

Minto Schedules Three-day Potlatch Celebration at New Village Site

Native dancing, food, fun and festivities will be found in Minto this spring as the village hosts a three day potlatch and open house at their new village.

The potlatch is scheduled to begin June 4 and continue through three days of festivities.

In the old days, the potlatch was the time for the leaders of the tribe to distribute gifts to the chiefs of neighboring tribes.

Also, at the potlatches, the chiefs discussed the past year and advised their young men on what to expect and prepare for in the year to come.

"Today," according to Robert Charlie, "we think of the potlatch as celebrating together and getting to know each other better."

The fishing is good at Minto,

the road should be dry and visitors who expect to stay overnight should bring their own tents and camping equipment. Also, the village asks, no alcoholic beverages please.

Anyone requiring more information on the potlatch can contact Robert Charlie, Box 4079 North Pole, Alaska or call him at 488-6891.