

Kendaaswin Day Video Transcript

And today we are having Kendaaswin Day

Kendaaswin means learning in Ojibwe

We are having 60 Indigenous youth come from all over the school boards near North Bay

They come to Canadore College and we hold workshops for them

So the first workshop is the music creation workshop which Jordan is helping us with

What my partner and I, Natalie, and I are doing is we're giving them, sharing our experiences through music. Where it's brought us, people we've been able to meet along the way and we're trying to get them to either make a song or sing along to a song.

We have these instruments there. We have a few drums in there, some shakers and I think we even have a tambourine in there.

We're using all of those instruments at one single time and creating a beat and we're creating a song and I think it's a cool experience for these kids. I find music is medicine and I think a lot of people can use music some times in their lives.

For sure. Today it's so important and to mix in the traditional knowledge as well as the modern technology.

The other activity, workshop, is the students get to colour their own indigenous designs on a computer.

From there they get to make their own websites where they get to put their songs and their colour creations onto these websites and share it with family and friends.

The second workshop, we bring the kid out onto the land. They get to go to a beaver dam, where a traditional knowledge keeper, Roger Chum, is there and gets to talk about the beaver and the cultural significance, habitat.

Then, we also take them around a walk on the nature trails where they get to use cameras to look into tree holes and dens to look at animal habitats.

So it's a fun, action packed day.

Very grateful that we had this opportunity.



