

## **2017 – A big year for the Ayalik Fund**

During the summer and fall months of 2017, the Ayalik Fund expects to be sending as many as 20 Inuit youths on life-changing adventures:

- four to six youths on Outward Bound courses in Algonquin Park and the Rocky Mountains
- two youths to sail on a tall-ship from Quebec City to Nova Scotia
- two girls to a one-week Gana River Camp in the Mackenzie Mountains
- two boys on a nine-day canoe trip on Great Slave Lake
- two girls on a one-week canoe trip in the South Slave region of the NWT
- two or three youths to an on-the-land Northern Youth Forum to be held outside Yellowknife in September
- two or more youths to *Encounters with Canada* in Ottawa later in the fall

For the first time, the Ayalik Fund is supporting youth from the Kivalliq region who will be among those listed above in various programs.

In other big news, First Air is now a major sponsor of the Ayalik Fund, providing deeply discounted flights to all participant youths travelling on First Air routes (which is likely all of them!). These big savings in flight expenses mean that more of our donors' money can be spent on the actual programs for youth. Thank you, First Air!

