



August
25-29, 2024



Yukon Union
School
2024

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KEY DATES

Sunday, August 25 to Thursday, August 29, 2024

(Registration & opening session Sunday evening, August 25, 2024)

SCHOOL LOCATION - KWANLIN DÜN CULTURAL CENTRE

The Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre (KDCC) is the Yukon's premiere gathering location, hosting a wide range of functions and celebrations. KDCC walks two paths with its cultural purpose and that of a gathering place. At the core of KDCC cultural collections and programming is the vision of long-term preservation, survival, and celebration of Kwanlin Dün culture, languages, and community. KDCC celebrates Kwanlin Dün ways of life for the benefit of the Kwanlin Dün people and to share our culture with other First Nations and the public at large. The KDCC collects and preserves cultural, historic, traditional, contemporary, and artistic objects, replicas, and artefacts. KDCC welcomes thousands of people into the world of Kwanlin Dün culture while creating a great sense of community belonging for the Kwanlin Dün First Nations citizens. Yukon Union School is delighted to have the opportunity to use the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre as our venue.

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<https://kwanlindunculturalcentre.com/>



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CLASS SCHEDULES

Registration begins Sunday, August 25 at 4 p.m. There is an Opening Plenary at 7:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room on Sunday and a Closing Celebration on Thursday evening. Evening Activity options during the week are provided based on interest gathered from registration forms.

Classes are held Monday to Thursday from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., with break for lunch, back for 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (as determined by the facilitators), classes may have homework in the evenings.

SCHOOL FEES

School fees are due after:

- Participant has registered online at yukonfed.com/events
- Union has confirmed the registration for that member

Registration is confirmed when payment is received by direct deposit or e-transfer to finance@yukonfed.com. If paying by cheque, please make payable to "Yukon Federation of Labour". Payment must indicate the name of the participant.

Participant Registration Fee: \$250

Note: School fees include a welcome reception on Sunday evening, 4 Day Course, break refreshments, course materials, and a closing reception on Thursday evening.

Fees **DO NOT** include travel, incidentals, or meals. We encourage participants to gather with friends and try one of the many local restaurants.

Out-of-town students can add-on accommodations during the registration process.

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ACCOMMODATIONS - STERNWHEELER HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE

<https://www.sternwheelerhotel.ca/>

Accommodations for the school are booked through the Yukon Federation of Labour Registration Process and must be confirmed before July 24, 2024.

Room Rate is \$255.00 per night plus taxes & fees, based on single or double occupancy. A \$10.00 charge applies for each adult over double occupancy, to a maximum of 4 persons per room. Rates are subject to all taxes and fees. Individuals will be responsible for all incidental charges.

SPOUSES/GUESTS

Participants are welcome to bring spouses/guests. Guests are entitled to attend all school functions (excluding classes).

REGISTRATION DEADLINE TO SECURE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AT THIS RATE IS JULY 24, 2024.

Participants can reserve their hotel room during the registration process with YFL. Participants must indicate if they require a Standard 2 Queen or 1 King room.

Amenities include high-speed Wi-Fi, flat-screen televisions with cable channels, mini-fridges and microwaves, safes and coffeemakers. Guests can enjoy the on-site restaurant, convenient downtown amenities and shopping nearby. Accessible rooms are on the main floor, with elevators and stairs to additional floors. All rooms are equipped with audible and visible emergency evacuation notifications.

- Complimentary airport shuttle, Wi-Fi, parking
- Guest computer access with internet in lobby
- Coin-operated laundry on each floor
- In-suite safety deposit box
- **Hotel check-in is after 3 p.m. Check-out is by 11 a.m.**

Sternwheeler Hotel & Conference Centre
201 Wood Street, Whitehorse, YT, Y1A 2E4
867-393-9700

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ADDITIONAL NIGHTS

A block of rooms is reserved for August 25 to 30, 2024. We recommend contacting the hotel early if participants wish to extend their stay or need to arrive early based on flights and transportation. A valid credit card is required when booking directly with the hotel.

CHECKING OUT

Participants must check out of the hotel in the usual manner, and pay any extra charges billed to the room. Any disputed charges can be much more easily dealt with at that time. The hotel reception desk is staffed 24 hours.

AIR TRANSPORTATION

Participants arriving from outside of Whitehorse are responsible for their transportation. Participants need to contact their union for assistance.

