

Valdez, Alaska ~ Independence Week Event Descriptions

Kite Festival – Saturday, June 28, 2014

Kite Building Workshop & Kite Vendors (11:00am-1:00pm, Civic Center)

Children of all ages are invited to join in learning how to build small kites at the Kite Building Seminar. Kites will also be available for sale for flying.

Kite Flying Demonstration, Kite Flying & Celebration (11:00am-4:00pm, Ruth Pond & Kelsey Dock Parking Lot)

Join us for a fun afternoon filled with kite flying, games and food vendors. Fly your kite with the professionals as they demonstrate their craft of flying large kites in our skies. In addition to kite flying, vendors will be in the area selling food, crafts and kites. Games and contests will be conducted and prizes awarded to kite fliers and spectators alike.

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Sunday, June 29, 2014

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4th of July Festival – Friday, July 4, 2014

Most Patriotic Business Decorating Competition

Businesses throughout town will compete for the most Patriotic Display. The Mayor, along with a select group of Judges, will assess points for overall creativity and Patriotic “flare.” The winning business will receive a plaque for display as well as coveted bragging rights!

Uncle Salmon 5K Fun Run (9:00am Registration; 10:00am Race Begins, Civic Center)

The Fun Run begins and ends at the Civic Center. This is the second race in the Valdez Parks & Recreation Run Series. The route takes runners around Ruth Pond, past the Harbor on the Boardwalk over to Dock Point and back to the Civic Center. Registration is free. Prizes for first, second and third place are gift cards valued at \$100, \$50 and \$25, respectively.

Summer Art Contest, Display & Public Voting (10:00am-3:00pm, Civic Center)

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Kids' Decorated Bike Parade (Decorating 11:00-12:00; Parade Line-Up 12:00pm; Parade Begins 12:00pm, Eagles Hall on Hazelet Drive)

The Kids' Decorated Bike Parade will lead the Independence Day Parade. No pre-registration is required. For the second year, adult-monitored bike decorating will be available at the Eagle's Hall on Hazelet Avenue beginning at 11:00am. Free Bike Decorating Kits will be available for the first 100 participants. Participants are also encouraged to pre-decorate, or bring additional items for decorating. Line-up of the kids will take place promptly at 12:00pm in the Eagles Parking Lot. The parade will begin at 12:00pm and the Kids on Decorated Bikes will be one of the leading parade entries. At the end of the Parade route each participating child will be given a coupon for a free ice cream cone. For more information contact Venessa Dawson at City Hall at 831-0862 or vdawson@ci.valdez.ak.us.

Independence Day Parade (Parade Line-Up 11:30am; Parade Begins 12:00pm, West Egan Drive)

The Independence Day Parade is an opportunity for individuals, families, groups, businesses and organizations to show their patriotic spirit by participating in the parade with an entry or float. Pre-registration is not mandatory, but is highly encouraged. Registration for the parade is free. There is no designated theme. Prizes for first, second and third place best entries will receive \$100, \$50 and \$25, respectively. Line-up begins at 11:30am and takes place on West Egan Drive. The parade route is down Fairbanks Street. Registration forms can be found on the event website: www.ci.valdez.ak.us/july4. For more information contact Lisa Von Barga at City Hall at 834-3425 or lvonbarga@ci.valdez.ak.us.

2nd Annual Valdez Mascot Race (During the Parade)

Be sure to watch the 2nd Annual Valdez Mascot Race during the parade. All of your favorite local mascots will be challenging each other for the title of “Ultimate Mascot Champion.” It should be a hoot again this year!

Ugliest Car in the Parade Contest (During the Parade)

Let's make this year's parade CRAZY with an UGLIEST CAR COMPETITION (UCC)! The winner gets the UCC Trophy and bragging rights to the worst looking car in town. Registration forms can be found on the event website:

www.ci.valdez.ak.us/july4.

