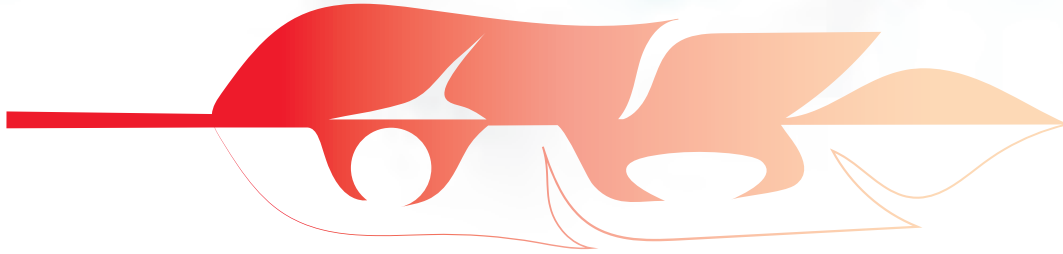


WELCOME

JULY 27-30, 2017 • TESLIN, YUKON



HAA KUSTEEYÍ

CELEBRATION 2017



PART OF THE LAND. PART OF THE WATER.



WELCOME



Teslin Tlingit Council is honoured to host the 5th bi-annual Haa Kusteeyí — Inland Tlingit Celebration here in our homeland on the shores of beautiful Teslin Lake. We welcome all our Tlingit relatives from Alaska, British Columbia and the Yukon along with visitors

from around the world. We warmly invite all our guests to enjoy our celebrations throughout the weekend.

Our Elders, Clan Leaders, Youth and Citizens look forward to sharing our inspiring Tlingit culture through dance performances, the Artists Market, traditional workshops, Kids Zone, canoe events and of course — amazing feasts each evening!

A variety of food services will be on offer each day. Camping facilities are available for visitors but campfires are not permitted owing to fire risk. We ask everyone to be very careful with cigarette butts, lighters and matches as well. Please also be aware of wild animals, which may be present in the area. Travel in groups of two or more, play safe around the water, and take good care of each other.

We thank everyone who helped to organize this wonderful event — the Haa Kusteeyí Committee, Teslin Tlingit Heritage Centre staff, all our amazing volunteers and everyone else who has contributed ideas, time and energy to making it a success.

Thank you for coming to join us in celebrating our enduring Tlingit culture.

Achéino

Chief Richard Sidney, Teslin Tlingit Council



On behalf of Carcross/Tagish First Nation I extend warm greetings to all our Tlingit Elders, Clan Leaders, relatives, and to all our visitors from around the world. We are happy to join with the Taku River Tlingit and Teslin Tlingit Council in presenting this wonderful program to celebrate

our Tlingit Culture. Thank you and looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Chief Andy Carvill

Carcross/Tagish First Nation



I am honoured and delighted to join all our relatives, friends and visitors from near and far in this exciting weekend of Tlingit celebrations. We treasure our dances, our Tlingit language, our Clan regalia and all our cultural practices. It is a real pleasure to have this opportunity

to share them with our Tlingit relatives and to keep the spirit of our culture vibrant and strong.

We thank the Teslin Tlingit Council for hosting us in their stunning Heritage Centre on the shores of beautiful Teslin Lake. It is the perfect setting for our celebrations, providing inspiration to our youth, our Elders and all our citizens.

Gunałchéesh to everyone who made this weekend possible. You have given us wonderful experiences to lift up our hearts and spirits for many years to come.

Ka Diek Na Aut

**Spokesperson Louise Gordon,
Taku River Tlingit First Nation, Atlin, B.C.**

Program photos: Alistair Maitland/Teslin Tlingit Council unless otherwise noted.



Haa Kusteeyí in the Tlingit language means “Our Culture” or literally, the “Tlingit Way”. “Part of the Land, Part of the Water” is a statement made by a respected Teslin Elder, Virginia Smarch, during the early days of land claims negotiations to describe our people.

