

BIG DIPPER COMMUNITY CIRCLE

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Releasing Individual Capacities

Capacity Inventory

Hello. I'm with Big Dipper Community Circle. We're talking to everybody in Kotzebue about their skills and interests -- what they already know and new things they'd like to do or learn. We want to make it easier for people to find others with similar interests and concerns -- also connections for interesting experience trying out new things or working with others to help each other or help the community. May I ask you some questions about what you've done, what you know, what you might like to learn or do?

Part I -- Skills Information

I'm going to read you a list of skills. It's a long list, so I hope you'll stick with me. I'll read the list and you tell me whether you know it or can do it, could teach it to someone else or, if you don't have that skill, whether you would like to learn it.

We're interested in all your skills and abilities -- also in things you're interested in learning or doing. For now, think about what you've learned by experience at home or with your family. Remember what you've learned at church, in the community, from other people -- wherever. There may be things you've learned at work, too, either on your own job or watching others. As I read the list, you tell me which things you know, which things you would be able to teach others, and which things you would like to learn.

We'll start with some traditional Inupiaq skills and then go on to others.

	Know	Could Teach	Want to Learn
Inupiaq History and Customs			
Know Inupiaq history	_____	_____	_____
Know village history	_____	_____	_____
Identify landmarks near villages	_____	_____	_____
Know Inupiaq stories	_____	_____	_____
Understand legends	_____	_____	_____
Understand short stories	_____	_____	_____
Understand songs	_____	_____	_____
Know customs of celebrating first catch	_____	_____	_____

	Know	Could Teach	Want to Learn
Eskimo games			
Eskimo football			
NYO games			
rules for proper play			
Eskimo dancing			
Drumming			
Songs			

Inupiaq Language

Can you Speak Inupiaq ?			
Understand spoken Inupiaq			
Read Inupiaq			
Write Inupiaq			

(Stop here if no affirmative response by this point, skip to next section)

Translate spoken Inupiaq to English			
Translate spoken English to Inupiaq			
Translate written Inupiaq to English			
Translate written English to Inupiaq			
Transcribe audio tapes in Inupiaq			
Edit audio tape			
Edit Inupiaq language video tape			
Make public service announcements in Inupiaq			
Teach language			
Type Inupiaq in computer			

Fishing

Do you fish?			
Jigging			
Build and use fish trap			
Chop ice hole			
Clear ice hole			
Fish under ice with a net			
Check seining net			
Set net			
Hang net			
Repair net			
Make needed tools			
If yes, which ones?			
Make floats and sinkers			

	Know	Could Teach	Want to Learn
Make net	_____	_____	_____
make knots properly	_____	_____	_____
measure net gauge correctly	_____	_____	_____
make correct gauge for big and small fish	_____	_____	_____
Trapping			
what tools to use	_____	_____	_____
Make a rabbit or ptarmigan snare	_____	_____	_____
Set rabbit/ptarmigan snare	_____	_____	_____
Identify good snare trapping locations	_____	_____	_____
Identify fur trapping locations	_____	_____	_____
Butcher and skin fur bearing animals	_____	_____	_____
Dry furbearing animals properly	_____	_____	_____
Food and Medicine			
Locate good berry patches	_____	_____	_____
Pick berries	_____	_____	_____
Preserve berries	_____	_____	_____
Identify edible greens	_____	_____	_____
Know season to harvest	_____	_____	_____
Harvest greens	_____	_____	_____
Preserve greens	_____	_____	_____
Make Doughnuts	_____	_____	_____
Make Akutuq	_____	_____	_____
Practice traditional tribal medicine	_____	_____	_____
bloodletting (kapi-)	_____	_____	_____
massage or manipulation	_____	_____	_____
(i.e. savit for health reasons)	_____	_____	_____
internal (specialty)	_____	_____	_____
bone	_____	_____	_____
circulation	_____	_____	_____
exercise	_____	_____	_____
Handling Meat			
Skin and butcher a caribou	_____	_____	_____
Choose organs good for eating	_____	_____	_____
Use all parts of a caribou	_____	_____	_____
Nigukkaq	_____	_____	_____
Make arts and crafts from skin, hoofs, antlers	_____	_____	_____