Air North, Yukon's airline, Group Booking Code: YUS2024

Use this code to receive 10% off.

<https://www.flyairnorth.com/destinations/whitehorse>

Air North also offers a Connector Fare for route connections in Alberta and BC.

<https://www.flyairnorth.com/flights/connector-fares-2023>

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Yukon Union School, August 25-29, 2024 Courses

A PATH TO RECONCILIATION: STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH YUKON FIRST NATIONS

This course is for all workers to learn the history of the Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island (North America) facilitated by Indigenous labour activists. Its purpose is to build meaningful, long-term relationships among Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples inside and outside of our workplaces, to acknowledge labours' commitment to Truth and Reconciliation. This course looks at understanding the Self Governing First Nations in Yukon and the increase of Indigenous peoples' representation in our workplaces and in our unions.

Participants do not need any previous experience and are encouraged to bring open minds and hearts.

FACING MANAGEMENT WITH CONFIDENCE

This course will look at economic, political, and social forces at play between union and management. It will examine the roles and rights of each group and the different types of union/ management relationships and styles. We will look at the power, bias, and privilege dynamics between union and management and how we can communicate effectively. We will focus on problem solving – understanding issues, developing strategies, finding and presenting facts and argument, finding areas of agreement, building solutions, implementing and maintaining solutions. Participants can expect lots of participation, interaction, and role-plays along with practical skills and tools for communication, analysis, strategy, and critical thinking.

SHOP STEWARDS: HEROS WITHOUT CAPES

The steward is often the main point of contact between the union, its members, management, and the larger labour movement. This course builds the skills, confidence, and knowledge a steward needs to represent their members. Participants will deepen their understanding of their position as stewards, the handling of grievances and complaints, problem-solving skills, protecting contractual provisions in the collective agreement, and current issues for stewards. You will practise more advanced grievance handling skills using real life case studies and role plays. The course will deal with procedures before the process of arbitration. Please bring your collective agreement with you. Knowledge of the first stages of the grievance procedure will be assumed.

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WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

This course is open to any leaders who identify as women or who are gender diverse, including non-binary, gender fluid, gender-nonconforming, or genderqueer leaders. This course offers an opportunity to develop and enhance their leadership skills and knowledge in a variety of current and emerging labour issues. A major component of the course will cover communication and motivational skills that are important for women activists. Participants will explore ways of building on their skills and drawing on their experiences as they advance along the path to leadership and consider running for an elected position or supporting others who run. Whether you're thinking of leadership within your union, your community, or in politics, this course is for you.

COURSE SELECTION AND CHANGES – REGISTER EARLY!

Participants will select the courses from the list outlined in the brochure and will be registered in their first choice (on a first-come, first-served basis). The registration process will ask for a first and second choice. Participants will only be placed in their second choice if the class size limit has been reached or their first-choice course is cancelled. If participants wish to change courses, they must notify the YFL at finance@yukonfed.com.

COURSE CANCELLATIONS

Should a course be cancelled due to low enrollment, participants will be placed in their second choice. If this is not possible, they will be notified of the cancellation.

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PREPARE FOR REGISTRATION

- Registrants must have the approval of their union before registering.
- Payment is required to secure a spot and confirm registration.
- Online registration will require name, address, and contact information.
- Please provide union name, address, and phone number.
- Please provide local and union membership ID (PSAC members will need their personal union ID number)
- Self-identification for any equity groups, who may choose to meet during the week.
- Be prepared to choose 1st and 2nd Choice for courses.
- Name of any guest
- Special Needs (include any special accommodations, dietary, or accessible needs)
- Out-of-town guests can reserve their hotel room during the registration process. Be sure to check flight times so the correct nights are booked at the hotel.

NOTE: DO NOT call the hotel directly to reserve rooms if accommodations have been selected on the registration form.

For further information, please contact the YFL office at 867-456-8250 or finance@yukonfed.com

PAYMENT

Payment for all fees must be received to complete the registration, using the online registration form. Payment can be sent by email transfer to finance@yukonfed.com, by direct deposit, or by cheque to "Yukon Federation of Labour". Payment must indicate the name of the participant.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Registrations must be received by the YFL no later than Wednesday, July 24, 2024.

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CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations must be made by email to finance@yukonfed.com. Failure to provide a written cancellation notice will result in no refund.

