

**Northern Lakes College hosts Career and Technology Camp**

Northern Lakes College hosted a Career and Technology Studies Camp for high school students to introduce them to a variety of career options. The hands-on, week long camp was a great opportunity to explore careers in culinary arts, photography and several other industry related trades.

Forty-two students from Little Buffalo, Atikameg and Red Earth travelled to the Northern Lakes College Grouard Campus to take part in the camp from October 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>. Students received a taste of college life while they were accommodated in the Grouard campus student residences. Similar to regular Northern Lakes College offerings, classes were small, with plenty of time for students to get one-on-one support from an experienced crop of instructors.

Over the course of the week, students attending the camp sampled carpentry, welding and electrical trades and constructed a fully-functioning ice fishing shack complete with wiring and a stove. In the evenings, activities such as volleyball, archery, robotics and band program were available to participate in.



*Instructor Colin McKay from the Little Buffalo School and carpentry students with the ice shack project*

Red Earth photography student Shawna Rae Bohay was excited about the opportunity to work with professional equipment and powerful editing software. “I always liked taking pictures, but I never really had experience. Here, we learned how angles and lighting and the way you stand can change the quality of a picture”.

George Dashkewytch, Dual Credit Administrator at Northern Lakes College, was enthusiastic about the success of the camp. "This camp has given the college an opportunity to showcase careers from both an instructional as well as a practical view. In a very short space of time the students experienced college life and college instruction. The classes at the camp used project based instruction, which enabled students to see what a specific career would look like in the field. This camp was a win-win for all the partners and the students. I am looking forward to tailoring future career camps to the needs of our secondary partners and communities."

Several organizations got together to make the camp a success. Northern Lakes College, Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council, ADLC, Northlands School Division and Peace River School District No. 10 all worked together to organize and supervise the event.

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