



Cree Trappers' Association

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Grand Council of the Crees/ Cree Nation Government
Annual General Assembly

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- The CTA is a treaty organisation & its main responsibility is to protect the interests, desires, & values of the Cree Trappers in Quebec.
- CTA is committed to serve, preserve, protect the rights & interests of the indohoshoo members in Eeyou Istche

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- The structure of CTA has evolved through out its existence since March 10, 1978. We need to highlight the founding members for their vision.

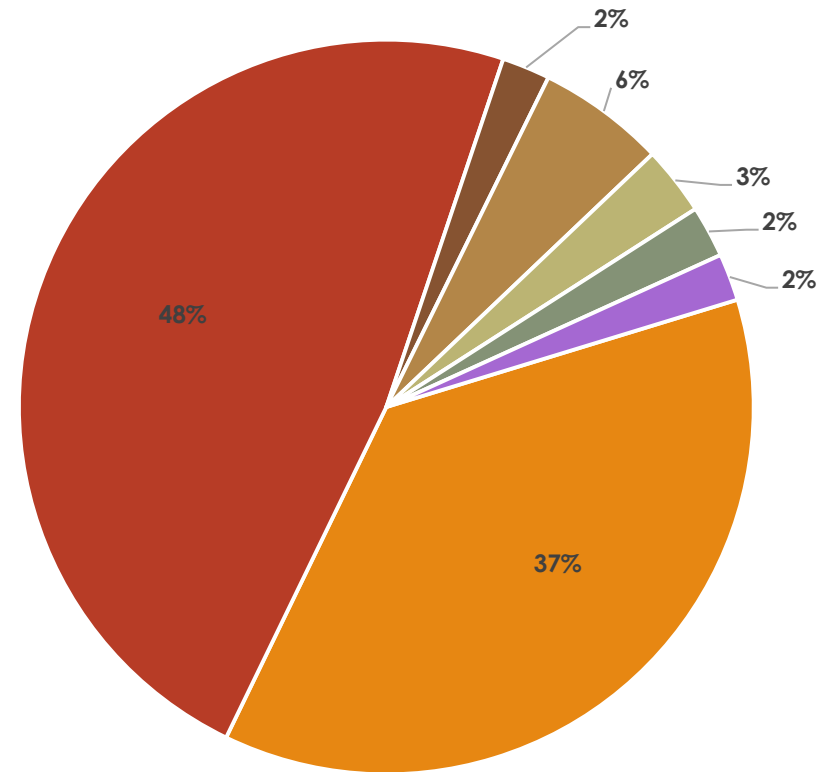
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Revenue