Fairbanks Street Block Party (Vendor Set Up 8:30am-11:30am; Open to Public 12:30pm After the Parade, Fairbanks Street)

The Block Party is an open street fair with food, craft and activity vendors. The Block party is open to the public and lasts from 12:30pm directly following the parade until 3:00pm. Vendors must pre-register no later than July 2, 2014 at 3:00pm. The cost per booth is \$5.00. Vendors are responsible for all booth amenities, including tent coverage. Electricity and covered space may be available in limited quantities. Food vendors are required to have ADEC permits. Registration forms can be found on the event website: www.ci.valdez.ak.us/july4. For more information contact the Valdez Convention & Visitors Bureau at 835-2984.

Owen Johnson Memorial Kids' Games (1:00pm-3:00pm, Barney Meyring Park Strip)

This memorial to Owen Johnson is sponsored and organized by the local Eagle's Aerie #1971. Young people are invited to participate in old fashioned activities like sack races. Participation is free. The games are held on the Barney Meyring Park Strip across Pioneer Drive from the Fire Station in downtown.

A variety of prizes are offered to game and competition winners.

Canoe Jousting (3:30pm-5:30pm, Ruth Pond)

Teams of two battle it out against each other for the championship. Each team has a paddler and a joust. The paddler strategically maneuvers the canoe while the joust uses a pugil stick to up-end the opponent and their canoe. Pre-registration is not required, but is highly encouraged. Competition is open to participants 16 and older. Participants under 18 must have adult permission. Canoes, life jackets and pugil sticks are provided. Participants must be able to swim and attire appropriate with being completely submerged is necessary. It is free to participate and cash prizes will be awarded to 1st-4th Place. This is a great spectator event so please come watch and cheer on your favorite team even if you won't be jousting. The event is held at Ruth Pond at the corner of Hazelet and Fidalgo. Registration forms can be found on the event website: www.ci.valdez.ak.us/july4. For more information contact Fire Chief George Keeney at 835-4313 or gkeeney@ci.valdez.ak.us.

USCG Small Boat Station & Response Boat Tours (4:00pm-6:00pm, USCG Small Boat Station 235 Fidalgo Drive)

The United States Coast Guard is pleased to provide tours of our local small boat station and 25-foot response vessels. Be sure to take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn how the USCG protects the waters and boaters of Prince William Sound.

Free Community Picnic & Live Music (5:00pm, Kelsey Dock Plaza)

Enjoy free burgers down at the Kelsey Dock Plaza while listening to the live musical stylings from "Future Babes" and "APEX", some of our great local musicians and enjoying the amazing view of Port Valdez.

Independence Evening (7:00pm-10:30pm, Kelsey Dock Plaza)

Spend the evening at the Kelsey Dock Plaza enjoying live music with "The Shoot Dangs" from 7:00pm-10:00pm. Kick back and enjoy the bonfire while you roast marshmallows and make s'mores from 7:00pm-10:30pm. Be sure to bring your own roasting stick, but the s'more supplies will be provided. At 7:00pm the Parks & Recreation Department will host more kids' activities on the grassy area down at the Kelsey Plaza. Activities for kids ages 10 and under will include bean bag toss, plinko, and wacky-golf. Small toy prizes will be awarded to winners. Finally, grab a chair and watch the annual **FIREWORKS DISPLAY** which begins at 10:00pm and lasts approximately 20 minutes. Fireworks will be shot from the old Sea Otter RV Park area so there are several great waterfront vantage points including the Kelsey Dock area.

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Pink Salmon Festival – Saturday, July 5, 2014

VSA July Magic Softball Tournament (9:00am, Valdez Gold Fields)

The Valdez Softball Association's July Magic Tournament is an annual event being held at the Valdez Gold Fields on July 5th & 6th, 2014. The tournament is Co-Ed C/D and open to softball teams from all over the state. Tournament games begin at 9:00am each day. Interested teams or potential spectators are encouraged to contact Heidi Horning at (907) 255-5442 or valdezsoftball99686@gmail.com.

