

Terrace Bay among chosen

Northerners to get improved education access

Residents of six more Northern Ontario communities will have access in September to college, university and special high school courses without having to travel.

Colleges and Universities Minister Lyn McLeod and Northern Development Minister Rene Fontaine announced the additional Contact North network sites today.

The Teleconference network of electronic classrooms will be expanded to include Manitowadge, Terrace Bay, Nipigon and Big Trout Lake in the northwest, Cochrane and New Liskeard in the northeast.

Mrs. McLeod said other communities not officially part of Contact North will receive equipment and funding to allow them to access the system on a short-term basis.

"Contact North has developed as a valuable method of providing access to more people to post secondary education," Mrs. McLeod said.

Mr. Fontaine said another innovation scheduled for this fall is the introduction of computer-assisted "blackboards".

"Special pens, tablets and computer screens will allow teachers and students across the north to communicate instantaneously in writing," said Mr. Fontaine.

Contact North is a teleconference network enabling teachers and students throughout Northern Ontario to talk to each other as if in an electronic classroom linking communities from the Manitoba to the Quebec border.

Institutions participating include Ontario's two northern universities, the five northern colleges, the Independent Learning Centre of the Ministry of Education and several northern secondary schools.

For additional information, contact the local access site or the Regional Co-ordinating Centres in Thunder Bay 807-343-8006 or Sudbury 705-671-2710.



Don't miss: Members of the Terrace Bay and Schreiber Brownies and Girl Guides got together last week to play some games and have fun.

Above, the ever popular 'Patty-Whack game' captures the essence of the event. photo by Greg Huneault

Girls invited to join Guides and Brownies

Between 50 and 60 Brownies and Girl Guides gathered at the Schreiber Recreation Centre last Wednesday for an evening of fun and fitness as part of Fitness Week.

The youngsters, from the Terrace Bay and Schreiber camps, did a circuit of activities and kept the adults busy.

Eliana Wheeler of the Schreiber Girl Guide and Brownie camp said girls are welcome to join either area group. The season is ending shortly, but she said that interested Brownies and leaders are welcome

to join when activities resume in the fall.

With over 80 girls registered, she noted that there are probably new children in town who would see 'Waiting' on page 6

Local triathalon proposed for teens

As part of Canada Day

The Terrace Bay Canada Day Committee is looking for suggestions from area teenagers to see if there is enough interest to stage a triathalon during Canada Day celebrations.

A triathalon is a three-event competition usually combining swimming, running and cycling. Either teams or individuals can participate, and the goal is to complete a designated course in the fastest time.

Chris Joubert, Canada Day Committee chairman, said the committee hopes that teenagers are interested in becoming more involved in the special day's events.

"One thing we wanted to see was more events for teenagers. It would be something they'd probably enjoy," Joubert told the News.

The committee is now looking for input from interested persons. Ideas include setting up a course through town where teams would jog and bike before swimming lengths of the pool. Each member would do one specific event. Interested persons can contact Chris Joubert at 825-9295 (-3802) or Greg Huneault at 825-3747.

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