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Tracking Change - Youth Knowledge Fair

Tracking Climate Change

May 16-18, 2018

University of Alberta - Edmonton, Alberta

Youth involvement in **Tracking Change...** is key to our understanding and building capacity for stewardship of the Mackenzie River Basin. At the **Youth Knowledge Fair** (our third semi-annual), 50 to 60 high school students (Grade 10-11) will be invited to share their ideas, network with each other, work with scientists, and have a bit of fun! Youth are our future leaders and their ideas matter!

The **Youth Knowledge Fair – Tracking Climate Change** will bring together youth from the various jurisdictions of the Mackenzie River Basin, including northern Saskatchewan, Alberta, BC, Yukon, and the Northwest Territories in Edmonton for a 3-day event. The objectives of the knowledge fair are to:

- Create opportunities for high school youth (Grade 10-11) to **connect with each other** in and educational program that includes knowledge sharing activities, educational workshops, keynote presentations from inspirational youth and Aboriginal leaders, and tours of the University of Alberta;
- Support students to **learn about their own histories, ecosystems, and communities** from elders and community members and through their schools through submissions of poster projects; and
- Encourage the **development of research and written/oral communication skills** by developing a poster related to the health of water, fish, fishing livelihoods and well-being of communities in the Mackenzie River Basin.
- Create opportunities for youth and schools to **network with other youth globally** on issues of climate change through the Centre for Global Education

Who can apply to attend? The Youth Knowledge Fair is open to applications from Grade 10-11 students from the five provincial and territorial jurisdictions of the Mackenzie River Basin. To ensure we have space for many different schools, a limit of two students per high school will be considered. The event will be held over three days at the University of Alberta. Accommodation will be available at the Lister Hall Conference Centre and student residence

at the University of Alberta main campus (Edmonton) with events being held both at the University of Alberta and at the *Telus World of Science*.

Theme: The theme of the Youth Knowledge Fair for 2018 is **Tracking Climate Change**. This decision is tied to two key issues:

- Researchers leading *Tracking Change...* projects across the Mackenzie River Basin in 2016 and 2017 highlighted many different kinds of observations and experiences of change in water, fish, and fishing livelihoods that point to problems of climate change. We also want to hear from youth about their perspectives of climate change!
- There is an opportunity to partner with the Centre for Global Education in Edmonton which could link students involved in the Tracking Change Youth Knowledge Fair from across the Basin to other youth globally who are also studying and talking about their experiences of climate change. It would be exciting to participate in this larger global network, particularly as they prepare to participate in COP24 in Poland later in 2018. <http://cop24.gov.pl>

Where/When: The event will be held May 16-18, in Edmonton at the University of Alberta.

For more information on how to sponsor students or support the gathering, please contact:

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Our Application to the Youth Knowledge Fair 2018

SCHOOL NAME: _____

SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION (CONTACT PERSON, EMAIL, ADDRESS, EMAIL):

NAME OF STUDENT PROJECT 1: _____

NAME OF STUDENT PROJECT 2: _____

(Please attach a short 100-200 word summary of the theme (and-or photo) for each student project submission. Each student should provide 100-200 word summary of how they will benefit from participating in the Youth Knowledge Fair.

This application is not confirmation of acceptance. You will be contacted by April 1st if your school has been chosen to participate.

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