Cancellations before July 24, 2024, will result in a \$100 cancellation fee.

Cancellations after July 24, 2024, are non-refundable. NO SHOWS are also non-refundable.

REGISTRATION TIME AND LOCATION

Registration will occur on Sunday, August 25th from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the main lobby of the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre. If participants are unable to arrive on time for registration, please notify the YFL office no later than August 19, 2024.

WAGES

The union is responsible for paying lost wages, if applicable.

CHILDCARE

We apologize for any inconvenience, but childcare will not be available on-site. If childcare becomes a barrier to attendance, please let us know under special needs on the registration form and we will contact the participant directly.

LAPTOPS RECOMMENDED

Many of the courses require access to a Wi-Fi-enabled laptop or tablet. If possible, we recommend that participants bring their laptop and/or tablet (and charging cables) with them to Union School.

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PARTICIPANT CONDUCT

Participants to the Union School should understand that a high standard of behaviour is expected of them. The YFL and CLC work to provide a supportive working and learning environment that gives equal opportunity to all students. This atmosphere is based on the principles of fairness and respect. Specifically, harm, harassment, intolerant acts, or derogatory remarks will not be tolerated. Behaviour that undermines the dignity or self-esteem of any individual, or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment, whether it be sexual, racial or any other form of personal harassment, will not be tolerated, nor condoned, and may result in the delegate being removed from the school and a letter forwarded to their local union.

The indigenous setting of the Union School requires participants to show the utmost respect for the land, environment, places, and people they encounter. All participants deserve the opportunity to enjoy the Union School. Interactions in the community will reflect greatly on any future potential opportunities and community engagement for our unions in Yukon.

NAME BADGES

Name badges will be provided to all attendees. The badges identify participants as people entitled to be part of the Union School group and are also used for security purposes. Name badges are required for all YFL evening activities. Participants must ensure they always have their badges with them.

WHAT TO WEAR

The dress code is casual or business casual. Each day participants will have to travel between their hotel/home and the school, so it's important to bring appropriate attire for the weather. The end of August is still typically very nice weather for Yukoners, but if participants are coming from southern climates they may want to bring some layers. For activities, they may want to bring sports or swim attire to enjoy walking trails, fitness centres or hot springs in their leisure time.

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EQUITY-SEEKING GROUPS

The policy of the YFL and CLC is one of affirmative action and equity. Caucus meetings may be held throughout the week for members who identify as persons with disabilities, racially visible, Indigenous, 2SLGBTQIA+, Women, or Young Workers (30 years old or less).

ACCESSIBILITY

The Sternwheeler Hotel and Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre are accessible. However, there are sometimes concerns about the ease of accessible transportation and pathways through downtown Whitehorse. Participants are to indicate any special needs on the registration form. Every effort will be made to provide access and specified services.

Handibus services are offered by the City of Whitehorse for persons who have issues using regular transit services. <https://www.whitehorse.ca/living-in-whitehorse/transit/special-services/>

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Protocols will be reviewed closer to the start of the event and will be communicated with all facilitators and attendees. We recommend following the 4 Tips to Stop the Spread, as published by Yukon Government <https://yukon.ca/protect-yourself#4-tips-to-stop-the-spread>

ALCOHOL-FREE SCHOOL

As part of our commitment to inclusivity and well-being, this school is alcohol-free. By choosing this approach, we aim to foster a supportive environment where all attendees can feel respected and comfortable. Embracing this alcohol-free policy while on site at Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre, not only promotes healthier choices but also honours cultural values that prioritize balance and community harmony.

We acknowledge that participants may choose to enjoy alcohol responsibly at social events outside of our educational sessions. We encourage everyone to make mindful decisions regarding alcohol consumption and to respect the guidelines of any external venues or gatherings. By promoting responsible drinking practices, we aim to ensure the safety and well-being of all individuals involved.

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YFL OFFICE

The Yukon Federation of Labour office is located in Suite 315, on the Third Floor of Waterfront Station, beside Shipyards Park at 2237 Second Avenue. The office will be mostly closed this week as staff will be on-site at the Union School in Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre. Messages received for students will be relayed to instructors. The Yukon Union School office can be reached at 867-456-8250 or yfl@yukonfed.com.