As long as the Tlingit have lived on the shores of the big inland lakes, July has been a season of coming together and celebrating. A warm season where living for a short time was a little easier; a time to reconnect with family and friends, meet the new born, engage in courtships, tell stories and put the hardships of winter behind. A time to strengthen the ties of Tlingit Culture — Haa Kusteeyí.

Our goal is to welcome and bring together families, Elders, dance groups, artists, old friends and new to share Tlingit art and performances, along with the bounty and beauty of the land and the water in Teslin, Yukon.

This celebration is an alcohol and drug free event. There is a no tolerance policy and it will be enforced by security.

CELEBRATION INFORMATION

INFORMATION BOOTH

The information booth is located at the main entrance to the Teslin Tlingit Heritage Centre.

- » Register for workshops
- » Pick up a Welcome Program
- » Sign up to volunteer
- » Get questions answered

PHOTOGRAPHY AT THE CELEBRATION

Please ask the permission of the artist(s) before taking their photograph, and respect their wishes if they say no. Professional photographers planning to publish their images must obtain permission from the artists.

FOOD VENDORS

The Celebration will have various food vendors on site throughout the weekend. Food will be available from 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM each day. Stay for the feast starting at 5:00 PM Friday and Saturday, and 11:30 AM on Sunday. Enjoy the Feasts — they're free!

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

It's never too late to sign up! If you're interested, sign up at the information booth, you will receive a free Celebration t-shirt and join in the fun!



PROGRAM

DAILY PROGRAMMING



KIDS ZONE CRAFTS, ACTIVITIES & FACEPAINTING TENT

Thursday Facepainting

Friday & Saturday
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

A crafty and creative space for children to enjoy arts, crafts, facepainting, and storytelling.



ARTIST MARKET & FOOD VENDORS

Thursday
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Friday – Saturday
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Sunday
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM



CULTURAL DEMONSTRATIONS

Daily
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Various locations on-site

Participating artists & Elders will be working onsite throughout the week of Celebration developing and honing their skills. Moose tanning, fish smoking, soap berry ice cream making, Chilkat weaving, canoe rides, beading, cedar bark weaving, Tlingit language lessons, genealogy, hand games and more!

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

Friday & Saturday,
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Various locations on-site

- » **Mini Small Paddle Carving**
with Northern Cultural Expressions Society
- » **Smoking Salmon**
with Doug Smarch Jr.
- » **Raven's Tail Weaving**
with Lily Hope (\$100 fee)
- » **Northwest Coast Design and Painting**
with Blake Lepine

It's free! Onsite registration at the Information Booth.

Space is limited—first come first serve.

SALMON WELCOME CEREMONY & FILLETING CONTEST

Friday, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Lakefront

Hosted by Taku River Tlingit. A Beaver floatplane will fly in to the site to deliver hundreds of pounds of salmon fresh from the Taku River. People are invited to the Salmon Welcome Ceremony to help cut fish and enjoy the day preparing the salmon feast, plus the Salmon Filleting Contest.

DAŊ KWANJE 'Á-NÀÀN: VOICES ACROSS THE WATER

Saturday, 10:00 AM

Hosted by Yukon First Nations Culture and Tourism Association. Boat builders constructed a moose skin boat, a spruce dugout canoe, a birch bark canoe and a sealskin qayaq in Whitehorse during June. Now all four watercraft are coming to Teslin! Meet some of the boat builders and project organizers, hear stories about the incredible cultural exchanges during the project.

THE GREAT INLAND TLINGIT CANOE RACES

Saturday, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Lakefront

The canoe races are popular at every Celebration and will be staged again with canoe demonstrations and talks.

Race categories will include: Chiefs, Women, Men, and Mixed.



HIGHLIGHTS



FEATURED PRESENTATIONS



DIGAWOLF

This dynamic band from Yellowknife, Northwest Territories performs stirring lyrics in Tlicho and English together with rocking beats to transport you across northern landscapes and narratives for an unforgettable evening of traditional and contemporary sounds.

Family Concert: Thursday, 7:00 PM

Main Stage Performances: Friday & Saturday



GIT HAYETSK PEOPLE OF THE COPPER SHIELD

Led by Mike and Mique'l Dangeli from the Sm'algyak speaking nations of West Coast Alaska and British Columbia, this internationally acclaimed group of dancers, singers and drummers will thrill hearts and souls with their intricate masks and the ceremonial grandeur of the copper shield.

