

# Partnering for Sustainable Resource Management

Tl'azt'en Nation and the University of Northern British Columbia



## Meet the New CURA/JPRF Research Assistant and Hear about Projects Taking Place This Summer

Summer 2007



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Hadih! I am a youth from Tl'azt'en Nation and from the Granton Clan (Caribou Clan). I have a 6-year-old son, Devaun James Anatole. I graduated from the Fort St. James Secondary School in 2002. Since then, I have received on the job training and have taken some college courses in Tache. I'm on an on-going learning process through work related training, learning about my culture and language and through getting involved with community events by helping with co-ordinating and planning camping and recreation activities for the children and youth.

From Dec 2002 to March 2004 I worked as a Production Research Assistant (PRA). A group of 8 youth and a mini-elder learned about our Language & Culture including traditional medicines and how to preserve and prepare the plants for medicines. We gained new computer skills and learned about many new computer programs. A big part of our program was learning the processes of research and the importance of capturing the information, so we learned how to video tape community events and transcribe and archive video and audio tapes and photographs for the knowledge it holds of our history and ancestors. Much of our work was done side by side with the Elders, holding focus groups and sharing with others (i.e. UNBC Health Conference) so they may learn from our experience. This was a wonderful work experience for all of us and we are so grateful to all who took their time teaching us. In 2004, I was one of the students in the ACED (Aboriginal Community Economic Development) program brought into our community through NVIT. In 2006, I started an on-line course from EL-luminate at the Eugene Joseph School, the course focused on the Internet and Computing Core Certificate. I received my certificate in March of 2007. Afterward I took a 3 week course in Alert Bay on "A+ Comp Tia" course from the North Island College. We learned the hardware, software, computer programming and how to fix problems. I will be doing the exam soon. In all my experiences, I have gained a lot of skills and knowledge about my culture and some of my Dakelh language. I want to learn as much as I could so that I can pass it on to the future generations. Eventually I would love to go back to college but my interest area I don't really know right now. At present, I'm just taking a look into the world to see what is available to me and to see what I can do. I would like to learn more about computers and computer programs. I enjoy going for walks, hikes, and enjoying the beauty of nature. E-mail: [annie-jprf@fsjames.com](mailto:annie-jprf@fsjames.com) or [annie\\_anatole@hotmail.com](mailto:annie_anatole@hotmail.com)

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## CURA Community Day 2007

The CURA Community Day was held on May 16th, 2007 in Tache, at the Eugene Joseph Elementary School. Tl'azt'en stream leaders, UNBC stream leaders, and CURA graduate students enjoyed sharing with the community about the progress of all the different CURA projects. Thank-you to all the community members who came out to this event and we hope to see you all again soon!



## What projects are going on in and around the community this summer?



Hello! My name is **Deanna Yim** and I have been working on my project titled, *Evolving Co-Management Practice: Community-based Environmental Monitoring with Tl'azt'en Nation on the John Prince Research Forest*, throughout the summer. I have really enjoyed spending time in the community this summer and I look forward to getting to know you all better in the future.

Three project events have taken place so far. In late July, we held a welcome information lunch for community members to come and learn about this project and join if interested. In early August we held our first Forest Team meeting and just recently we held our Elders Team retreat at Cinnabar. Please stay tuned for community updates detailing the progress of this project. If you are interested in knowing more, please feel free to email me at [deannayim@yahoo.ca](mailto:deannayim@yahoo.ca).



Hello, my name is **Leona Shaw** and my research project is called, *The Ecology of Food and Medicine Plant Gathering Sites as Defined by Tl'azt'en Nation*. I have been spending lots of time in the community this summer and have really enjoyed getting to know the community and learning about Tl'azt'en culture.

The first stage of my research has involved reviewing past interview transcripts, secondary sources, and databases to identify information related to plant gathering sites. I am excited to form a Tl'azt'en community-based research team for this project that will work together with me to identify important food/medicine plants to focus on. I am really looking forward to spending more time in the community in the future! If you are interested in knowing more, please feel free to email me at [lshaw@unbc.ca](mailto:lshaw@unbc.ca).



Hi, my name is **Shane Hartman** and my research over the remainder of the summer will include focus group meetings, one on one interviews and a review of work that other First Nation's tourism sites have completed. I will be looking at the various sites in Northern British Columbia, and determining what their best practices are that could be applied for use with the Tl'azt'en. If you are interested in knowing more, please feel free to email me at [hartmanh@unbc.ca](mailto:hartmanh@unbc.ca).



Hello! My name is **Diana Kutzner**. The focus of my research is tourists' interest in tourism provided by First Nations communities in northern British Columbia. This spring, I interviewed several members of the Indigenous tourism industry of northern B.C. to determine the key characteristics of a successful tourism venture in the northern parts of this province. After completing these interviews, I created a questionnaire to find out from tourists coming to northern B.C. what their key interests regarding Indigenous tourism are. This summer has been a very successful one regarding my research and I am looking forward to sharing the results of my research projects with Tl'azt'en!



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