

# 2014 Dene Languages Conference (Athabaskan)

## Call for Papers and Workshops

The 2014 Dene (Athabaskan) Languages Conference will take place June 18-20, 2014 at the University of Northern British Columbia in Prince George, BC. This is the only conference in North America that focuses specifically on Dene (Athabaskan, Na-Dene) languages and communities. Dene from all over North America will be in attendance.

The theme of this year's conference is "Na Whulna' Neghuni Ulhtus" when translated means, "While Our Language Is Strong." Sub-themes for each day of the conference are the revitalization, preservation and maintenance of our languages. Workshops, presentations and keynotes will be scheduled on the day their topic best fits into the conference sub-themes.

We are currently looking for elders, teachers, academics, linguists and community members to present their work on revitalizing, preserving and maintaining the Dene language.

- ◆ June 18– **revitalization**– what is their current situation and where do we go from here.
- ◆ June 19– **preservation**– how has technology changed your work and what are the ways you engage youth in preserving stories from elders and community members.
- ◆ June 20– **maintenance**– books, curriculum and educational resources that have been developed; how to start this project in their communities.

Workshop ideas consist of language lessons, curriculum ideas, outdoors, plant & traditional knowledge, storytelling, song, dance, archiving, digitizing and technology. Workshops and presentations should be informative, best practice, and easily adaptable to other language groups.

## Abstract Guidelines

Please submit an written overview of the presentation you would like to make. Include a description of any materials you provide to participants, the number of participants you can have in your workshop, technology and space requirements, and your contact information.

Email abstract to  
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no later than May 1, 2014.