Revenues

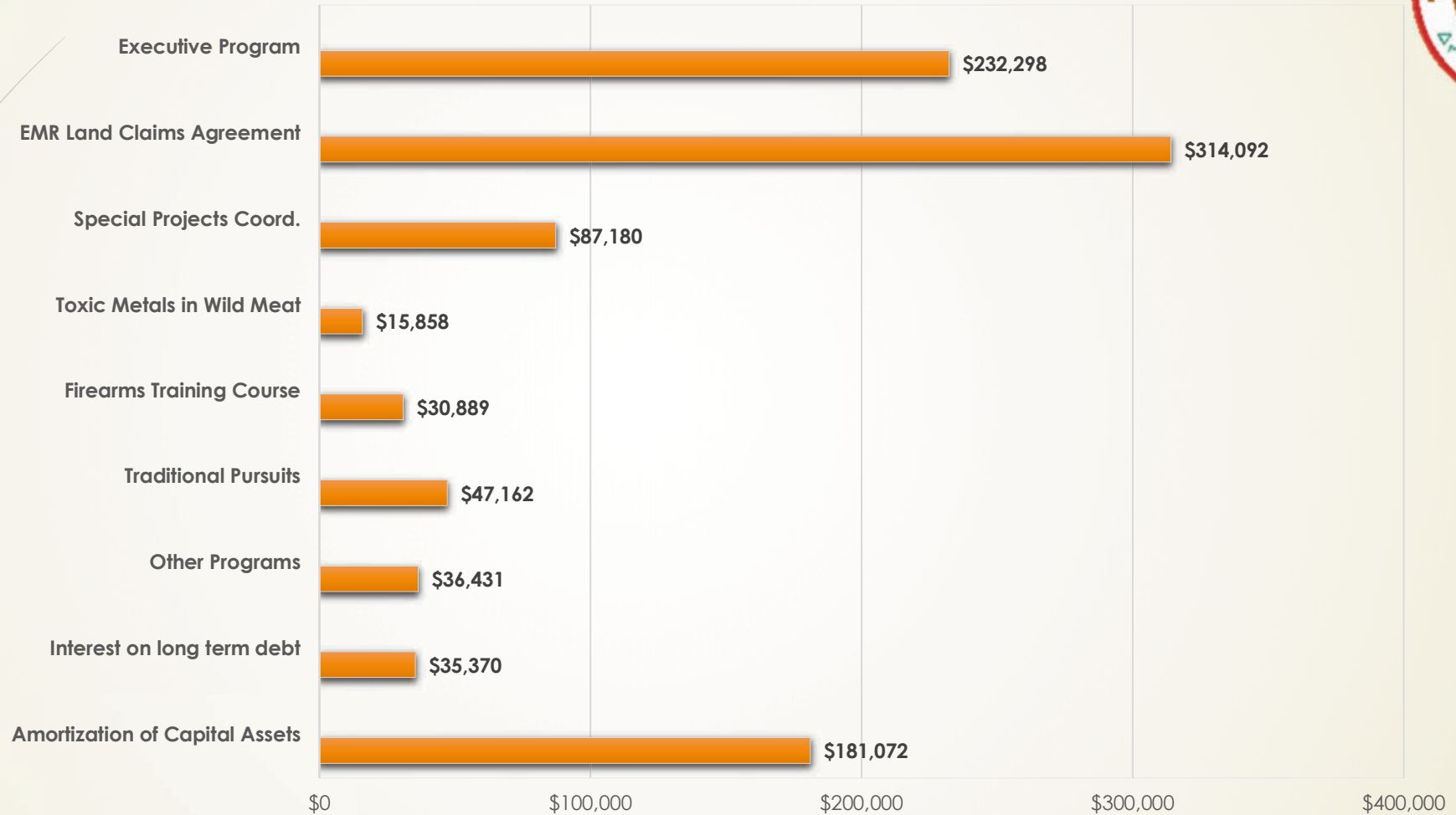
- Eenou Eeyou Limited Partnership
- Federal New Relationship Agreement
- Board of Compensation
- Eeyou Marine Region Wildlife Board
- Special Projects
- Membership fees
- Other Revenue



