

Introduction to Teachers

The actual classes detailed in the lesson plans in this unit took place over 2 weeklong camps with middle and high school students from across the Iditarod Area School District. The objective of these camps was to strengthen student leadership through experiences that were designed to guide students in:

- building trust in themselves and others
- gaining confidence
- enhancing communication and decision-making skills
- practicing life skills useful in rural and cultural communities
- considering safety and preparation as daily choices
- understanding organization of Native Alaskan government

Students learned new cultural crafts and skills, and had discussions on the Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act. They participated in a powerful historical introduction to Tribal Administration and Governments, and were provided with a perspective on ANCSA by tribal leaders and community elders from Grayling and Anvik.



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