

Literacy This Week



Yukon Literacy
Coalition

We are a society of people dedicated to improving the quality of life of all Yukoners. We do this by building the foundational skills required for lifelong learning; acknowledging that we are all adapting to an everchanging world.



Discovery Day

The Yukon holiday, Discovery Day, is celebrated annually on the 3rd Monday in August. This year, it falls on August 15th.

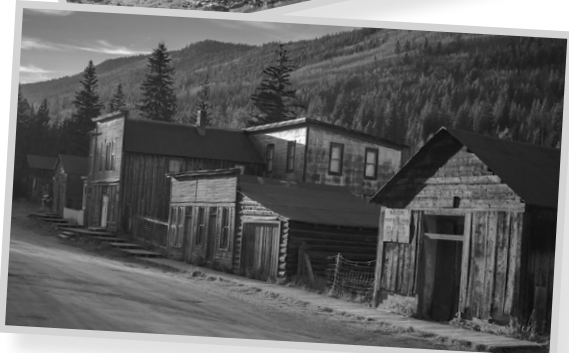
Discovery Day is not only a day off from work but has historical significance. It is a celebration of 'discovery'. Specifically, the discovery of gold.

In August of 1896 at Bonanza Creek, the Yukon gold rush began with the discovery of gold by Skookum Jim, Dawson Charlie, George Carmack, and Kate Cameron. Once word had traveled about the motherlode of gold in Dawson City, thousands of prospectors began their journey to the Yukon.

This day gives Yukoners the opportunity to enjoy a day off in the late summer. This holiday is spent many ways across the territory, with many Yukoners often spend the long weekend in Dawson City, participating in Discovery Day celebrations.

Some other ways this holiday can be celebrated are:

Camping with friends and family, enjoying a day at the lake, hiking, mountain biking, finishing a book, participating in community events.



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