

Conference attendees explore the WWW.

People attending this year's Tribal Unity and Traditional Medicine Gathering had the opportunity to explore the Internet at the Information Exposition, which took place in the Yup'ik Room at the Kuskokwim Consortium Library

Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation's Technology and Media Services Departments connected five Macintosh computers to the Internet through a high speed telephone line donated by AT&T/Alascom.

People used the Internet browser Netscape to explore the Internet's World Wide Web, part of the global information network where information is available as text, sound, pictures, movies and animation.

Users looked for Native Art sites where artists posted pictures and descriptions of their work. Some looked and found new or unusual quilting patterns complete with pictures. One popular site was filled with recordings and sheet music of old Irish mandolin tunes. The recordings played on the computer and the sheet music was printed for those interested.

Eight students from Bethel Regional High spent three hours giving visitors tours of cyberspace and documenting the Tribal Unity and Traditional Medicine Gathering. The students then built a "webpage," a computer screen made up of text and pictures, and posted it on the Internet for anyone in the world to view.

Unicom Inc. started to providing Internet service to Bethel in July.