

**GoNorth! Education Basecamp:** Good Afternoon Everyone!

**GoNorth! Education Basecamp:** Mille is here and ready for your questions!

**GoNorth! Expert:** Hi all, I am sitting here in Clyde River with Mikkell next to me - Aaron is at the office at the University and the dogs are down on the ice. We can't wait for your questions!

**Zoey:** of the 4 places you have been to so-far with GoNorth! do you have a favorite?

**GoNorth! Expert:** Mmm, I don't think I have a favorite! Canada to me feels very much like home - but each one of the places have their own unique characteristics I love - their own experiences.. and wonderful people!

**GoNorth! Expert:** Aaron's answer to your question Zoey is: My favorite place to travel in the Arctic is Nunavut. I love the terrain, people, and what each trip has taught me about this incredible area of the world.

**Aaron Doering:** Was this Mikkell's first expedition and what did he think about it?

**GoNorth! Expert:** Yes indeed it was. Its been the most awesome experience ever. Traveling with dogs added a whole new intensity to traveling –

**GoNorth! Expert:** Ok, we just had a question here about what we learned on the expeditio submitted from Colorado - I did answer, but it was lost in cyberspace so I will work on my answer again now.

**GoNorth! Expert:** In the meantime here is what Aaron has to say: I learned that teamwork and positive attitude makes all the difference in life. It was some of the most difficult terrain we had ever traveled through, but because of the incredible team, we were able to be successful and enjoy it while we did it. I also learned a great deal about climate change and how it is impacting the people who live in these areas.

**GoNorth! Expert:** First we had the chance to talk to experts in Pang who are studying the impacts of transboundary pollution on top predators like the Greenlandic Shark - they were finding that their levels of mercury in the brain is dangerously high. We also saw the effects of climate change on the natural environment (and people) first hand traveling through the pass - that was a wild experience. And last we learned hip hop is huge in Nunavut :)

**GoNorth! Expert:** We learn so much on each trip it is hard to put in a few words right

**GoNorth! Expert:** Mikkell says: he learned about Nunavut, the culture and the people and I got to know some really really nice people on the way –

**Jeni K Henrickson:** What was the most challenging part of this expedition?

**GoNorth! Expert:** I think the different weather conditions than what I expected was a challenge. A lot of snow at times, and at other times no snow. But I would have to say the early widening of leads of open water was our greatest challenge once we got on the trail. Though we had some mind blowing terrain through the pass, but as a team we handled that so fantastic that it makes it seem less challenging maybe. But really, it was crazy!

**Zoey:** Aaron is that because it also the place of your first expedition so it has a soft spot in your heart maybe?

**Colorado, USA:** Do you think you have seen changes in the Arctic over they years you have been traveling?

**GoNorth! Expert:** Yes. Lots of change - we have traveled here over many years so that is to be expected. Like, we have been in Nunavut now in 2001, 2004 and 2009 and since Nunavut was just established in 1999 there has been some major changes. That as an example is really exciting change!

**GoNorth! Expert:** To Jeni's question on the most challenging part of this expedition Aaron says: The most challenging part of the expedition was the terrain we traveled through in the pass between Pangnirtung and Broughton Island. However, because we had a great team, it made the impossible seem quite easy.

**GoNorth! Expert:** To the question what changes if any, we have seen traveling in the Arctic - Aaron says: It's not that we have seen dramatic changes, but what we hear from the elders is dramatic. They are experiencing a great deal of change in the landscape that they still live with. Everything from the time of the breaking up and freezing of the ice to the temps to the new flora that is being found.

**GoNorth! Expert:** Aaron says: Zoey, It might be. But I truly love Nunavut and all it has to offer.

**Minneapolis, MN:** How are the dogs?

**GoNorth! Expert:** Mikkel says: Well first of all I want to say the dogs are incredible individuals? Smart, intelligent, inspiring -

**GoNorth! Expert:** Mille: as for how they are now :) they are great! laying on the ice enjoying some time off, though they always get a little restless when we stay in one place for too long it seems. They are all in great health and high spirits.

**Zoey:** have the dogs met Shari and Jake's dogs? has their house dog that rings the bell to potty been down to meet the Polar Huskies?

**GoNorth! Expert:** Yes, we have met their dogs and some of their dogs have been over visiting with the Polar Huskies - Yesterday we were at the local school and Disko was up here at their house and got to meet Imuq one of their dogs too

**GoNorth! Expert:** Imuq is the bell ringer - and yes he has been down there too!

**Colorado, USA:** I really loved this year's project. We used it for the first time in our school and it is changing how students look at the world. What are the next projects after Go North? Do you have any planned?

