



Yuut Elitnaurviat

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A Return to Normalcy Jeremy Osborne, Director of Programs

Yuut Elitnaurviat became a legal entity on July 1, 2002. For the last year we have celebrated reaching the milestone of our tenth anniversary with the logo pictured to the right. That year is over, and we will be returning to the original Yuut Elitnaurviat logo that so many know and love so well. The past decade has been amazing, and 2013 is all set to bring new changes as the new Yukon Dormitory comes on line, we develop our Commercial Driver License training program, and we continue working with our partner organizations to bring new training opportunities to the people of the YK Delta region.



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Above: Even though it was late this year, the river finally broke up! Good luck with all subsistence activities this summer!



Above: The Welding Fabrication Students stand in front of the newly painted trailers. From left to right: Shaun Agwiak of Eek; John White of Eek; Harry Wassilie of Wasilla; Jonathan Chase of Tuntutuliak; Wilson John of Eek; and Wayne Brown of Eek. Not pictured due to an earlier flight is Leo Ayuluk of Chevak.

YE/AVCP Welding Fabrication Yuut Elitnaurviat Communications Staff

In partnership with AVCP Transportation, Yuut Elitnaurviat built on the success of the Structural Welding Training which was completed in March. Seven students returned to Bethel for a ten day intensive in Welding Fabrication. The students worked long hours to fabricate four custom trailers which will be used on the Eek Community Boardwalk project scheduled for Summer 2013. Thanks to the hard work of the students, and the support of

AVCP Transportation, there will be seven local welders ready to go to work in their home communities and get the boardwalk project underway this summer.



Above: The four student-built trailers ready to be barged out to Eek.



Time to Shift Gears Gerry Graves, Driving Instructor

The Yuut Driving Academy is in a transitional period as we are move towards launching our new Commercial Driver License (CDL) Academy. Those with a desire for a successful future in the trucking industry will be able to train for a Class A CDL right here in Bethel. The pricing will be comparable to similar classes in Anchorage, but the training will be located in the YK Delta. The Yuut Driving Academy is currently accepting applications, and the first class is scheduled to take place after the 4th of July.

Qualified individuals must have possessed a Class D license for a minimum of one year, have no DUI's or DWI's, be at least 19 years of age for intrastate license and 21 for interstate licensing. Prior to being admitted for enrollment, an applicant must complete a DOT (Department of Transportation) Physical and DOT drug screen as well as obtain a Class A instruction permit. Class sizes will be limited in size to ensure a high quality of instruction and a higher degree of one on one instruction between student and the instructor.

For more information and an application, contact Gerry Graves at 907-543-0978 or ggraves@yuut.org or you can visit our website at www.yuut.org



Left: The Yuut Driving Academy has a new Class A vehicle thanks to a grant from the Alaska Workforce Investment Board. The vehicle will be available for CDL training and Road Tests.

Right: Students in the Alaska Youth Academy Law Enforcement Summer Camp learn firefighting techniques.



Left: VPO/TPO Academy #26 teaches Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) as well as proper incident response procedures.

Making the Delta Safer Yuut Elitnaurviat Communications Staff

This quarter was a busy one for the Yuut Elitnaurviat Public Safety department. Village Police Officer/Tribal Police Officer (VPO/TPO) Academy #26 took place with thirty-two officers participating. The state also held a portion of its Rural Law Enforcement Survival Training at Yuut Elitnaurviat

with fifteen officers attending. Lastly, two sessions of the Alaska Youth Academy Summer Camp were held in Bethel and Hooper Bay. The camps are a partnership between AVCP TANF, Yuut Elitnaurviat, the US Marshals, and the Alaska Department of Public Safety represented by the Alaska State Troopers.



Above: Students at the Alaska Youth Academy Law Enforcement Summer Camp learned how to administer CPR and earned their First Aid/CPR cards.

The Career Guide News

Nick Kwiek, Career Guide

In April and May Career Guides Nick Kwiek and Eric Castellano traveled to Kotlik, Emmonak, Marshall, Napakiak, Kalskag, Aniak, and Alakanuk. In these villages they offered career guidance and the Driver Permit class in the schools. The class was very popular and successful, with some villages having over 90% of the participants passing.

