



Cree Trappers' Association

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"Working Together to Guarantee the Next Generation of Land Users"

Cree Trappers' Association



- The CTA is a treaty organisation & its main responsibility is to protect the interests, desires, & values of the Cree Trappers in Quebec.

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Mission Statement



Provide services to Eeyou Ennou hunters and trappers to promote and protect their rights and interests, in order to preserve the traditional values and way of life in Eeyou Istchee

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Fur Industry



Although the fur industry is not at its best, we continue to harvest quality fur. Hunters & trappers of Eeyou Istchee are recognized for their harvesting techniques & the pelts are sought.



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Firearms Safety Course/Registration



- CTA continues to offer the Firearms Safety course & Introduction to hunting with firearms course in Eeyou Istchee.
- In 2017 new instructors were trained and are certified. We have instructors in each community that can deliver these courses.
- Each Local CTA Office offers assistance to hunters, members to register firearms, licenses.

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Cabin Program



- ▶ Cabin program
 - ▶ Partners with Niskamoon
 - ▶ Other organizations...

- ▶ Cabin insurance program
 - ▶ Currently there are 252 cabins that are insured in all Eeyou Istchee
 - ▶ Cree Collective Deductible Insurance Program

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Wildlife Management



- ▶ Harvest database, Since early 1990 CTA has documented the number of small game species harvested in Eeyou Istchee.
- ▶ This important data can be a contributor to wildlife management.
- ▶ Wildlife harvesting practices have risen recently, certainly CTA will need to be part of the solution

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Health



Toxic Metal in Wild meat Project

This study is collecting tissue samples from hunted animals to test them for contamination from environmental pollutants such as lead and pesticides



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Trapline Management System



- ▶ Traplines system has been established, in early years for beaver preservations
- ▶ Trapline Boundaries system with technology has caused overlaps in the territory
- ▶ CTA will initiate the process of settle the issues, having community involvement is vital.

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Traditional Eeyou Hunting Law

The Traditional Hunting Law was developed to document traditional hunting practices. There is still work that's need to be completed with the current modern and textual challenges.



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TRADITIONAL EEYOU HUNTING LAW



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Costal Habitat Research Project



The general objective of the waterfowl study component is to better understand how the Canada geese use the James Bay east coast during both their spring and fall migrations, and what influence does the eelgrass beds have on these migration patterns and consequently on hunting activities.



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Eeyou Marine Region



Eeyou Marine Region lands claims agreement (Chapter 12) provides certain functions to be carried out by the Cree Trappers' Association in the Eeyou Marine Region in collaboration with EMRWB.

Projects include

- Wildlife species
- Polar Bear management plan
- Shorebirds
- Waterfowl & Habitat
- Fish



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Local CTA offices

- The regional CTA offers full autonomy to the local CTA offices to determine the services and support to be offered to its members. These can take many forms, for example:
 - Transportation/vehicle;
 - Equipment subsidies;
 - Support for local trappers benefiting from income replacement;
 - Etc.
- In return, the regional CTA requires, at the local level, rigorous governance and accounting accountability.

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Eeyou Eenuu Ituun Cree Land Stewardship

Attestation of Collegial Studies

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Original Objective of Program



To develop a training program designed to teach Cree youth not experienced in bush life the skills to practice Eeyou Ituun

The program will benefit from the tremendous knowledge of Cree elders to teach these fundamentals to younger generations.

The objective is to maintain our Cree way of Life
(Culture & Language)

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Background



- ▶ Many programs developed in the past
 - ▶ Trapping Program
 - ▶ Cree Science and Technology
 - ▶ Communities have short training programs
- ▶ Obtaining long-term funding was often the biggest limitation; this is still the main challenge.

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Program goal



The steward is responsible for managing the use of the *indoowho Istchee*, in accordance with Cree traditions and with a view to sustainability of wildlife and resources.



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Educational intentions

- Acquire knowledge on Cree Traditional practices
- Acquire effective working methods
- Awareness of the impacts and consequences of quality work;
- Develop professional skills
- Develop a concern for sustainable development.
- Develop the necessary rigor to solve problems



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Courses



Stewardship profession	Cultural activities
Cree culture	Harvesting activities fall-winter
Build camp	Harvesting activities spring-summer
Traditional cooking	Negotiation for land use
Crafting tools	Surveillance of territory
Outing and survival	Habitat management
Wildlife inventory	Management of natural resources
Wildlife illness	

Program delivery



▶ Courses

- ▶ The vast majority of the courses will be given in the Cree language on Cree traplines and by CREE

▶ College St. Felicien

- ▶ CEGEP St- Félicien co-instructors will facilitate student evaluations and ensure that Ministry of Education requirements are satisfied.

▶ Minister of Education (Quebec)

- ▶ The Eeyou/Eenou Ituun Training Program is a fully accredited Attestation of Collegial Studies (ATS) certified by the Québec Ministry of Education. Meaning that the program will receive guaranteed partial funding from the Ministry as long as there are students registered in the program.

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Identifying potential Partners



- ▶ Income Security Program
 - ▶ Land users
 - ▶ Expertise
 - ▶ Traditional knowledge
- ▶ Cree School Board
 - ▶ Education experience
- ▶ Funding
 - ▶ Partial funding from the Ministry – Will need to seek funds to start up the program.

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Measurables



▶ Transfer of knowledge

- ▶ Many of our land users experts have passed on
- ▶ Keep our identity

▶ Language

- ▶ Courses are taught in Cree

▶ Land users

- ▶ Active land users

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Thank you



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