



Yuut Elitnaurviat

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An aerial photo of the Yuut Elitnaurviat Campus and the new Yukon Dormitory taken August 29, 2013

THE YUKON DORMITORY

Since the opening of our main building in 2009, Yuut Elitnaurviat (YE) has seen a steady increase in the number of people we serve each year. Many of the services/trainings that are offered at YE require participants to travel from the villages and stay at our campus in Bethel. Often we would have classrooms open, but we couldn't schedule additional classes because we didn't have anywhere to house additional students.

In 2010, The YE Board of Directors made additional dormitory space a priority for administration to pursue. With support from Senator Hoffman, Representative Herron, Donlin Gold, the Rasmuson Foundation, and the Alaska Departments of Public Safety and Education, we were able to secure a \$4.7 Million grant to build our new 68-bed Yukon Dormitory.

- Kurt Kuhne
Executive Director

NEW FACES IN YUUT ELITNAURVIAT PROGRAMS

The Career Guide department has two new Career Guides who will be travelling around the YK Delta this year. **Ben Eisen** and **Nicholas Najar** will be offering career guidance both in Bethel and the villages, and will be aiding the Driver Education program by delivering the DMV's Written Test in rural areas. Ben can be reached at **(907) 543-0993** or via email at **beisen@yuut.org**. Nicholas can be reached at **(907) 543-0997** or via email at **nnajar@yuut.org**.

Seth O'Brien will be filling the role of the STEM Ready Residence Life Coordinator for the STEM Ready partnership between the Lower Kuskokwim School District (LKSD) and Yuut Elitnaurviat. The STEM Ready Program (formerly RANSEP) is in its third year and allows village students the opportunity to take math and science classes at BRHS some village schools do not have the capacity to deliver. A big welcome to our new programs staff!



From Left to Right: STEM Ready Residence Life Coordinator Seth O'Brien, Career Guide Nicholas Najar and Career Guide Ben Eisen



Fall 2013 Upcoming Training Opportunities

Call (907) 543-0999 or go to www.yuut.org for more information

VPO/TPO Academy #27

Village Police Officer (VPO)/Tribal Police Officer (TPO) Academy #27 will be held from September 29th to October 11th, 2013 at the Yuut Elitnaurviat Facility in Bethel. Applicants must be a minimum of nineteen (19) years old, must be able to pass a limited background check, and must not be on probation.



Electrical Fixtures Training

Thanks to a grant from the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB), Yuut Elitnaurviat will be holding a Energy Efficiency and Alternative Energy Retrofit Training from October 14th to October 22nd, 2013. at the Yuut Elitnaurviat Facility in Bethel. Applicants need to have a GED or HS Diploma and previous trades experience.



October CNA Training

The October session of the joint YE/YKHC/KuC Certified Nurse's Aide (CNA) trainings will take place from October 7th to November 1st, 2013. Applicants must have a GED or HS Diploma, pass a background check, pay a \$75 course fee, complete an application, provide two fingerprint cards from YKHC HR, and be current on their immunizations.



CDL Training

The Yuut Driving Academy will be delivering a full six week Commercial Driver License (CDL) Training program starting September 30, 2013. The class will follow the nationally recognized PTDI curriculum, and is being offered at a bargain price of 75% below the cost of a nearly identical program in Palmer, AK! Interested parties should call (907) 543-0978 for details and requirements.





This has been the smoothest construction project we have done to date. We would work with the Bethel Services team again in a heartbeat.

*- Tiffany Tony
Director of Operations*

The Fastest Construction project EVER!!

Although the twelve modules which make up the Yukon Dormitory were constructed during the Winter of 2012 and shipped to Bethel in the Spring of 2013, the total time of construction from when the modules landed in Bethel to completion was only twelve weeks!

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Four Changes to GED Testing

1) The current GED test series will be retired in 2014. Anyone who has GED tested since 2002, and not finished, must complete testing before January 1, 2014. Incomplete examinees will lose the tests they've taken and will have to start over.

2) The new GED tests will be more difficult and based on revised national standards called the Common Core State Standards. The standards require high school students, whether in a K-12 setting, or earning a diploma by examination through the GED program, to perform at a higher level in all areas.

3) There will be a total shift from pen and paper testing to computer based testing only at secure test centers.

4) The GED test battery will cost around \$120.

If you have started on your GED test series, or



From Left to Right: Daniel Orlun, Sr.; Corretta Orlun who graduated with her GED in May, 2013; Tyrone Orlun; and Prudy Orlun.

want to try and pass the test before the changes happen you need to contact the Bethel ABE Center at **(907) 543-0950** or toll free at **(877) 543-9245** as soon as you can!