**GoNorth! Expert:** We are so happy to have you part of the team!!!

**Zoey:** Mikkel, are you going to do it again?

**GoNorth! Expert:** Mikkel: hard to say at this time. But if I have the opportunity I would very much love to do so!

**GoNorth! Expert:** As for what is planned next - first, we are heading for Greenland next year. Then the following year we are suppose to head back to Sapmi, but his time also if possible make it into the Russian Sapmi. That I am very excited about. Then .. well, let me just say we have lots of things on the table - but the bottom line is that the plan as least is for GoNorth! to continue its travels around the circumpolar Arctic!

**GoNorth! Expert:** To what is the future plan Aaron says: Great question. Yes, we will have yet a new, bigger, and better adventure learning expedition planned after GoNorth! The name of the project is yet to be revealed, but we will be returning to the Arctic to give students yet another incredible learning opportunity! Stay tuned and keep watching polarhusky.com!

**GoNorth! Education Basecamp:** These are fabulous questions! We have about 10 minutes left....enough time for a few more questions.

**GoNorth! Expert:** Well, it just happened again - We had a question on how we train the dogs to cross the leads, and it just vanished in space when I pushed it out. But my answer is that we pretty much train by doing. Thats the only way really. So the dogs have some natural instincts around water and you encourage them lots and every time you see them get more confident and smart about it. But when they get too wide - that's it - no more travel.

**Minneapolis, MN:** What was your favorite part of the trip?

**GoNorth! Expert:** Aaron says: My favorite part of the trip is the team work - both with my team members and with the dogs. The quality of the team makes a trip successful - no matter if you are traveling throughout the Arctic or through your backyard.

**GoNorth! Expert:** Mikkel says: There are so many favorite parts but the one I like the most is going into communities and being invited into locals homes and get to know the people - and then ofcourse also meeting all the nice and wonderful kids!

**Colorado, USA:** The curriculum was amazing. How long does it take to develop something like that.

**GoNorth! Expert:** Well, thank you very much! When possible we try to work on it over years in that we know what is ahead and the gathering of resources is ongoing. Otherwise its a process that at least should take us the time we have between two programs which is about 6 months. But at times, like this year with the big change of location we really were having to crank and unfortunately it meant that it came out late -- but it is actually an amazing process to get it all done!

**Minneapolis, MN:** Do you read the notes we send?

**GoNorth! Expert:** Aaron says: Yes! That is yet another one of the most favorite parts of the project. I love to hear from you, the students - the reason we do GoNorth!

**GoNorth! Expert:** Mille says: YES!!!! I really love reading what is in the send-a-note section when getting into the communities!

**Colorado, USA:** What is the most rewarding part of a program like Go North?

**GoNorth! Expert:** The knowledge that students are out there inspired to learn and explore - so for example being here i Clyde River we had a chance to look more closely at the submissions to the collaboration zones and I can tell you I personally cried because I get so excited with what students are doing out there. That is an incredible reward for me! For you guys out there who use it -- that's a great question :)

**GoNorth! Expert:** Aaron says: The most rewarding part of GoNorth! is working with students and teachers around the world. I love having the opportunity to bring the Arctic to classrooms without students having to leave the classroom. Without you, GoNorth! would not be a success!

**GoNorth! Expert:** Mikkel says: the most rewarding part is to experience the real Arctic first hand and share it with other -

**GoNorth! Expert:** Mikkel says more :) : to contribute to get students to care about earth, climate and that actions matter!

**Colorado, USA:** If you could tell people to change one thing about their actions to have a positive impact on the environment, what would it be?

**GoNorth! Expert:** I think that is a BIG question :) I think we need to think in the big picture. Know that we impact each other and the environment with every action we make. Working with transboundary pollution this year have really made me think about that we need to consider how we MAKE things - and to make companies do that, I think it is maybe a good idea to say that the true prize of anything we buy should always take into consideration the cost of "getting rid of it" .. So I guess it is that we really think as consumers and accept that things are maybe a bit more expensive if they are made and dealt with with the environment in mind. That way we can also address those "climate forcer" that really have an impact.

**GoNorth! Education Basecamp:** While the team is answering one last question, we want to thank you for joining us today. We had so much fun and we hope that you not only enjoyed yourself, but learned a lot too-

**Minneapolis, MN:** Do you think we can really make a difference as students?

**GoNorth! Expert:** If people of any age believed they could not make a difference, we would not have accomplished, discovered, solved, explored any of the many things we have in history. Yes, you can and it is when we have great ideas followed by a plan of action that we can make a difference in this world. GoNorth! was only a dream at one time and if it wasn't for persistence, we wouldn't have accomplished what we have to-date!

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**GoNorth! Expert:** Wow, terrific questions! We are so happy all three of us to have been here today - thank you for being part of Team GoNorth! and we hope to see you online soon again!

From all of us at Team GoNorth!, Thank You for joining us today! We hope you enjoyed traveling along with us to Nunavut this year. Have a safe and fun summer and we hope to see you next year when we GoNorth! to Greenland in 2010. -Team GoNorth!