Feast Performances: Friday & Saturday evenings

Main Stage Performances: Friday & Saturday

CARE OF TRADITIONAL GARMENTS & FOOTWEAR

Get expert advice and hands-on tips for taking care of your treasured regalia, grad dresses, moccasins and mukluks! Supplies and instructions included for sewing soft mounts, garment bags and padded hangers. Bring your regalia and/or footwear for custom fittings. Presented by Cathy Ritchie, Val Monahan and Nyla Klugie-Migwans, Museums Unit, Yukon Tourism & Culture.

**Workshop: Thursday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM,
Friday, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

KEVIN J. MELLIS

PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGE ARTIST

presents the beauty of large format photography using film and albumen contact printing in a workshop studio on his current creative project connecting with Indigenous people through this unique portrait process.

Public Workshops:

Friday & Saturday, 12:00 PM

Studio: throughout the Celebration

ALEJANDRO RONCERIA

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR AND CHOREOGRAPHER

will bring his extensive expertise and worldwide experience as an award winning artistic director to present a public workshop on dramatic performance techniques and special focused sessions for dance groups attending the Celebration!

**Workshops: Friday, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM,
Saturday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM,
and Sunday, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Location: Elders Room**

DAKHKÁ KHWÁAN DANCERS & DJ DASH

Learn the moves and grooves to throw down your own fusion of contemporary and traditional beats in a workshop for youth who want to add new vibes to their song and dance.

Youth Workshop: Friday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

GWAANDAK THEATRE



Join this outstanding Yukon troupe for readings of two Tlingit plays by Tlingit playwright Frank Henry Kaash Katasse!

REELING directed by Léa Roy Bernatchez
Rae Mombourquette and April Rose Jean Schultz join Leonard Linklater.

Two young Tlingit women continue learning life's lessons as they fight to pay their final respects to the beloved uncle who raised them. (Contains occasional mature language.)

BEAR IN STREAM directed by Andrameda Hunter featuring Charlene Abraham and Stormy Bradley.

An uncle teaches his nephew to appreciate the resilience of salmon.

Readings: Saturday, 12:00 PM



TRADITIONAL FEASTS & SPECIAL PERFORMANCES

FRIDAY

5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Hosted by
Teslin Tlingit Council

SATURDAY

5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Hosted by Taku River
Tlingit First Nation

SUNDAY

11:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Hosted by Carcross/
Tagish First Nation

Great Hall, TTC Heritage Centre

Join us each evening for a traditional feast and special performances by Host Nations and featured dance groups.

CLOSING CEREMONIES - PASSING THE TORCH TO CARCROSS

Sunday, 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

As we close this 5th Haa Kusteeyí, Teslin Tlingit Council prepare to send off the energy, love and pride for our Inland Tlingit culture that founded this event to Carcross where the next Celebration will happen in the summer of 2019. Join us for the closing ceremonies and feast, inspiring words, gifts and celebration to launch the next wonderful gathering on the shores of Lake Nares.



THURSDAY JULY 27

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Care of Traditional Garments: Part 1 Make a Garment Bag <i>full-day workshop hosted by Government of Yukon</i>	Check Info Booth
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Care of Traditional Garments: Part 2 Make a Padded Hanger <i>full-day workshop hosted by Government of Yukon</i>	Check Info Booth
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Artists Marketplace Open	Artist Market Tent
5:00 PM	Opening prayer & Welcome Remarks Stew and Bannock for Everyone	TTC Heritage Centre Great Hall
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Register for Language Scavenger Hunt	Information Booth
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Family Language Scavenger Hunt <i>with great prizes!</i>	TTC Heritage Centre Grounds
7:00 PM	Family Concert with Digawolf	Great Hall



