

All- Territory Camp Re-Cap

The 2011 First Air All- Territory Jr Men's Camp took place in Yellowknife, NWT beginning Monday, April 11 and concluding Saturday, April 16, 2011. The inaugural camp was part of a Pan Territorial elite player and coaching development initiative. The goal of this elite development camp was to provide 41 of the brightest young basketball stars in the Territories (Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut) with an extremely valuable week of personal development both on and off the court, while providing a forum to showcase their talents.

Greg Francis, the Head Coach of the University of Alberta Golden Bears Men's Team was the Head Camp Clinician. Francis was joined by CIS 2nd team All- Canadian player Daniel Ferguson. The camp consisted of fundamental skill sessions in the mornings, life skill sessions run by Life Skills Coach Rodney Hulstein in the afternoons, and competitive games in the evenings. Guest speakers included Northwest Territories Premier Floyd Roland, as well as CBC broadcaster Deneze Nakehk'ó and 4- time Olympian Sharon Firth.

"The kids are amazing, they listen, they work hard, they might not have some of the fundamentals that your used to around Canada but that's why we're here and they're catching on quick" -Daniel Ferguson

"Basketball Yukon President Tim Brady had the idea for the camp last year and to see how he; as well as Basketball NWT President Damien Healy and Basketball Nunavut made the camp a reality is commendable." said Basketball NWT Technical Director Nick Diem "The week was an outstanding success, the players and coaches from each Territory gained invaluable lessons from Coach Francis and Coach Ferguson."

"This was a great experience, it's a great opportunity to be in front of all these coaches" said camp MVP Narlie Dapilos "The camp is also here to teach us to become professionals, with the life skill sessions it allows us to learn about conflict resolution and how to cope with that."