



CREE TRAPPERS' ASSOCIATION

52nd Annual General Assembly
of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) /
49th Annual General Assembly of the Cree Nation
Government

Programs, Stewardship and Governance

August 13, 2026



CTA at a Glance

Protecting Eeyou/Eenou Pimaatisiin and supporting future generations



8,280

Registered CTA members in
2025–2026



115

Children



691

Youth



7,474

Adults

In December 2025, the CTA Board adopted a new Mission and Vision:

MISSION

**Protect Eeyou/Eenou Pimaatisiin to
empower future generations.**

VISION

**Honouring our land and our people by
strengthening Eeyou/Eenou Pimaatisiin.**

Who We Are & What We Do

- CTA represents and supports Cree land users and harvesters.
- Regional and Local CTA teams deliver programs throughout Eeyou Istchee.
- CTA combines Cree knowledge, safety, education and wildlife stewardship.
- Partnerships with communities, CNG and other organizations are essential.

Strategic Direction: 2026–2028

Six areas of focus guide CTA's work across the region



Cabin Initiative



Governance



Environment



Land & Wildlife Management



Programming



Public Relations

Strategic priorities: laying the foundation of Eeyou/Eenou Pimaatisiium • leading sustainable harvesting and species management • increasing Regional CTA efficiency

The Regional CTA and all Local CTA Committees now have their own Strategic Plans.

Community Infrastructure & Food Security

Supporting continued access to the land and the sharing of traditional food



Cabin Rebuild Project

183

affected
trapslines

148

impacted
cabins

78

cabins
rebuilt

Recent forest fires have caused additional cabin losses and damage.



Community Freezers

Community freezers help preserve and share traditional foods within communities.

Projects still in development:

Waskaganish • Nemaska • Oujé-Bougoumou
Mistissini • Whapmagoostui

NEW • 2026–2027

Cabin Insurance

Board of Compensation (CCDIP)

\$500 / cabin

Some communities subsidize the cost for their members; cabin owners should contact their Local CTA office to confirm eligibility, coverage details, community arrangements and next steps.

Current Priorities

- Complete outstanding cabin replacements through a clear funding and partnership plan.
- Continue communicating with affected trappers and communities.
- Advance community freezers as a practical food-security initiative.

Safety, Training & Access to the Land

Cree-led instruction and practical support for land users



Canadian Firearms Safety Course

Cree instructors deliver training throughout Eeyou Istchee and CTA assists with new and expired PAL applications.

23

new Cree instructors

414

training sessions

6,555

participants certified

1995–2025



Why this matters



Community-based delivery



Practical safety skills



Support with licensing



Stronger partnerships with youth and community organizations

CTA also works with the Eeyou Eenu Police Force to promote safe firearms storage.

Eeyou Eenou Ituun Program: Land-Based Learning

Cree Land Stewardship – 900-hour Attestation of Collegial Studies



In partnership with:

Cégep de St-Félicien • Niskamoon Corporation • Apatisiwin Skills Development



APATISIWIN SKILLS DEVELOPMENT



Third cohort land-based learning – Waskaganish, March 2026

Current cohort

- Third cohort launched Feb. 23, 2026
- Land-based camps and safety training
- Upcoming Mistissini Lake camp: Aug. 17–28
- Camp in Chisasibi (TBC): September

Strengthening the program

- Reviewing governance and delivery
- Protecting cultural and intellectual property
- Improving systems, surveys and equipment tracking
- Engaging partners to strengthen future cohorts

Culture, Youth & Public Engagement

Sharing knowledge, celebrating contributions and connecting generations



1st Annual Cree Trappers' Day

331

participants

Hands-on demonstrations, cultural preparation, traditional cooking and community discussion.



Eeyou Ituuun 10th Anniversary Celebration

187

participants

Former and current students, instructors, founders, partners and guests gathered from across Eeyou Itchee.



Public value

These events create space for youth and community members to learn, honour Elders and contributors, and carry Cree knowledge forward.



Environmental Programs & Community Monitoring

Practical projects that combine Cree knowledge, safety and science



Teaching by Fishing

5-day youth camp combining harvesting, processing, cameras, drones and monitoring.



Wildlife Health

Samples from four communities and a new tick-surveillance pilot.



Polar Bear Safety

Train-the-Trainer workshop building Cree-led community response capacity.



Snow & Ice Monitoring

Monitoring in five coastal communities to support safer winter travel.



Fish Contaminants

Whitefish mercury levels were below Health Canada consumption guidelines.



Caribou Stewardship

Youth programming, Cree knowledge documentation and documentary work continue.



Wildlife Management

CTA continues to support Cree-led stewardship and responsible wildlife management.



Eeyou Hunting Governance Implementation

A phased, community-led approach focused on education and dispute resolution



Key principles

- Respect the work already completed by Elders and land users.
- Make Eeyou Hunting Governance easier to understand and apply.
- Develop plain-language, inland Cree and coastal Cree versions.
- Build a culturally appropriate mediation and decision process.
- Keep each community in the lead, with CTA providing support.

Leadership support from CNG is an important part of the plan.



SEP 2026

Leadership engagement



SEP–OCT 2026

Education materials & plain-language version



NOV–DEC 2026

Community Tour 1: information and feedback



JAN–MAR 2027

Cree language work & dispute-resolution framework



APR–MAY 2027

Community Tour 2: review and potential adoption



Working Together with CNG

Priority areas where coordinated leadership can produce regional results

- **Eeyou Hunting Governance** Provide leadership endorsement and participate in community implementation.
- **Cabin Rebuild** Confirm a funding path and coordinated communication for outstanding cabin replacements.
- **Wildlife Governance** Clarify consultation, information-sharing and CTA's role in major wildlife decisions.
- **Harvest Reporting** Explore a trusted paper/digital system and shared data-management approach.
- **Youth & Environment** Continue support for land-based learning, monitoring, safety and stewardship programs.

Shared goal: stronger communities, safer access to the land, and Cree-led stewardship for future generations.

Next Milestones

Upcoming CTA activities and opportunities to participate



AGA CTA 48th Annual General Assembly

August 18–20, 2026

Oujé-Bougoumou, Quebec

18–20

AUGUST 2026

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Partnerships & Collaboration

Continue the partnership with the Eeyou Eenuu Police Force (EPPF) and advance an MOU with CNACA and COTA.

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50th Anniversary Celebration

CTA is planning a special 50th Anniversary event for March 10, 2028, in Waskaganish, Quebec.

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50th Anniversary Book

CTA is preparing a commemorative publication and welcomes historical photos from members, communities, former employees, land users and partners.

**If you have any photos you'd like to share, we'd be happy to receive them!
Please send them to our Communications Officer at scheezo@ctaoffice.ca.**



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Thank you for your continued support and collaboration.

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