

Interview Questions for Traditional Housing and Shelter

Hello and welcome. I am _____, a Local Education Coordinator with the Chugachmiut Heritage Program. Today is _____, 2018 and we've invited _____ to contribute to the cache of Elder interviews we're collecting for the Heritage Kit "Traditional Place Names." This interview will be recorded using an Apple iPad Air 2 and a Zoom H4n audio recorder recording at 48 Ghz/16Bit.

Could you please introduce yourself?

I'm _____ and I was born in 19____ in _____. My father was _____ and my mother was _____.

Traditional Housing and Shelter have played an important role in the survival of our ancestors. The traditional housing and shelters were designed to adapt to the harsh environment in the Chugach region. Our ancestors utilized their surrounding materials to build the houses and shelters and chose specific locations that would help with the supply food and water from the wilderness. The traditional houses and shelters were used during the exploration of new settlements, between the trails from one village to another, and final settlements where some of the current villages are today.

1. Are you familiar with traditional houses and shelters?
2. Can you describe the traditional houses or shelters?
3. Do you know of any stories that were shared by your parents or grandparents about using traditional houses and shelters?
4. Do you know of any places around your community where a traditional house or shelter was used?
5. Is there a different name used to describe a traditional house or shelter?
 - Eyak or Sugt'stun

6. What were the different types of traditional houses and shelters?
7. What materials were used for building traditional houses and shelters?
8. How was a location chosen for the traditional housing and shelters to be built?
9. Did housing or shelter types ever provide a place name (Longhouse Hill? Fish Camp?)
10. Did the Russians influence Native housing or shelter design?