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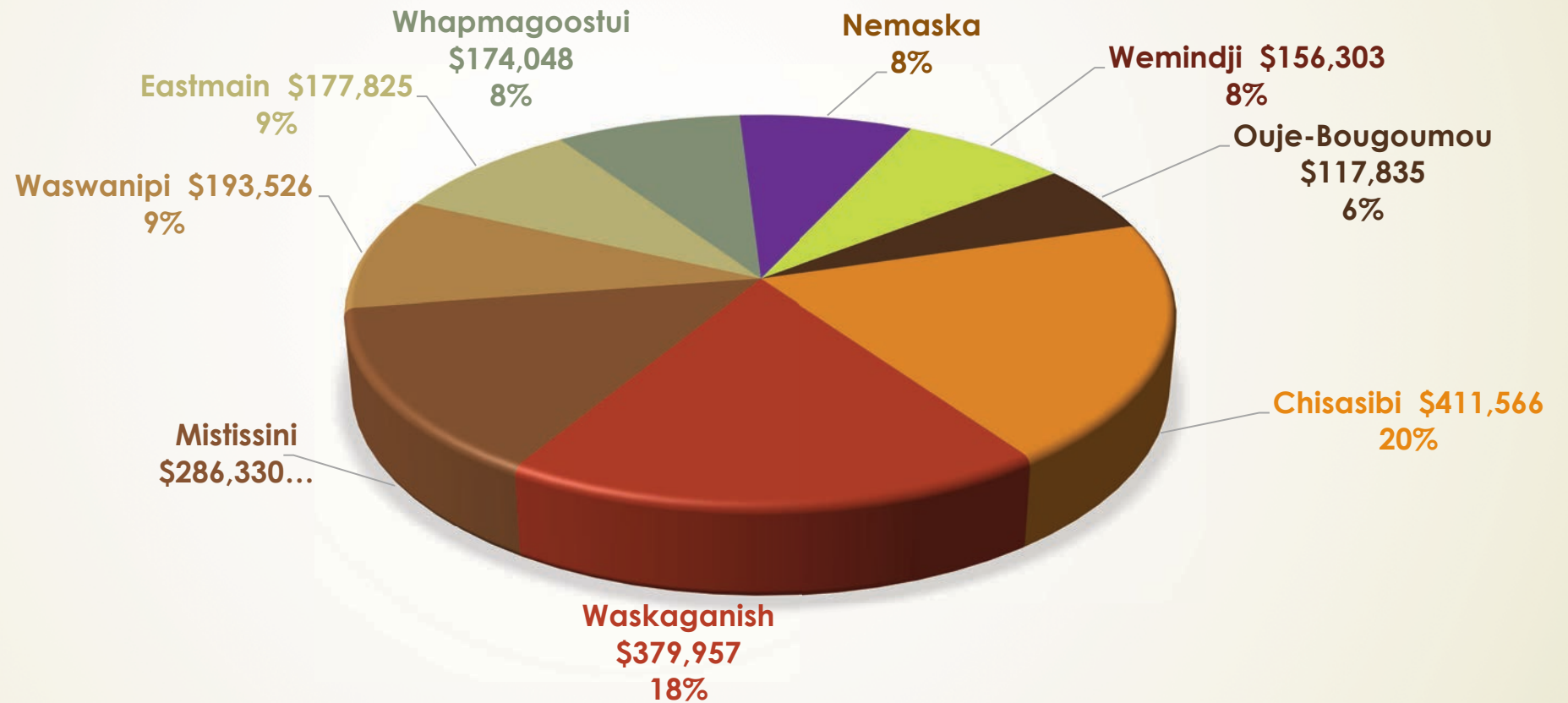


Programs Expenses and Capital Asset Amortization



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Allocations to Local CTA



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ALLOCATION TO LOCAL CTA



Community	Memberships 2016-2017	Funding Allocated for 2017-2018
Chisasibi	1903	\$411,566
Eastmain	511	\$177,825
Mistissini	1223	\$286,330
Nemaska	434	\$163,634
Ouje-Bougoumou	186	\$117,835
Waskaganish	1731	\$379,957
Waswanipi	719	\$193,256
Wemindji	518	\$156,303
Whapmagoostui	491	\$174,048
Total	7716	\$2,060,755

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Programs & Services



Although the fur industry is not at its best, we continue to harvest quality fur. Hunters & trappers of Eeyou Istchee are recognized for their harvesting techniques & the pelts are sought.



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Programs & Services



- Harvest database, Since early 1990 CTA has documented the number of small game species harvested in Eeyou Istchee.
- This important data can be a contributor to wildlife management.

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- CTA continues to offer the Firearms Safety course & Introduction to hunting with firearms course in Eeyou Istchee.
- In 2017 new instructors were trained and are certified. We have instructors in each community that can deliver these courses.

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Programs & Services



- ▶ Cabin program
 - ▶ We plan to construct 27 cabins this year, 3 cabins per community
- ▶ Cabin insurance program
 - ▶ Currently there are 252 cabins that are insured in all Eeyou Istchee

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Programs & Services



Toxic Metal in Wild meat Project

This study is collecting tissue samples from hunted animals to test them for contamination from environmental pollutants such as lead and pesticides



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Eeyou Eenou Ituun Cree Land Stewardship

Attestation of Collegial Studies

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Collaboration with ...



