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## The 2007 CASA Annual Conference: Experiencing The Best Of The Yukon



**W**hat a unique experience we have had here in the Yukon! It seems like we just got here and now it is already time to go home. Perhaps we'll all catch up on our sleep next week.

There was always something new and exciting for us to try at the 2007 conference: bear watching, bannock tasting, canoeing, traditional crafts and carving (it's just a flesh wound!). Along the way we had many formal and informal discussions about the

topics at hand: Aboriginal and experiential education.

As you make your way back to your own part of the country, ponder the gifts of the First Nations you have experienced here. Then take to heart the key message delivered by the Honourable James Bartleman: "We will not be able to resolve the educational challenges until equal rights and opportunities exist for Native peoples."

Safe travels, everyone. Bon voyage.

## A Wealth Of Experiences: Learning By “Just Getting Out There”



(Above left) Beautiful Yukon fireweed.



(Above right) Another photo opportunity.

(Right) Learning how to bead from the women of Ta'an Kwäch'än.



(Bottom left) Scoping out baby eagles.

(Bottom right) Watch out for that rock!  
Whitewater action on the Tatshenshini.

Photo courtesy of Tatshenshini Expediting



## Fuel For Our Adventures: Feeding The Soul And The Stomach



Lee Kubica (above left) introduces visitors to the local fauna and flora on a combined nature walk and photo safari.

(Above right) There was plenty of hot fresh bannock for everyone at the Lake Labarge Fish Camp.



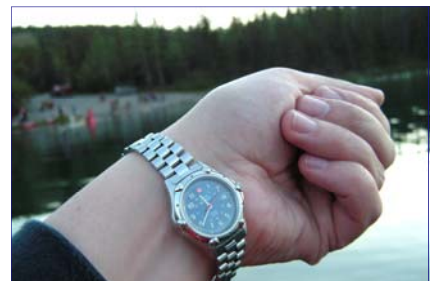
(Middle left) The Yukon Flair Dinner on Saturday night lived up to its name. Guests sampled tasty dishes like wild salmon, squash and whiskey soup, roasted root vegetables, sourdough rolls, cranberry cheesecake and buffalo.

(Bottom left) Visitors listening to the Elders as they share stories at Ta'an Kwäch'än.



(Middle right) A glorious midnight sun begins to set as the canoeists make their way across the lake.

(Bottom right) We're not kidding about the time—it really was going on midnight and it really was that bright outside.



## CASA Conference Sessions: Informative, Insightful and Interactive



A cameraperson from the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN) documents one of our interactive sessions. APTN also sent along a journalist to report on the presence of the Honourable **James Bartleman** at our conference.



**Bob Sharp** and **Chris Gonnet** share a laugh following Bob's talk on his experiences introducing the Experiential Science 11 to Yukon schools.



**Evelyn Good Striker** was part of a panel of speakers that included **John Wright**, **Jan Wallace**, **Allan Craig**, **LaVina Gillespie** and **Jane Martin**. Each person presented a summary of recent Aboriginal education successes in their district or jurisdiction. Watch for details on their presentations in future issues.



**John Orr** keeps an eye on all things technological during the Aboriginal Education Successes panel discussion. Thanks for all your expertise, John!



Look out! The leaders of tomorrow are here today. **Craig Russell** (right) and **Ryan Bailey** demonstrate their very best bus-riding behaviour.