



Nathan Toots, mayor of Scammon Bay, leads a group discussion on Yup'ik values during the conference.

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Youth/Elders Conference 'educational, entertaining'

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EMMONAK — The Youth/Elders Conference which took place at Emmonak recently was educational, entertaining and exciting.

It was held Sept. 25 and 26, and included Sheldon's Point, Alakanuk and Emmonak. All the students seemed to have enjoyed the meetings, except for all the aching backs that everyone had from sitting on the hard bleachers.

We interviewed one person from each village. They were Hilda Redfox from Emmonak, Clyde Stern from Alakanuk and Jonathan Hayden from Sheldon's Point.

We asked each, "What do you think of this conference?"

"It was good and interesting, but tiring," said Hilda. Clyde said it was fun and he learned things, and Jonathan said it was interesting, but he mainly came to learn about 1991. He also liked to watch the Eskimo dancing, he said.

The second question we asked was, "Did you learn anything?"

Hilda said that she learned that Eskimo names are important. Clyde learned more about the Yupik culture. Jonathan learned about the way the corporations were run.

All said yes to the third question: "Was it fun?"

The next conference in the district will be in Hooper Bay. The next conference that Emmonak students are invited to will be in Kotlik Jan. 26, 1987.