Valdez Kite & Dance Festival—Saturday, June 29, 2013

Kite Building Workshop & Kite Vendors (10:00am-12:00pm, Civic Center)
Children of all ages are invited to join in learning how to build small kites at the Kite Building Seminar sponsored by Alyeska Pipeline Service Company.

Let's Go Fly a Kite Festival & Large Kite Demonstration (11:00am-3:00pm, Kelsey Dock Uplands 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. For those wanting to purchase kites for the event, the Valdez Museum will be selling kites before and during the event...or build your own from 10:00am-12:00pm.

Uncle Salmon Dance Festival & Bonfire (6:00pm-10:00pm, Kelsey Dock Uplands)
Bring the whole family to the Kelsey Dock for a grand night of live music, dance instruction and calling. On site there will be food and beverage service, as well as a beer garden.

Independence Day Festival - Thursday, July 4, 2013

Most Patriotic Business Decorating Competition
Businesses along the Parade Route 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)
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.

Kids' Decorated Bike Parade (Decorating 11:00-12:00; Parade Line-Up 12:00pm; Parade Begins 12:15pm)
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 Eagle's Parking Lot. The parade will begin at 12:15pm 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 Cindy Rymer at the City Shop at 831-0459 or crymer@ci.valdez.ak.us.

Independence Day Parade (Parade Line-Up 11:30am; Parade Begins 12:15pm)
The Independence Day Parade, opens with the reading of the Declaration of Independence, 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 Bargen at City Hall at 834-3425 or lvonbargen@ci.valdez.ak.us.

1st Annual Valdez Mascot Race (During the Parade)
Be sure to watch the 1st 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!

Fairbanks Street Block Party (Vendor Set Up 8:30am-11:30am; Open to Public 12:30pm After the Parade)
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 June 28, 2012 at 5:00pm. The cost 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 Aaron at VCVB at 835-2984.

Owen Johnson Memorial Kids' Games (1:00pm-3:00pm)
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 and the like. 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)
Teams of two battle it out against each other for the championship. Each team has a paddler and a jouster. The paddler strategically maneuvers the canoe while the jouster 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.

Free Community Picnic (5:00pm-7:00pm)
Enjoy free burgers down at the Kelsey Dock Plaza while listening to live music from some of our great local musicians of the band "Cold Spray" and enjoying the amazing view of Port Valdez.

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Survival Suit Races (6:00pm-7:30pm)

The United States Coast Guard is sponsoring Survival Suit Races. The fastest team of four to don survival suits and swim the course wins. If you don't have your own survival suit, one will be provided. Taking place at Ruth Pond, registration begins at 6:00pm. Competition Categories: Fry—Age 13 and under; Smolts—Ages 13-17; Salmon—Ages 18 and older; Open—Any team of four. For more information contact Rob Trevino at 835-7261 or roberto.n.trevino@uscg.mil.

Independence Evening at the Kelsey Dock Plaza (7:00pm-11:00pm)

Spend the evening at the Kelsey Dock Plaza enjoying live music with **"The Rebel Blues"** from 7:00pm-10:00pm**.** Kick back and enjoy the bonfire while you roast marshmallows and make s'mores from 7:30pm-10:30pm. Be sure to bring your own roasting stick, but the s'more supplies will be provided. At 7:30pm 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 10:30pm 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.

Pink Salmon Festival—Saturday, July 6, 2013

Pink Salmon Decorating Contest (Decorating May 31-June 30; Display & Judging July 1-6; Award 3:00pm July 6)

Test your talents by decorating a 4 foot wooden salmon cut-out. Fish are available at the Civic Center Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm beginning May 31st for a minimum donation of $10 each. Return your fish to the Civic Center no later than July 1st. All entries will be displayed and available for public voting July 2nd-6th. All entry fees go to the winner. The winner will be announced at 3:00pm July 6th in the Civic Center Parking Lot at the Pink Salmon Cook-Off Award Ceremony. Open to all ages. Quantities are limited to the first 25 aspiring artists. For more information contact the Parks & Recreation office at 835-2531 or at www.ci.valdez.ak.us/parks.

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

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 25, 2012. 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 Bargen at 834-3401 or lvonbargen@ci.valdez.ak.us.

Junk In Your Trunk Flea Market & Rummage Sale (12:00pm-4:00pm)

If you have treasures, junk, crafts or anything else to sell, pack up your car and head to Civic Center Hill where you can use a parking stall to sell all your goods. Shoppers come an 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. Pre-registration is recommended, but registration the day of the event is allowed. Those pre-registered may set up at 11:00am. Everyone will be directed where to park. Registration forms may be found on the event website at www.ci.valdez.ak.us/pinksalmonfest.

Pink Salmon Fish Printing (12:00pm-3:00pm)

Artist and teacher Faith Revell will assist both young and old learn the art of fish printing with Alaskan Pink salmon during the "Pink Salmon Festival" on July 6th. Based upon the ancient Japanese art, "Gyotaku," workshop participants will pull 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 Faith Revell at the Valdez Museum at 835-2764 or frevell@valdezmuseum.org.

Kids' Pink Salmon Games (Registration 1:30pm-2:00pm; Games 2:15pm-3:30pm)

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 (3:00pm-5:00pm)

Enjoy a delicious sample of Wild Alaska Pink Salmon grilled to perfection and served with side dishes. The Salmon Fry will take place in the Civic Center parking lot.

Ton-of-Fun Inflatable Family Games (3:00pm-7:00pm)

The Civic Center Ballrooms will be tons of fun with these free teen (Ages 12-19) activities. "Bucking Salmon" - Customers can now "Ride the Red" where you can ride our custom made Chinook salmon. Now there's a fish story that you have to see to believe! "Bungee Run" - Hours and hours of fun, you and your friends can try and make it to the end of the bungee run -- but you won't! Padded harnesses hold you back and will knock you off your feet! "Bouncing Boxing" - You and your friends can duke it out with each other until the sun comes up! "Obstacle Course" - The kids will have a blast running through our obstacle course!

Teen Challenge (7:00pm-8:00pm)

Teen teams of four will battle it out to see who reigns supreme in the Teen Challenge event. The challengers will ride the "Bucking Salmon;" pummel each other in "Bouncy Boxing;" race each other in "Bungee Run;" and outdo each other physically in the "Obstacle Course." Open to ages 13-19. Prizes will be given to the top teams. Register on-site.

Be sure to visit the event websites for all the latest information at:

Kite Festival: www.valdezalaska.org/events
4th of July Festival: www.ci.valdez.ak.us/july4
Pink Salmon Festival: www.ci.valdez.ak.us/pinksalmonfest