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Thirty-six young people from across the Arctic will paddle 320 kilometres down the Horton River to the Arctic Ocean this summer.

The adventure is the fourth of its kind organized by the Inuvialuit Development Corporation's Youth Leadership Program in the Northwest Territories.

This year, young people from Nunavut and Alaska will also join the trip, thanks to the Nunasi Corporation in Nunavut and the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation in Alaska.

The remote and rugged Horton river is famous for its whitewater rapids.

Martin Landry of the Inuvialuit Development Corporation says a trip like this helps young people develop leadership skills and become high achievers in other areas of their lives.

The journey will take 14 days and is led by Outward Bound Canada.