Original Objective of Program



To develop a training program designed to teach Cree youth not experienced in bush life the skills to practice Eeyou Ituuun

The program will benefit from the tremendous knowledge of Cree elders to teach these fundamentals to younger generations.

The objective is to maintain our Cree way of Life (Culture & Language)

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Background



- ▶ Many programs developed in the past
 - ▶ Trapping Program
 - ▶ Cree Science and Technology
 - ▶ Communities have short training programs
- ▶ Obtaining long-term funding was often the biggest limitation; this is still the main challenge.

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Background

- Brainstorming/planning session held 2014.
- Documents were reviewed by CTA and Niskamoon
- Basic concept of program presented to representatives from the College St-Felicien.



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Eeyou Ituun - Job Analysis



- 17 land users present representing 7 communities (Whapmagoostui, Chisasibi, Eastmain, Waskaganish, Nemaska, Mistissini, Waswanipi). November 2015



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Program goal



The steward is responsible for managing the use of the indoowho Istchee, in accordance with Cree traditions and with a view to sustainability of wildlife and resources.



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Educational intentions

- Acquire knowledge on Cree Traditional practices
- Acquire effective working methods
- Awareness of the impacts and consequences of quality work;
- Develop professional skills
- Develop a concern for sustainable development.
- Develop the necessary rigor to solve problems



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Courses



Eeyou	English
aschiich waachiimaakhdihk	Stewardship profession
eeyou ayehtuwin	Cree culture
aah maneejaanooch	Build camp
eeyeemiichum aahbeemnuuwahnnooch	Traditional cooking
jakaawn aahwooshhedaknoochaah abehdich	Crafting tools
noochimeech kiya mak nehdoowee aahdaanooch aahaabidehseenaanooch	Outing and survival
needoohwhowin aahdeebesinheekenooch	Wildlife inventory
needoowhoowin aahkooseewin	Wildlife illness
eeyou ayehtuwin aahyeehdoodaakinooch	Cultural activities

Courses



Eeyou	English
aahdeekawchech kiya mak abeehbooch aah yeeseeneehdoohwhoonaanooch	Harvesting activities fall-winter
aahsheekooch kiya mak ahnebihch aah yeeseeneehdoohwhoonaanooch	Harvesting activities spring-summer
aah ayiimeestaaknooch asschee aahaahbeecheehdaakenooch	Negotiation for land use
aahnaanaahkeecheehdaaknooch aascheeh	Surveillance of territory
niidoohoowin aahwhoochweesoodaakinooch	Habitat management
aaschiich aahdekooch jakawn	Management of natural resources

