

Christmas Gift Exchange

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Every New Year's Day, the old and young people of Nulato walk from house to house with a large canvas cloth. When they get to a house, they start singing a song in Native. The people continue singing until some member of the household comes out and throws cans of food or fish strips into the canvas. After receiving the goods, they holler, "Happy New Year" and then move on to the next house.

While this is being done there are men and boys pulling a sled to collect the goods from the canvas, and they take it to the town hall at the end where everything will be passed and shared among all the townspeople.

When all the food is passed out to the people, they go home and wait for a modern dance to begin later in the evening.

The next night there is the Mask Dance which is a fun time.