RECREATION INDOORS & OUTDOORS

The City of Whitehorse, PSAC Local Y046 maintains hundreds of KM of trail network within the municipal boundaries of Whitehorse including a full range of trail types from paved trails, double track trails, natural surface single-track trails, old roads, and hinterland trails. During their visit, participants are recommended to explore the paved Waterfront Trail that passes right behind the KDCC, and the Millennium Trail, which forms a loop over the Rotary Centennial Bridge.

<https://www.whitehorse.ca/living-in-whitehorse/parks-recreation/trails/>

The Canada Games Centre is a legacy multi-sports centre from hosting the Canada Winter Games in 2007. Adult Day passes cost \$8.75 and provide a wristband to access all drop-in activities throughout that day. Current drop-in schedules are included in this registration kit:

<https://www.whitehorse.ca/living-in-whitehorse/parks-recreation/facilities/canada-games-centre/>

PRIVACY STATEMENT

The personal information provided on the registration form will only be used for the purposes of session registration and will not be sold, shared, or otherwise provided to a third party outside of the YFL structure. The YFL and its chartered bodies may use the contact information provided by participants to contact them or provide additional information in the future regarding YFL campaigns or educational opportunities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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Group Tour Discounts

Eclipse Nordic Hot Springs with Transportation - \$50 per person
The Eclipse Nordic Hot Springs are located 20 minutes outside of downtown Whitehorse and offer one-of-a-kind relaxation in natural hot spring pools, Relax rooms, sauna and steam rooms.

You can book with the YFL office during the registration process.

Macbride Museum of Yukon History - \$12 per person
(+\$10 to add gold panning & walking tour)
Yukon's first –and recently expanded – museum offers a comprehensive view of the resilient people and groundbreaking events that have shaped the territory's history.

You can book with the YFL office during the registration process.

Travel Yukon /Info:

Please find PDF link to:

[Yukon Experience Guide](#),[YFNCT Welcome Guide](#),[Dawson City guide](#),[Yukon highways guides](#)

[Whitehorse Visitor Centre](#). - they can also provide paper copies of any documents/info brochures etc. and a 'What's happening this week'

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EPIC NORTH Tour Experiences – book directly with info@epic-north.com

Yukon Gold Experience - \$265	Excursion to Long Ago Peoples Place - \$265
<p>Gold! In 1896, hundreds of thousands rushed to the Klondike with dreams of striking it rich. Now over a century later, that passion lives on, as visitors from across the globe continue to trace the footsteps of the world’s greatest Gold Rush. Pan for gold, while learning about the true history of the Klondike Gold Rush. With lakes and beaches, the Yukon Gold Experience shows the true breadth the North has to offer.</p> <p>We begin our journey at 10 a.m. at your hotel. Our first stop will be Emerald Lake, named for its breathtaking, shimmering green waters. Then once we’ve had our fill of these natural spectacles, we’ll fill our appetites and go for snacks.</p> <p>We’ll take a trip to see the Carcross Desert, the smallest desert on earth, before visiting the Indigenous community of Carcross itself. Explore the local First Nations art and history, relax in their local cafes, or stroll down the sandy shores of Bennett Lake.</p> <p>It was here that many stories of the Gold Rush began as the prospective prospector started their journey paddling to the Klondike.</p> <p>Our final stop before we return to Whitehorse brings us to the ultimate goal of every gold-rusher: finding gold. After a quick lesson on gold panning, you’ll be digging up deposits in no time. Additionally, you’ll have the opportunity to pet huskies, take photos with Gold Rush-style displays, and visit the Wildlife Museum, filled with life-sized displays of Yukon wildlife, including a Woolly Mammoth.</p> <p>We then conclude the day by returning you back to your Whitehorse hotel at about 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Embark on an unforgettable journey through time with our half-day excursion from Whitehorse to Long Ago People's Place! Step back into the rich tapestry of Yukon's history as you explore ancient cultures and traditions nestled amidst breathtaking landscapes.</p> <p>Expert guides will lead you on a captivating adventure, sharing tales of the First Nations peoples who have called this land home for millennia. Discover the secrets of their survival, their profound connection to nature, and the wisdom passed down through generations.</p> <p>At Long Ago People's Place, immerse yourself in living history as you engage in interactive experiences, from traditional storytelling around a crackling fire to hands-on demonstrations of ancient crafts and tools. Marvel at the intricate craftsmanship of traditional dwellings and gain insight into the daily lives of these resilient communities while enjoying Bannock and tea.</p> <p>As you wander through this immersive cultural oasis, let the serenity of the surroundings transport you to a time long past, where the echoes of ancient footsteps still resonate in the land. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with the soul of the Yukon and uncover the timeless beauty of its indigenous heritage.</p>

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED – LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE – deadline **July 24 @ midnight YT time.**

STEP #1 – Email Us - STEP #2 – A reservation form will be sent to you - STEP #3 – Confirm/ Pay – STEP #4 – Enjoy!

FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS – WAITLISTS WILL BE ESTABLISHED (may have possibility of additional seats)

• **Gratuities welcome direct to Guides • GST Included • All tours depart - Sternwheeler Hotel lobby**

Cancellation policy 20 days or less 50% charged and 10 days or less 100% will be charged.

SUNDAY- AUGUST 25

#1 Yukon Wildlife Preserve or Eclipse Nordic Springs – Light Explorer • Take a Dip OR Go Wild! Pick one same direction. Of course, we will add local chat & tips to welcome you on the drive out there. It's easy! Enjoy a fully guided small bus tour with interpretive guide on and off a comfy small bus OR if you want to warm up and relax at the Eclipse Springs. We will bring you safely back at the end of the day and can't wait to hear about your stories. If you have a minute to learn more about these attractions, we encourage you to check out their websites.

Time 3.0 - 3.5hrs --- 12:30pm - 4:00pm \$95.00 per person *Includes transport, tour and admissions.

Min # 6pp Max # 21pp

MONDAY - AUGUST 26

#2 Campfire Brew Tour – Fun Explorer • Yukoner's love beer and campfires! This combo tour includes a fun discovery into Whitehorse's brew scene, experience tastings at a local brewery and of course head to a local campground to relax with a comfortable Yukon-style campfire and enjoy classic Yukon outdoor meal includes local made smokies and all the fixings. A great Canadian way to enjoy a fall season with stories, laughs, friends, and the warmth of a Yukon fire. Sweater weather – toque, gloves outdoor campfire attire.

Time 4.0 - 4.5hrs ---5:15pm – 9:15pm \$175.00 per person * Includes food, bevvie samplings & transport.

Min # 6pp Max # 12pp

TUESDAY - AUGUST 27

#3 Yukon River Kwanlin Historic Stroll – Active Explorer • The 'Yukon River' Stroll is a three-hour, moderate level hike. Enjoy the banks of the Yukon River with interpretive chat as we wander through Kwanlin/ Miles Canyon and share the Gold Rush, First Nations history, geology, local plants, and animals as well as practice outdoor scenic photo opportunities. Rain or shine we will go. Wear sturdy footwear, dress for the weather, and bring your own water, small light daypack, or fanny pack.

Time 2.5 - 2.75 hrs --- 5:15pm – 7:15pm \$90.40 per person *Includes transport, guide, snacks & bevvies.

Min # 6pp Max # 12pp

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 28

#4 Eclipse Nordic Springs – Relaxed Explorer • End of the week-Take time to rejuvenate relax and enjoy the springs. Hot pools, saunas, steam rooms and quietness. Please bring towel, swimsuit, and flip flops. Great place to escape and make time for you!

Time 3.5 hrs --- 6:15pm – 9:45pm \$95.00 per person *Includes round trip transportation and admissions.

Min # 6pp Max # 21pp

FRIDAY – AUGUST 30

#5 Skagway Alaska – Sightseeing Explorer • Stay a day - The 'Skagway Day' Tour is a very enjoyable day of travel as we offer the most scenic drive ever from Whitehorse thru the breathtaking mountains and head down to sea level town of historic Skagway. Many stops along the way include Emerald Lake, historic Carcross, various scenic viewpoints and once in Skagway several site visits off the beaten path while time to take in our stories, the fresh air and practice your photography. Sit back and enjoy this day trip with some free time to explore the Gold Rush town to make sure your day is complete. Passports are required. All levels welcome.

Time 8.5hrs --- 9:00am – 5:30pm \$270.00 per person *Includes transport, guide, snacks/bevvies. Lunch is on your own.

We offer safe, clean, comfortable transport and selective tour offerings with knowledgeable experienced local hosts.

We are fully licensed insured and permitted to do business in the Yukon and Alaska.

Www Tours has the right to cancel, postpone or alter tour times & itineraries due to weather, safety or registration numbers.