FRIDAY JULY 28

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for the Teslin Tlingit Elders Council <i>\$10/person</i>	Great Hall
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Care of Moccasins and Mukluks <i>hosted by Government of Yukon</i>	Check Info Booth
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Artists Marketplace Open	Artist Market Tent
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Public Workshops <i>please register at Information Booth</i>	Various Sites
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Welcoming Ceremony at the Shore of Teslin Lake	Lakefront
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Grand Entry Procession, Opening Ceremony, and Welcome Remarks	Parking Area / Main Stage
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Kids Zone & Activities <i>with Rhoda Merkel & the Yukon Literacy Coalition</i>	Kids Zone Tent
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Food Vendors Open	Parking Area
12:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Main Stage Performances Featuring Traditional and Contemporary Artists	Main Stage
12:00 PM	My Extended Family: Reconciliation through Art Creation <i>workshop by photographer Kevin Mellis</i>	Check Info Booth
12:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Cultural Demonstrations	Various Sites
1:00 PM	Arrival of Salmon via Float Plane	Lakefront
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Salmon Welcoming Ceremony & Performances	Lakefront
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	DECONSTRUCT / RECONSTRUCT Youth Workshop <i>with the Dakhká Khwáan Dancers and DJ DASH</i>	Check Info Booth
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Salmon Filleting Contest <i>hosted by Taku River Tlingit First Nation</i>	Lakefront / Fish Camp
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Artist Talk with Carol Geddes <i>Tlingit History — Links Between the Coast and Interior</i>	Check Info Booth
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Language Lessons	Check Info Booth
5:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Teslin Tlingit Council Host Traditional Feast Night & Special Performances	Great Hall
6:00 PM	Fashion Show & Tell	Great Hall

HOSTED BY:



Taku River Tlingit



SATURDAY JULY 29

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for the Teslin Tlingit Elders Council <i>\$10/person</i>	Great Hall
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Artists Marketplace Open	Artist Market Tent
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Public Workshops <i>register at Information Booth</i>	Various Sites
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Cultural Demonstrations	Various Sites
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Smoking Salmon Demonstrations	Lakefront / Fish Camp
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Dugout Canoe Rides with Lands Department <i>register at Information Booth</i>	Lakefront
10:00 AM	Dañ Kwanje 'Á–Nààn: Voices Across the Water, Traditional Watercraft Project <i>hosted by the Yukon First Nations Culture & Tourism Association</i>	Lakefront
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Soapberry Making Contest	Outside Deck
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Kids Zone & Activities <i>with Rhoda Merkel & the Yukon Literacy Coalition</i>	Kids Zone Tent
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Main Stage Performances	Main Stage
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Food Vendors Open	Parking Area
12:00 PM	My Extended Family: Reconciliation through Art Creation <i>workshop by photographer Kevin Mellis</i>	Check Info Booth
12:00 PM	Gwaandak Theatre Play Readings <i>see details on page 5</i>	Check Info Booth
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	The Great Tlingit Inland Canoe Races	Lakefront
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Artist Talk <i>with Mike & Mique'l Dangeli, Leaders, Git Hayetsk Dancers</i>	Check Info Booth
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Language Lessons	Check Info Booth
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Hand Games Demonstrations	Check Info Booth
5:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Taku River Tlingit Host Traditional Feast Night & Special Performances	Great Hall

HOSTED BY:



SUNDAY JULY 30

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for the Teslin Tlingit Elders Council <i>\$10/person</i>	Great Hall
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Sunday Gospel Singing	Main Stage
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Artists Marketplace Open	Artist Market Tent
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Cultural Demonstrations	Various Sites
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Food Vendors Open	Parking Area
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Carcross/Tagish First Nation Host the Closing Traditional Feast	Great Hall
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Closing Ceremonies and Grand Finale featuring special presentations and speeches from Host Nations <i>performances directed by Alejandro Ronceria</i>	Main Stage / Great Hall
2:00 PM	Group Photo <i>everyone in their regalia for Celebration photo</i>	Outside
3:00 PM	End of Celebration – See You in 2019 in Carcross!	



THANK YOU

Gunalchéesh to the many people who have worked so relentlessly to make the 2017 Haa Kusteeyí Celebration a reality.