Pink Salmon Cook-Off (Challenger Set-Up 10:00am; Cook-Off 12:00pm-2:00pm; Judging 2:00pm-3:00pm; Awards 3:00pm, Kelsey Dock Uplands)

Celebrate Wild Alaska Pink Salmon with this opportunity for amateur and professional chefs of all types to submit original recipes for preparation of Pink Salmon and prepare those recipes for a panel of judges. Registration and recipe submittal must take place by 5:00pm June 30, 2014. Registration is limited to 20 participants, so register early. Chefs are required to provide all cooking facilities and amenities. Cash prizes ranging from \$1,500 to \$150 will be awarded for 1st-5th Place. Registration forms may be found on the event website at www.ci.valdez.ak.us/pinksalmonfest. For more information contact Lisa Von Barga at 834-3401 or lvonbarga@ci.valdez.ak.us.

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Junk In Your Trunk Flea Market & Rummage Sale (12:00pm-4:00pm, Kelsey Dock Parking Lot)

If you have treasures, junk, crafts or anything else to sell, pack up your car and head to the Kelsey Dock Parking Lot across the street from Ruth Pond where you can use a parking stall to sell all your goods. Shoppers come and see what everyone has for sale. There is no fee, but space is available on a first come, first served basis. No food vendors please. There is no pre-registration. For more information please contact Todd Wegner at (907) 834-3400 or twegner@ci.valdez.ak.us.

Pink Salmon Fish Printing (12:00pm-3:00pm, Kelsey Dock Uplands)

Artist and teacher, Wendy Goldstein, will assist both young and old learn the art of fish printing with Alaskan Pink salmon during the "Pink Salmon Festival" on July 5th. Based upon the ancient Japanese art, "Gyotaku," workshop participants will create a beautiful one-of-a-kind relief print. First they will paint one side of the salmon fish body. Then lay a sheet of paper on the fish and carefully rub the paper and fish with their hands thus transferring the paint to the paper. Lastly, printmakers will remove the paper to discover a wonderfully creative reflection of a pink salmon. Pre-registration is required and space is very limited. Registration forms may be found on the event website at www.ci.valdez.ak.us/pinksalmonfest. Participants must wear old clothes which can get dirty or wear an apron. Participants must be age 7 or older. For more information contact Wendy Goldstein at the Whitney Museum at 834-1689 or wgoldstein@pwscc.edu.

Kids' Pink Salmon Games (Registration 1:30pm-2:00pm; Games 2:00pm-3:00pm, Kelsey Dock Uplands)

Kids up to age 12 are encouraged to participate in silly Salmon-centered games including the famous Pink Salmon Toss and the Pink Salmon Relay. Children should wear play clothes that can get dirty and some of the games include holding a real salmon. Pre-registration on-site at the Civic Center is required and will take place from 1:30pm-2:00pm. The games will run from 2:15pm to 3:30pm. A variety of small prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Free Community Pink Salmon Fry (3:15pm, Kelsey Dock Uplands)

Enjoy a delicious sample of Wild Alaska Pink Salmon grilled to perfection and served with side dishes. Experience why Pink Salmon is so wonderful.

Roustabout Circus Extravaganza Performance (5:00pm-6:00pm, Civic Center)

Come enjoy the culmination of two weeks of hard work and dedication by our Circus Camp attendees as they demonstrate their new found skills in the Circus Arts including acrobatics, trapeze, clowning and juggling of all kinds. Augmented by the professional Circus Staff from Roustabout Circus.

Teen Challenge "Minute to Win It" (7:00pm-10:00pm, Teen Center)

Are you ready for some fun? Join us to win prizes and the respect of all your friends! If you want to win you will need some serious skills to master these feats. Teens ages 13-19 are put on the spot to balance, throw, jump, stack and more...all with only Minutes to Win It! Free to participate. No pre-registration necessary.

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