**ACES 10 Yukon River Whitehorse to Carmacks Canoe Trip Itinerary.**

**May 29th to June 4th, 2023. Total distance 290km.**

**Day 1 Wood Street Centre to Yukon River near Ta’an Man** Distance paddled 32km

8:40 am Meet at Wood Street Centre, final equipment check. Pack gear for portage to Rotary Park.

10:00 am Depart Wood Street Centre on foot, hike to Rotary Park, pack boats and put-in.

11:00 am Depart Rotary Park for camp south of Lake Laberge.

5:00 pm Arrive at camp, set up tents, get firewood, cook dinner, journals

9:30 pm Bed Time

**DAY 2 ITINERARY REPEATED UNTIL DAY 6**

**Day 2 Km 32 to Ta’an Man** Distance paddled 30km

7:30 am student wake-up; breakfast; break camp and pack gear

10:00 am paddle to next camp; stops to learn from the land around us

5:00 pm set up camp and supper

7:00 pm journals and evening activities

10:00 pm lights out

**Day 3 Ta’an Man to Lower Laberge** Distance paddled 30km

**Day 4 Lower Laberge to below Hootalinqua** Distance paddled 60km

**Day 5 Below Hootalinqua to below Big Salmon** Distance paddled 58km

**Day 6 Below Big Salmon to below Little Salmon** Distance paddled 57km

**Day 7 Below Little Salmon to Carmacks** Distance paddled 25km

7:30 am Student wake-up; breakfast; break camp and pack gear

9:00 am Paddle from camp to take-out (Coal Mine Campground in Carmacks)

12:00 pm Arrive at take-out; clean and load boats/ gear on Up North trailer

1:30 pm Pickup by Standard Bus. Drive to Whitehorse

4:00 pm Arrive @ Wood Street Centre; unpack gear at Wood Street Centre; complete journals; dismissal ~5pm

Shelter

* Students will sleep in tents in groups of 2 or 3
* Large tarps will be used at camp for a communal shelter/ cooking area for inclement weather

Food

* Students will be divided into cook groups of 2
* Each cooking group of 2 will be responsible for cooking one group dinner
* Students are responsible for planning, purchasing and preparing meals for the trip
* Food will be stored in canoe barrels
* Some meals will be prepared on Trangia stoves (methyl hydrate fuel) and some meals will be prepared using dutch ovens (wood coals as fuel)
* Meals required: 6 x breakfast, 6 x lunch and snacks, 1 dinner for group

Supervision

* Teacher: Colin Abbott
* Guides: Vickie Rochon, Meredith Pritchard

Transportation

* Students will be transported back to Whitehorse from Carmacks with Standard Bus lines.
* Canoes will be transported by Up North Adventures using a truck/ trailer

Gear Notes

* Please refer to the equipment list and help your son/daughter get organized prior to the trip

Dismissal

* Upon return to the school on students and leaders will clean up all trip gear. Students will be dismissed when clean-up and journaling is complete. This will likely be 5-6pm. Parents will be contacted for pick-up.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns about this trip.

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