

**Biennial International Gwich'in Gathering
Old Crow, YT
July 13 - 19, 2008**

The Biennial Gathering is just 1 month away!! The community of Old Crow is excited to welcome delegates, guest speakers, musicians, family and friends to the 2008 Biennial International Gwich'in Gathering.

As you prepare for your trip - here is some information and reminders to make your trip enjoyable and safe...

A. **Emergency Contacts**

RCMP - 867.966.5555
Nursing Station - 867.966.4444

B. **Medical Considerations**

- √ Please bring your health cards & any important medical records.
- √ Please bring your medications you take regularly.
- √ Get immunized.

C. **Main Gathering Sites**

Maps will be available at the airport.

1. Chief Zzeh Gittlit School - Main Site for meetings & evening activities
2. Community Hall - Activities, sessions & meals will be served.

Other locations, including the Youth Centre, Visitor Reception Centre, Sarah Abel-Chitze Building maybe used for various activities. Check the program for details.

D. **Delegate Registration**

Delegates from each First Nation should register in order to obtain a meeting package.

Registration forms are available from www.oldcrow.ca. Go to the 'Gwich'in Forum' then click on the 'Biennial Gathering Announcements'.

***2008 Gwich'in
Gathering is a
drug & alcohol
free event!***

E. **Transportation**

Air North -

Air North provides flights between Whitehorse, Dawson, Inuvik and Fairbanks. There is a seat sale (July 3 - 24, 2008) for the Gathering -

Inuvik & Dawson City to Old Crow (return) - \$199 + Taxes
Whitehorse to Old Crow (return) - \$299 + Taxes

Go to www.flyairnorth.com or 1.800.661.0407 to book a flight.

Charters -

Contact your local First Nation Office to see if a charter is set up.

Note - US/Canada Border

When travelling by air (for example - Air North) you must have a passport.

When travelling by land/water you must have proof of citizenship.
(For example - Birth Certificate, Green Card)

For more information on admissibility into Canada, read the fact sheet called Managing Access to Canada. It is available at <http://www.cbsa.gc.ca>.

F. **Meals**

Community meals will be provided to everyone at no cost. Concession will also be available. There is one store (Northern Store) to purchase food as well.

You are encouraged to bring your own eating utensils and cups with you to all meals. However, reusable utensils and cups will be provided.

G. **Accommodations**

Ch'oo Deenjik Accommodations
867.966.3008

Accommodations in Old Crow is very limited, please contact family and friends to find a place to stay. Or pack your tent and sleeping bag!

If you require more information about accommodations please email Kerri at kceretzke@hotmail.com.

H. **Banking**

TD Canada Trust Bank is available Monday to Friday - Noon - 2:30 p.m..
An automated teller is available in the Northern Store.

I. **Boat Charters to Rampart House**

The site of Rampart House is just one of many used by the Gwich'in for thousands of years. Migrating caribou are hunted as they cross the river in this area and salmon are caught in river eddies. Traditional trails link Rampart House with Old Crow Flats where people travelled to hunt and trap. Rampart House was established as a Hudson's Bay trading post in 1890 . After the Hudson's Bay pulled out, Rampart House trading post was run by the independent trader, Dan Cadzow who contracted local builders to make the twin gabled house, store and warehouse. From <http://www.oldcrow.ca>

3 - 4 People/Boat

Round Trip Cost - \$550

To book a Boat Charter, contact:
Megan Williams
867.966.3261
mwilliams@vgfn.net

Note: Boat operators reserve the right to cancel based on water level.

J. **Gas**

Gas slips must be purchased at the Northern Store and gas is available for pick up from 4:00 -7:00 p.m.

K. **Contact Information**

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