket installation under the supervision of Instructor Steve Reale.

The Fall semester of construction classes in Yuut Elitnaurviat's Certificate in Construction and Maintenance program have begun.

For a small program fee students are taught, fed, and sometimes housed at Yuut Elitnaurviat for ten to twenty day intensive trainings in National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) certified courses. Many of the classes also earn the students college credit through the University of Alaska.

This semester, students learned about basic construction skills, construction math and workplace safety in the Construction Core class. They then went on to take Residential Carpentry 1, Residential Plumbing 1, Residential Electrical 1, and a hands-on class dealing with Boilers, Burners, and Residential Oil Heaters.

A new cohort of program participants will be starting January 17th, 2012 with Construction Core, and in addition to taking the afore-

mentioned classes, will be joined by the Fall cohort in Feb. and May 2012 for a State Boiler Prep class and a Residential Carpentry 2 class.

- Annie Pavilla, Apprenticeship and Programs Coordinator



**Above:** Carpentry Level 1 students putting up exterior walls.

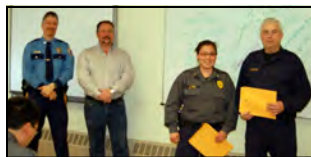
**YUUT ELITNAURVIAT MAKING THE YK DELTA SAFER**

It was a big quarter for the Yuut Elitnaurviat Public Safety Program. In October, thirty-one trainees attended Village Police Officer (VPO)/Tribal Police Officer (TPO) Training #23. Students learned 1st Aid/CPR, Defensive Tactics, Ethics, Use of Force, and Fire Response, just to name a few of the subjects.

Just a week later, AVCP held it's regional Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) training for twenty-eight VPSO's who came in from villages around the

YK Delta. The regional training involved included classes on Critical Incident Stress Debriefing, Defensive Tactics, Probation and Parole, Computer Skills, Juvenile Procedures, and other topics.

Finally, to round out the hectic month of Public Safety Trainings, VPO/TPO Advanced Academy #5



**Above:** Jessica Paul of Mekoryuk graduating from VPO/TPO Advanced Academy #5

was held from the end of October until the beginning of November. Nineteen officers from around the region were picked to fly into Bethel and receive training in CSI, Defensive Tactics, Search Warrants, and other subjects.

Parts of the VPO/TPO Advanced Academy were filmed by a crew from the TV show *Alaska State Troopers* and scenes from the training should be on television later this year.

- Jeremy Osborne, Director of Programs

**Below:** The graduating class of VPO/TPO Training #23 poses for a picture with Public Safety Commissioner Joe Masters and former Alaska Attorney General John J. Burns.



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## Yuut Elitnaurviat - The People's Learning Center

### YEAR FOUR DHAT STUDENTS GRADUATE

The Dental Health Aide Therapy class of 2011 celebrated at a graduation ceremony in Anchorage on Friday, December 9, 2011 at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium office building.



**Above:** The four graduates from left to right: Trisha Patton of Napakiak, Jana Schuerch of Kiana, Kate Kohl of Bethel, and Shannon Hardy of Fort Yukon.

The Dental Health Aide Therapy training program is transitioning to a new academic class schedule: July to June instead of January to December. Due to this change, there will be a limited number of dental appointments available between January 2012 and June 2012 at the Yuut Elitnaurviat Dental Training Clinic (YEDTC).

Patients who have been treated at the YEDTC previously can call 907-543-0987 to schedule dental appointments during this time frame. If you are

unable to schedule an appointment at the YEDTC and need dental care please call the front desk at YKHC Dental (907-543-6229) or another dental office of your choice.

Thank you for your continued support of the Dental Health Aide Therapy program and best wishes for a Happy New Year!

-DHAT Program

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Yuut Elitnaurviat is a 501(c)(3) Corporation dedicated to providing training and education opportunities for the people of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Region. Yuut offers culturally relevant and regionally responsive training programs, in response to the suffering regional economy and high unemployment rate.

Building programs that combine intensive academics and on-the-job training, Yuut is the first regional vocational center to grace the tundra of Western Alaska.