

# Äshèyi Gathering & Camp

## Purpose

- Revitalizing the connections between Äshèyi, people, and landscape through culture, ceremony, language and story;
- Supporting knowledge production and transfer across generations;
- Initiation of various community projects in Äshèyi.

## Who:

- CAFN (Citizens, Äshèyi Community Advisory Committee, Äshèyi Standing Committee, C&C)
- July 4<sup>th</sup>: Yukon Energy, Yukon Government, Federal Representatives

## When:

Camp: July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Äshèyi Gathering: July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## Where:

Äshèyi Män (Aishihik Lake), Yukon Territory

Äshèyi & Shäkāt Kų Camp Coordinates: 61°38'19.61"N, 137°29'31.90"W)

Signage will be placed along the Aishihik Road to guide participants to camp.

## Travel

### Driving

- Access via Aishihik road, approx. 244 km from Whitehorse and 150 km from Haines Junction
  - o Estimated travel time from Whitehorse: 4-6 hrs
- Expect remote road conditions; plan fuel, supplies, and travel time accordingly
- No cell service is available on the Aishihik Road

### Boat Shuttle – Gathering Day (July 4<sup>th</sup>)

Departure Point: 27 Mile/ Aishihik Lake Campground

Coordinates: 61°11'44.42"N, 136°59'49.28"W

- Weather dependent & limited seating. Priority may be given to Elders and essential guests
- Two morning shuttle runs from 8:30 am, and 10:30 am
- Return trips begin around 6:00 pm after dinner
- Access via Aishihik road to Aishihik Lake Campground, approx. 163 km from Whitehorse and 75 km from Haines Junction. Access via boat to Shäkāt Kų Camp, approx. 60 km
  - o Estimated travel time via road to departure point: 2.5 hrs
  - o Estimated travel time via boat to Shakat Ku camp: 1 hrs
- Vehicle shuttle from the lake to camp a vehicle

For more details and to reserve space please contact Zabrina Leslie

## Agenda

| Day 1<br>July 3<br>Friday        | Day 2<br>July 4<br>Saturday                                                                                                            | Day 3<br>July 5<br>Sunday            | Day 4<br>July 6<br>Monday         | Day 5<br>July 7<br>Tuesday        |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Travel                           | Breakfast @ 8:30                                                                                                                       |                                      |                                   |                                   |
|                                  | Beading Kits<br>Language Activity                                                                                                      | Beading Kits<br>Language Activity    | Beading Kits<br>Language Activity | Beading Kits<br>Language Activity |
|                                  | Set net in lake                                                                                                                        | Check Net/Process                    | Field Trip<br>- Carnation Point   | Camp Goodbyes                     |
|                                  | Begin Welcoming<br>Guests<br>Lake Boat Shuttle<br>Arrive                                                                               | Workshop                             |                                   | Camp Clean Up                     |
|                                  | Start community projects:<br>Painting welcome sign, hanging photo display                                                              |                                      |                                   |                                   |
| Lunch                            | Lunch @ 12:00                                                                                                                          | Lunch @ 12:00                        | Picnic Lunch                      | Packed Lunch                      |
| Camp set up                      | Äshèyi Gathering Presentations<br>- Margaret Workman Welcome Song<br>- Community Welcome<br>- Principals Address<br>- Äshèyi Agreement | Workshop                             | Field Trip<br>- Carnation Point   | Travel                            |
| Welcome song<br>Camp Orientation | Visit old spring water sites & current well<br>New Village<br>Old Village & Grave Site Visit                                           | Pull Net Process                     |                                   |                                   |
| Dinner @ 5:00                    |                                                                                                                                        |                                      |                                   |                                   |
| Campfire Talks/Kwändür           | Check net/Process<br>Lake Boat Shuttle<br>Return                                                                                       | Fishing in Boat<br>Games<br>Campfire | Campfire Talks                    |                                   |

\*\*Optional: Ongoing photo and video interviews with elders, youth and other participants throughout the camp