

## Troth Yeddha'

The land now occupied by the University of Alaska Fairbanks is part of the traditional territory of the Lower Tanana Athabascan people. The site of the main campus is called *Troth Yeddha'* in Lower Tanana, the indigenous language of the middle Tanana Valley, spoken from Salcha (*Sol Chaget*) to Chena Village (*Ch'eno*) to Nenana (*Nina No'*) to Minto (*Menhti*). The word *troth* refers to the plant known in English as "Indian potato", "wild potato", "wild carrot", or simply "roots" (*Hedysarum alpinum*). The word *yeddha'* refers to the sloping hillside below the main campus.



If you visit UAF at the right time of year, you can dig *troth* and enjoy this traditional food. You can also experience many other traditional activities in the Fairbanks area, the heart of the Alaska Athabascan country.



### Submission Guidelines

#### Athabascan Languages Conference

and

#### Workshop on Athabascan Lexicography

University of Alaska Fairbanks  
June 16-18, 2002

Abstracts and session proposals  
should be emailed to:

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Please specify whether the abstract is  
intended for the conference or the  
workshop. The deadline for the  
receipt of session proposals is  
February 15, 2002.

The deadline for receipt of abstracts  
for presentations is March 15, 2002.

<http://www.uaf.edu/anlc/alc>



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## Call for Papers



# Athabascan Languages Conference

The Athabascan Languages Conference brings together linguists, speakers, educators and policy makers from across the Athabascan region. Over the past two decades this conference has become the principal forum in which members of geographically distant, but culturally and intellectually related, Athabascan communities can compare notes and learn from each other.

## Language Revitalization

The past few years have seen a surge in interest in language revitalization across the Athabascan region, including several nascent efforts at teacher training, immersion schooling and adult language learning. This year's conference theme, *Beyond Revitalization: Toward a sustainable future for Athabascan languages*, celebrates the tentative successes of revitalization programs and shares ideas for the implementation of long-term language maintenance. The 2002 conference theme is intended to foster discussions which integrate linguistics, language pedagogy and language policy to forge a sustainable future for Athabascan languages.

## Lexicography Workshop

A workshop on Athabascan lexicography will be held in conjunction with the conference on Tuesday, June 18. The workshop will bring together experts in Athabascan lexicography and individuals and groups currently involved in producing Athabascan dictionaries. The lexicography workshop will provide a forum to discuss issues of format and audience for Athabascan dictionaries, including the role of new technologies in developing and disseminating linguistic

reference materials. The workshop will include paper presentations and a round-table discussion of approaches to making dictionaries. Time will also be available for hands-on demonstrations of lexicography tools.

## Athabascan Language Development Institute

ALDI is a three-week intensive summer session program for Native language teachers and teachers' aides enrolled in the Denagenage' Career Ladder Program. Students pursue A.A.S., B.A., and M.A. degrees in Native Language Education. Graduation and closing ceremonies for ALDI will be held in conjunction with a conference banquet.

## Alaska Native Language Center

A center for language documentation and education, the Alaska Native Language Center houses an archival collection of virtually everything written in or about Alaska Native languages, including copies of most of the earliest linguistic documentation, along with significant collections about related languages outside Alaska. Visitors are encouraged to make use of the archives while attending the conference.

## Accommodation

Housing on the university campus is available at very reasonable rates. There are also several hotels located near the campus. Detailed information on accommodation will be distributed with registration materials.

# ALC 2002

Abstracts are invited for 20-minute presentations on all areas of Athabascan linguistics, language teaching, language policy, and language revitalization. Presentations that address the conference theme and/or workshop are especially encouraged.

## Conference Theme

Beyond Revitalization: Toward a sustainable future for Athabascan languages

## Conference Workshop

Athabascan Lexicography

Participants wishing to submit a group of papers focusing on a particular area of interest are encouraged to submit a proposal for a special session. Abstracts for session proposals should be submitted by the session organizer. In addition to describing the goals of the session, abstracts should identify the number of participants, time required, and format of presentation.

Conference presenters will be invited to submit papers for publication in a proceedings volume

## Participant Support

A limited number of awards will be available to help defray the costs of travel to the conference. These awards will be made on a needs basis, with preference given to conference presenters and Native speakers who lack institutional support. Application information will be made available with registration materials.