

## CWSF 2017 - Regina, Saskatchewan



### Taylen Sylvestre

#### ?uë ?ts'uzi

**Challenge:** Environment

**Category:** Intermediate

**Region:** Saskatchewan First Nations

**City:** Clearwater River , SK

**School:** Clearwater River Dene School

**Abstract:** My project was creating a traditional Dene fish trap called an ?uë ?ts'uzi. This trap design was used by my ancestors in their time to catch fish 1-2 at a time. The process involved harvesting local natural resources from traditional Dene territory and using traditional methods to create the ?uë ?ts'uzi. No modern or unnatural materials were used for this project.

#### Biography

My name is Taylen Sylvestre. I'm a 16 year old student at CRDS and I'm from Clearwater River, Saskatchewan. My community is the Clearwater River Dene Nation reserve. In my free time I like to enjoy the land and do activities such as ATVing. I also I like to play video games. I got my inspiration for my ?uë ?ts'uzi project from hearing about the ways my ancestors hunted and trapped. I wanted to use my First Nations heritage to showcase traditional land based science. My plans for the future is to go to University so I can become a engineer or a businessman. My advice to other students to do a project is if you're curious about something search up as much information as you can find on it or ask someone about it.

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