

# How to Use these Culture Camp Documents....

These documents were researched, designed, written and trailed by Chief Zzeh Gittlit School, Vuntut Gwitchin Government and the community of Old Crow in partnership with Yukon Education and funded by Northern Strategy. The booklets were designed for multi-year grades, addition of local language, use of community resource people and to be taught with co-teachers (Elder/traditional teacher and school teacher).

## Student Booklets

Vuntut Gwitchin Government is allowing the use of these student booklets and adapted them by:

- Removing specific Gwich'in, Old Crow and Vuntut Gwitchin wording, titles and references.
- Keeping space for other First Nation language titles, sayings, etc.

Some Vuntut Gwitchin traditional stories and activities pertaining to Chief and Council, legends and more were not removed as the concepts would be transferrable to any location. The purchase or gathering of other resources maybe needed.

As well, these activities can easily be altered to meet the local stories and narratives of the community.

### **1) Kindergarten 4 & Kindergarten 5**

The kindergarten booklets are in 2 formats: Serif (publishing program) and PDF.

Serif Format: Allows educators to make direct changes to the booklets.

PDF: Educators need to use the booklet “as is” or convert the PDF to another format, such as Word or Publisher. PDF conversion programs include Wondershare (a relatively cheap program available through the Internet).

### **2) Grades 1 – 3, 4 – 6 and 7 – 9 Student Booklets**

The student booklets are in 2 formats: Microsoft Publisher (2007) and PDF.

Microsoft Publisher Format: Allows educators to make direct changes to the booklets.

PDF: Educators need to use the booklet “as is” or convert the PDF to another format, such as Word or Plain Text. PDF conversion programs include Wondershare (a relatively cheap program available through the Internet).

## Teacher Manuals

All teacher manuals have been provided. These manuals continue to reference Chief Zzeh Gittlit School (CZGS), Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation (VGFN), Vuntut Gwitchin Government (VGG) and the

community of Old Crow, Yukon; because only teachers are referring to this information they can easily adapt it to their school and community.

Teacher manuals compliment the 'general' student booklets provided.

As well these manuals connect camp activities with British Columbia and Yukon Learning Outcomes, provide material lists and any other information needed for the lesson.

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*Let these resources support your class.*

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