

* WHEN TO WATCH *

Road Scholars hits the pavement
Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. ET, APTN



Kids from our home and native land

On the road again

This travel series sure has legs. In each season, executive producer Jane Hawtin and the team behind *Road Scholars* select a group of teens from across Canada. Once that's done, Hawtin and co. train them as videojournalists and send them to challenging destinations worldwide.

Since its 2003 debut on YTV, the series has migrated to the Aboriginal People's Television Network and focused on Canada's First Nations as a recruiting ground for hosts.

Last season, *Road Scholars* followed the adventures of a troupe of teens from Nunavut transplanted to southern Africa. In the fourth and

IN OTHER NEWS

A new slate of after-school series premieres Monday on CBC, starting at 4:30 p.m. The new items include *Yam Roll* (starring a taxi-driving tempura slice), teen comedy hits from Morgan Waters, and *Mr. Meaty*, a series of puppet shorts about a pair of dimwitted brothers slaving at dimwitted jobs.

current season, kids from a variety of Canadian Aboriginal backgrounds fan out to destinations ranging from Australia to the high Arctic.

The show's core values are still there – it offers fascinating glimpses into distant corners, and its hosts bring their destinations to life with teenage exuberance.

But this season's emphasis on aboriginals exploring other indigenous communities adds an intriguing dimension. At times the cultures are strikingly similar, as when Manitoba Métis fiddler Mario Dupont discovers a traditional bread of his Tiwi island hosts that tastes just like bannock.

Occasionally, the encounters are more jarring. Aware of how her people's heritage has been pilfered by grave robbers, Ayla Brown of B.C.'s Heiltsuk First Nation is taken aback at the casual handling her Peruvian hosts give to human remains in a hillside tomb. Nature's forces also add drama when Inuit host Jessie Fraser is forced to take cover from a hurricane sweeping the Yucatan peninsula.

And, in March, look for Justin Trudeau briefing host Chehala Leonard on climate change in an episode titled "Arctic Diary". **TV**

DON'T MISS

SUNDAY

Naturally, Sadie 6:05 p.m. ET/PT, Family Sadie tries to separate Owen from his dopey jock friends and ends up pushing him into her brother's gang instead.

First Olympian 8 p.m. ET/9 p.m. PT, Discovery Civilization This one-hour special recreates the first games held in ancient Greece. It focuses on historical figure Ikkos, a competitor at the Olympics circa 500 BC.

MONDAY

Darcy's Wild Life 6:30 p.m. ET/PT Family Darcy and Lindsay meet Eli's cousin Troy and learn that he's obnoxious and self-centred.

TUESDAY

Captain Flamingo
4:30 p.m.

ET/PT, YTV It's the premiere of a new Canadian animated series about a kid-turned superhero armed with joke-store novelty items.



FRIDAY

Ned's Declassified School Survival Guide 7 p.m. ET/PT, Family Ned lands in a weight "lift-off" against Loomer. Moze bets that Ned will never beat his procrastination problem.