In Aniak Eric and Nick offered the class over video teleconference (VTC). Students in Chuathbaluk, Crooked Creek, and Sleetmute participated along with the students in Aniak. The delivery was successful: the class went flawlessly and most of the remote students passed the test.

There are a lot of high-paying jobs available in the YK Delta this summer. Many of them require only an high school diploma or equivalent and a Driver License. The Career Guide Office is open Monday through Friday 9AM - 3PM and by appointment. Come in and a Career Guide will help you to create a resume, apply for job, practice interview skills, or find training opportunities and scholarships. You can always contact Nick at nkwiek@yuut.org or (907)543-0993.



Left: Kotlik, Alaska in mid-April, 2013. The Career Guides travel to as many villages in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta as they can to deliver Career Guide services and the Driver Permit class.

Right: Students from the Driver Permit class in Kotlik, Alaska taking practice tests in preparation for the state exam.



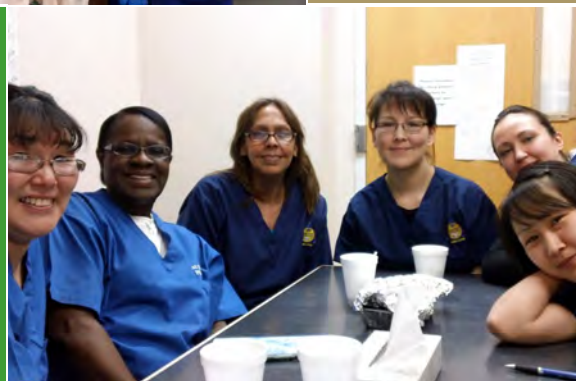
Left: Instructor Marcia Wall of AVTEC consults with student Debbie Rushing as part of her CNA training.

100% CNA Passing Rate

Charlotte Gruber, Apprenticeship and Programs Coord.

After completing the full CNA class at Yuut Elitnaviat in the spring, Cheryl Miller, Tiffany Beaver, Debbie Rushing, and Alice Tobeluk-Kiunya took the Alaska Board of Nursing exam to become Certified Nurse Aides (CNAs). The exam is made up of both a written portion and a proctored skills demonstration. The students

had to demonstrate proficiency in procedures such as how to take blood pressure, and how to lift a patient onto a bed safely. All four of the students passed the exam, and will be eligible to work as CNA's at the hospital or new assisted living facility. These jobs keep our elders safe, healthy, and in our communities.



Above: All the students who took the State of Alaska Certified Nurses's Aide Exam in May, 2013 passed the proctored examination and have become Certified Nurse's Aides!

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**Open to see what's been
going on at Yuut Elitnaurviat!**

Preparing Local Workers for Local High-Wage Jobs

One Hundred And Ten Graduates! *Nick Kwiek, Career Guide/ABE Facilitator*

The ABE Center had a record number of GED graduates this year with 110 people graduating.

GED Graduation was held at the Yupiit Piciryarait Cultural Center on May 7, 2013. Around 55 graduates from Bethel and the villages of the YK Delta participated in the ceremony. Speakers included graduates Keane Guest of Bethel and Christine Evans of Kwethluk. The featured speaker was entrepreneur and GED alumnus Abraham David of Mekoryuk, whose son Jonathan was also one of the graduates.

After the ceremony, graduates and guests enjoyed a brief reception. Staff and students reconnected and celebrated the accomplishments of the year. Many of this year's graduates have already found success in the workforce with their new credential and at least one is on his way to college in the fall.

The ABE Center is closed for the summer. It will reopen September 3, 2013. The staff is looking forward to an exciting fall as we approach the January 1, 2014 overhaul of GED testing.

Below: This year 110 students received their GED through the Adult Basic Education program which is a partnership between Yuut Elitnaurviat and the Kuskokwim Campus of the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Pictured below are some of the many recipients at the graduation ceremony which was held at the Yupiit Piciryarait Cultural Center in Bethel.

