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Tupik program launched in Nain

The Department of Language, Culture and Tourism has launched a new pilot program in Nain called Tupik (tent).

The goal of the program is to provide language and culture programming for all ages, and to promote family and peer learning. It is an opportunity for participants to learn/practice Inuttitut, hear cultural stories, participate in traditional activities like pitsik or iKalujak making and sewing, and much more.

“This is just another way to ensure our language and culture is shared between generations,” said Roxanne Barbour, Minister of Language, Culture and Tourism. “By having a safe and supportive environment to share our stories as Labrador Inuit, and learn from one another, we can strengthen our pride and understanding of our language and heritage.”

The Tupik program is housed in a traditional Labrador-style tent located near the Nain ballfield. There is space for indoor and outdoor cooking, benches for sharing cultural knowledge, and a comfortable space to practice culture and language. The department hopes to build on the success of the program by eventually expanding it to all Nunatsiavut communities.

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