
THE SELTZER-CHAN POND INLET FOUNDATION: 2011



FOLLOWING THE SNOW GEESE

Students from the Environmental Technology Program (ETP) at Pond Inlet's Arctic College visited biology researchers at Laval University in April, a trip partially funded by the Foundation. Members of the two groups had met last at "Goose Camp" on Bylot Island near Pond Inlet where some of the ETP students had helped apply neck collars to snow geese. The Quebec trip was an opportunity for the students to gain a broader understanding of the scientific and research process and to provide input about involving the Pond Inlet community in future research projects.



ETP students saw (and climbed) trees for the first time

A field trip to snow goose migration staging areas was particularly memorable. The students were amazed by the numbers of birds – and of birdwatchers! This was an unusual experience for the students who are used to geese being valued for harvesting. The ETP students saw geese

wearing collars that had been applied on Bylot Island and witnessed how the information on the collars is collected and input into a database. They were very thoughtful when observing the collared geese, perhaps appreciating the collaring as an aid to research rather than a hindrance to the animals. Philip Awa, an ETP student concluded:

The field trip to the snow geese was awesome. First, I wanted to shoot them. My second instinct was to try to herd them into a pen and put collars on them. Third, I forced myself to stop counting them or studying their behaviour. Finally, I'm a tourist, just appreciate them for what they are... Trees + snow geese + rough-legged hawk + tourists = I wish I had a camera.

TOURING SOUTHERN SCHOOLS

The Foundation contributed to a trip to Ontario for the six grade 12 graduates from Nasivvik High School in 2011. As well as checking out potential post-secondary schools, the students visited major tourist sites in Ottawa and Toronto. Many students who come south to study find the experience overwhelming. We hope this trip will help these students as they plan their future.



Dorene Seltzer acted as tour guide for the students' visit to the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto

NORTHERN YOUTH ABROAD

The Foundation helped Dina Koonoo travel to British Columbia as part of the Northern Youth Abroad program. Dina was one of 32 youth from Nunavut and the North West Territories who participated in this year-long work and school program. Swimming and spending time watching eagles in the trees were among her favorite new experiences while she was away from Pond Inlet. (Visiting a mall was a big hit too!)



Dina and the other Northern Youth Abroad participants. Learn more about the program at www.nya.ca

ON-GOING PROJECTS

The Nasivvik Music Club held two more of their popular fiddle workshops this year. Two post-secondary students received funds to help them while studying in the south. Roseanne Ootovak won a bicycle when her name was selected from a draw of junior high school students with excellent attendance throughout the year. Teacher-selected high school students received cash awards or bicycles at the school closing ceremonies in June. In appreciation of Duncan Jackman's generous support of the Foundation, this year's high school awards were given in his name.

THE 2011 GRANTS

The Seltzer-Chan Pond Inlet Foundation is proud to announce that a total of **\$25,800** was distributed to the following organizations and individuals in 2011:

- Environmental Technology Student Trip
- Dina Koonoo – Northern Youth Abroad
- Nasivvik High School Student Awards
- Nasivvik Music Club
- Anita Ootoowak – Acadia University
- Pond Inlet Paint Ball Club
- Pond Inlet Boating Safety Project
- Bryan Simonee – Iqaluit Teacher Education

100% of your donation goes directly to grant recipients. The Foundation is volunteer-operated; all administrative costs are covered by board members.

Monique and Gareth Seltzer would like to extend heartfelt thanks to their friends who donated to the Foundation as a very special way to celebrate their marriage in August.



Nine year old Jefferson Killiktee relaxing in a floatersuit purchased with a subsidy from the Foundation

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