To the representatives of the Teslin Tlingit Council, Carcross / Tagish First Nations, the Taku River Tlingit, Village of Teslin, and all the volunteers — thank you for your efforts, guidance and positive energy.

EVENT TEAM

Arts and Community Liaison: Melaina Sheldon
Bella Elite Events & Consulting: Katie Johnson,
Artistic Director: Alejandro Ronceria
Production Assistant: Roslynne Hycha
Workshop Assistant: Brittany Johnston
Kids Programming: Rhoda Merkel
Graphic Design: Mary Binsted Designs
Research: Linda Johnson
Sound & Lighting: Mark Penner, Solid Sound
Tents & Decor: Marsh Lake Tents & Events
Photographers: Alistair Maitland Photography,
Vanessa Aegisdottir, Erik Pinkerton

TESLIN TLINGIT HERITAGE CENTRE STAFF

Director of Heritage: Tip Evans
Administrative Assistant: Roberta Jackson
Business/Marketing Manager: Lisa Dewhurst
Heritage Sites Officer: Michael Campbell
Gift Shop: Pauline Sidney, Corinne Johnston,
Billy Smarch, Rita Grant
Capital Sites Crew: Bodean Wolfe, Elmer Jackson,
Bob Magill, Tom Smith, Butch Douville, Earl Douville,
Anthony Johnston
Custodian: Mike Miskell

EVENT COMMITTEE

Chief Louise Gordon, *Taku River Tlingit First Nation*
Wayne Carlick, *Taku River Tlingit First Nation*
Patricia James, *Carcross / Tagish First Nation*
Donna Geddes, *Carcross / Tagish First Nation*
Michelle Parson, *Carcross / Tagish First Nation*
Duane Aucoin, *Teslin Tlingit Council*
Tip Evans, *Teslin Tlingit Council*
Carol Geddes, *Teslin Tlingit Council*

VILLAGE OF TESLIN

Mayor: Clara Jules
Deputy Mayor / Councillor: Gord Curran
Councillor: Denise Johnston
Councillor: Trevor Sallis

HOST NATION

Chief Executive Officer: Chief Richard Sidney
Executive Elder: Carl Smarch
Kùkhittàn Executive Councillor: Sandy Smarch
Ishkitàn Executive Councillor: Blair Hogan
Yanyèdí Executive Councillor: Duane Aucoin
Dèshittàn Executive Councillor: Alex Oakley
Dakhl'awèdí Executive Councillor: Ralph Smarch

PROGRAMMING PARTNERS

Gwaandak Theatre
The Tlingit Language Champions Society
Northern Cultural Expressions Society
Yukon Literary Coalition
Yukon First Nation Culture & Tourism Association

PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY

EMO
RCMP
Teslin Nursing Station
Government of Yukon, Department of Highways
Village of Teslin Public Works
Teslin Tlingit Council Capital Department,
Finance Department Workforce Development
Lands & Resources Department





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**The Village of Teslin
 would like to
 welcome all visitors
 to Teslin for the**

**2017 Haa Kusteeyi
 Celebration**



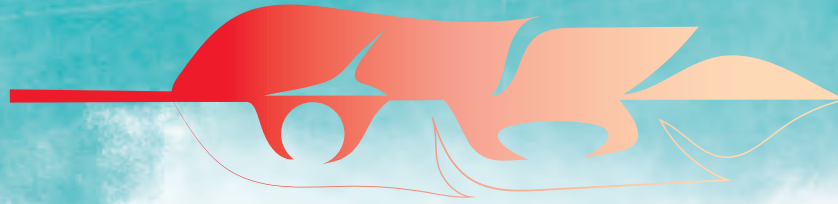
Village of Teslin Box 130 Teslin, YT Y0A 1B0
 (867) 390-2530 Mon-Fri 8 AM-5 PM

**To the many individuals
 and organizations that have
 made this special event
 a reality—congratulations
 and Gunałchéesh.**

*Shaunessy is proud to support
 the Haa Kusteeyi Celebration and in
 continuing to do our part to strengthen
 and grow your community.*

On behalf of Shaunessy Investment Counsel,
 Terry Shaunessy and Mark Kryzan





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CELEBRATION 2017



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