	Know	Could Teach	Want to Learn
Make fish rack	_____	_____	_____
Butcher a seal	_____	_____	_____
Make Seal Oil	_____	_____	_____
Make seal oil with black meat	_____	_____	_____
Butcher an Ugruk	_____	_____	_____
Butcher a beluga	_____	_____	_____
Butcher a bowhead whale	_____	_____	_____
Know how to divide shares.	_____	_____	_____
Store caribou or seal meat in freezer	_____	_____	_____
Cut meat for drying	_____	_____	_____
Store frozen fish	_____	_____	_____
Store fermented frozen fish	_____	_____	_____
Dry fish	_____	_____	_____
Cut fish	_____	_____	_____
Smoke fish	_____	_____	_____
Pluck ducks	_____	_____	_____
Run an outboard motor	_____	_____	_____
Row a boat	_____	_____	_____
winterize boat	_____	_____	_____
winterize outboard motor	_____	_____	_____
Repair sled	_____	_____	_____
Build sled	_____	_____	_____
Guns			
Teach gun safety	_____	_____	_____
choose correct gun for task	_____	_____	_____
shoot accurately	_____	_____	_____
Arctic Survival			
understand weather	_____	_____	_____
predict weather	_____	_____	_____
dress appropriately for travel in			
different types of weather	_____	_____	_____
identify ice conditions	_____	_____	_____
recognize dangerous or thin ice	_____	_____	_____
Choose grass good for insulation	_____	_____	_____
Pack sled correctly	_____	_____	_____
Make emergency snow shelter	_____	_____	_____

	Know	Could Teach	Want to Learn
Outdoor camping skills	_____	_____	_____
Cut wood (spruce, alder)	_____	_____	_____
Chop wood (spruce, elder, driftwood)	_____	_____	_____
Saw wood	_____	_____	_____
Operate Lantern	_____	_____	_____
Gas	_____	_____	_____
Kerosene	_____	_____	_____
Seal oil	_____	_____	_____
Operate camp stove	_____	_____	_____
Pitch up a tent	_____	_____	_____
Dog team			
hitch up a team	_____	_____	_____
use dog team for transportation	_____	_____	_____
mush a team	_____	_____	_____
care for a team	_____	_____	_____
train a dog team	_____	_____	_____
make dog posts	_____	_____	_____
make harnesses	_____	_____	_____
make collars	_____	_____	_____
make mushing lines	_____	_____	_____
know about dog mushing nutrition	_____	_____	_____
Sewing			
Make parkas/atikluk			
Fur	_____	_____	_____
Cloth	_____	_____	_____
Long, short	_____	_____	_____
For men, women, children	_____	_____	_____
Make fancy trim	_____	_____	_____
Skin sewing	_____	_____	_____
tan skins	_____	_____	_____
make mukluks	_____	_____	_____
make ruffs	_____	_____	_____
make slippers	_____	_____	_____
make mittens	_____	_____	_____
make yo yos	_____	_____	_____
Beading	_____	_____	_____
Wood Carving	_____	_____	_____
Ivory Carving	_____	_____	_____

	Know	Could Teach	Want to Learn
Basket Making			
Make Baleen basket	_____	_____	_____
Make Birch Bark baskets	_____	_____	_____
Make Grass baskets	_____	_____	_____
Make willow baskets	_____	_____	_____
Ulu making	_____	_____	_____
Jigging stick making	_____	_____	_____
Making skin scraper	_____	_____	_____
Make a log cabin	_____	_____	_____
Build a sod house	_____	_____	_____
Make birch frames	_____	_____	_____
Make beaded frames	_____	_____	_____
Make miniature dolls, gayags, sleds, etc.	_____	_____	_____
Crochet	_____	_____	_____
Knit	_____	_____	_____
Socks	_____	_____	_____
Gloves	_____	_____	_____
Headband	_____	_____	_____