Literacy This Week



We are a society of people dedicated to improving the quality of life of all Yukoners. We do this by building the foundational skills required for lifelong learning; acknowledging that we are all adapting to an everchanging world.



As we head further into fall many Yukoners will be heading into the wilderness in search of a plentiful harvest. If you are one of them, think about taking the art of the "moose call" along on the adventure. It is one of the more popular and successful ways of locating and conversing with this oversized ungulate and can add an extra dimension to your already exciting endeavor. Moose calls can encompass many noises from low guttural grunts to long sultry moans or a mix of both.

The art of the moose call can be broken into 3 categories:

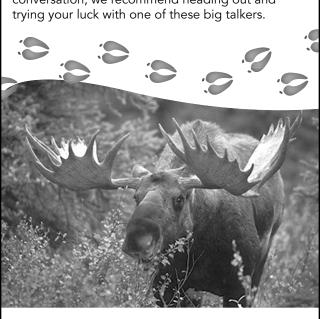
- the most practiced "cow call"
- the harder to master "bull grunt"
- the "crashing bush" method

Each one has its own challenges but when used well, the results are astounding! The idea of venturing into a quiet tranquil spot and letting out a series of odd, unfamiliar noises and receiving a similar response from miles away is thrilling. You will be locked into a deep conversation with the largest member of the deer family. A series of long mournful moans will make the forest erupt with trees shaking and low guttural tones as a response. Whatever method you choose, there is no denying that this interaction with a moose can be listed as a "must do" experience if you call the Yukon home.

The Yukon/Alaska moose is a great conversationalist if you are willing to start the conversation. At times they can be shy or hold their tongues but often they'll give you an earful if you are saying what they

want to hear.

If you find yourself in need of a new style of conversation, we recommend heading out and



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