Competencies

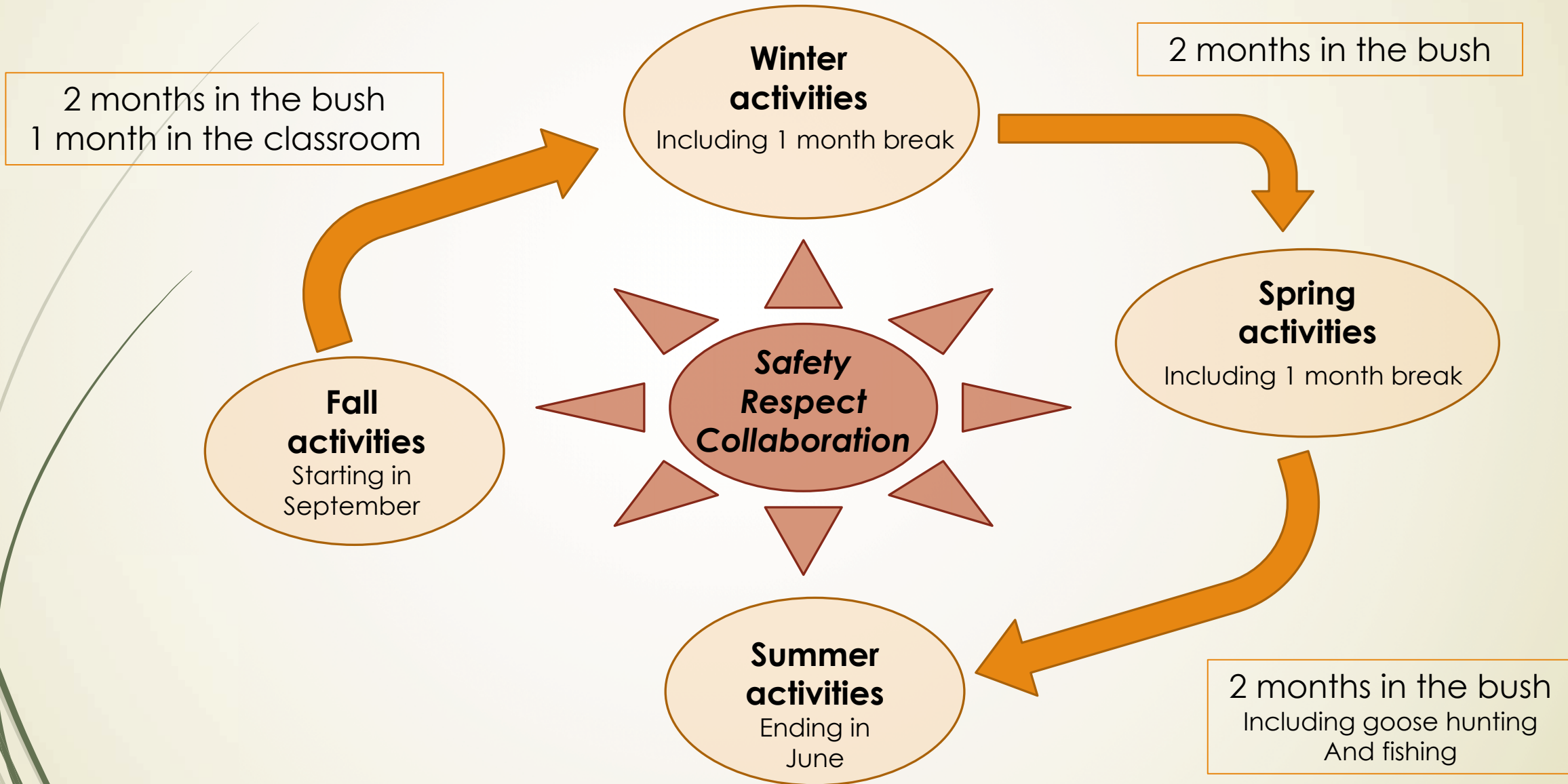


- ▶ Analyzing the work function related to the Cree Land Stewardship.
- ▶ Appreciating elements of Cree culture.
- ▶ Providing for your own needs for lodging and food on the land safely.
- ▶ Crafting tools that are adequate for life on the land.
- ▶ Working safely in isolation in rugged conditions on the land.
- ▶ Conducting inventory of the biotic and the abiotic components on trapline.
- ▶ Detecting the presence of wildlife species.
- ▶ Transmitting values, principles and best practices to members of the community.
- ▶ Executing wildlife resource harvesting activities safely.
- ▶ Contributing in the negotiations concerning the harvesting of natural resources on a Cree land.
- ▶ Ensuring surveillance on a trapline.
- ▶ Managing wildlife habitat.
- ▶ Managing the harvesting of wildlife resources on a Cree land.

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The program through seasons*

*some changes may occur



Program delivery



► Courses

- The vast majority of the courses will be given in the Cree language on Cree traplines and by CREE

► College St. Felicien

- CEGEP St- Félicien co-instructors will facilitate student evaluations and ensure that Ministry of Education requirements are satisfied.

► Minister of Education (Quebec)

- The Eeyou/Eenou Ituun Training Program is a fully accredited Attestation of Collegial Studies (ATS) certified by the Québec Ministry of Education. Meaning that the program will receive guaranteed partial funding from the Ministry as long as there are students registered in the program.

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Next Steps



- ▶ Pilot Project (Eastmain)
 - ▶ Recruit Instructors Land users (experience)
 - ▶ Train Instructors

- ▶ Fall 2019 – Program begins

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Thank you



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