Subsistence Calendar

During this project, students will create a subsistence calendar reflecting seasonal activities in their community.

Objectives:

The student will:

- learn Native language words for the four seasons;
- · identify which subsistence activities occur in their community during each season; and
- · create a circular subsistence calendar reflecting seasonal activities in their community.

GLEs Addressed:

Science

• [5-9] SA1.1 The student demonstrates an understanding of the processes of science by asking questions, predicting, observing, describing, measuring, classifying, making generalizations, inferring, and communicating.

Materials:

STUDENT WORKSHEET: Levels III-IV "Subsistence Calendar"

Activity Procedure:

- 1. Distribute the STUDENT WORKSHEETS. Instruct students to fill in the names of the seasons in the appropriate Native language.
- 2. Assist students in identifying which activities occur during each season. Students should fill in the appropriate activities on their calendars. Encourage students to talk to their parents or Elders about these activities. Students should use Native language whenever possible.

Answers to Student Worksheets:

Answers will vary.

Levels

Grades 5-8

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Levels



Directions: In the chart below, create a subsistence calendar by writing subsistence and other traditional activities that happen in your village in the appropriate section.

When possible, use Native language words you know, or ask an Elder for Native words for the activities and seasons. A list of possible subsistence activities also is provided on the following page.

Autumn/fall (translate) Autu Act	Imn/fall tivities:	Winter (translate)Activities:	
Summer Activities:		Spring Activities:	

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Directions: Use the Native language words provided and the list of subsistence and other activities in the boxes below, along with other activities that take place in your village, to fill in the wheel on the previous page. When possible, use Native language words you know, or ask an Elder for Native words for the activities and seasons.

Native language words for the four seasons:

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Season	autumn/fall	winter	spring	summer
Athabascan	naaheloo	huyh	hulook'ut	saanh
Inupiaq	ukiaq	ukiuq	upingakraq	upingaaq
Yupik	uksuaq	uksuq	kiapauq	kiak

Subsistence and other activities:
hunting ptarmigan
hunting moose
hunting rabbits
hunting polar bears
hunting ringed seals
hunting belugas
hunting caribou
ivory carving
going to fish camp
sewing (mukluks, parkas, slippers, skins, etc.)
storing seal oil
ice fishing
making seal oil
fishing
potlatch celebrations
crab fishing
halibut fishing
tanning skins
collecting and drying greens
smoking fish

hunting beaver hunting fox hunting bowhead wales hunting bearded seals hunting walruses hunting birds hunting on sea ice trapping storytelling knitting drying fish collecting bird eggs freezing berries putting away dried foods drying meat trapping fish berry picking weaving mending fish nets basket weaving

Include any other activities that happen in your village.

