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Trapper Education Newsletter

Just for fun and to change my mood from happy to sad, I was reading the 1972 fur report from Edmonton Fur Auctions. I used an inflation calculator to see what the fur would be worth in 2008.

2008 prices

Lynx -\$648, Mink -\$355, Coyote- \$334, Beaver-\$251, Rats-\$15, Squirrels-\$7 and fisher-\$287. Marten would stay about the same.

Would it not be great for those days again, but it is not, so get over it I guess.

Fur harvesters had their sale and the results are posted on their web site.

Courses

The first course at the Trappers College will be going in August. We have enough bodies to make it worthwhile. There are some names for the September course there also and after convention we should get more interest.

We are planning a course in Fort Chip sponsored by Albion Oil sometime in October to the school kids there. Lloydminister is going in October; as well we have courses planned for Grande Cache, and Loon Lake. Courses will be posted on our website as they are booked.

Website

The format should be changed shortly so watch for it. There is a new segment on the DAO that you might want to see (it is there already).

Convention

Again check the website for information as it is coming fast this month. Should be a great time. Our magazine is at the printers and you should have it just before the convention with more information.

Trapline for sale

Just got a phone call for a trap line for sale north of Edson. It will be going in the magazine later. It is trap line 1204, 3.5 townships, no price, call Norm 403-882-2203

Trapping

Not a lot happening right now. The last of the fur is coming in to the Depot. We should be thinking about cleaning up the traps, replacing parts, ordering cable and locks and constructing snares. Don't wait until the fall to start boiling and dyeing the traps. At convention there will be items for sale to help you this winter and Gord's supplies from Prince George should be at the

convention again this year. Gord has a good supply of cedar forming boards as well as the new trigger for the weasel traps.

I am heading off for some holidays before the convention but Trapper Ed will again have a manned booth at the site. I hope to see you there. For those who have never gone I note there is often some trepidation about these events. Don't worry if you don't know anybody. There are all trappers or those interested in the fur resource. This is a great time to meet people, ask questions, see some fur handling, listen to some research lectures as well as partake in great food and entertainment. For those new to this newsletter be sure to check out some internet sites such as Canadian National Trappers Alliance forum, Alberta Outdoorsmen trapping forum and the new face book Canadian trappers group. See me at convention and introduce yourself. There are no dumb questions folks, although I have been known for some dumb answers .

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