

City of Valdez  
2017

4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY

FESTIVAL  
EVENT DETAILS

## Independence Day Activities, Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### **Summer Art Contest, Display & Public Voting**

This summer's art contest is all about Ravens! Return your decorated Raven to the Civic Center no later than Friday, June 30th at 5:00pm. All entries will be on display at the Civic Center and available for public viewing and voting Saturday July 1st through Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Open to all ages.

### **Most Patriotic Business Decorating Competition**

Businesses throughout town will compete for the Most Patriotic Business. This is a FREE contest, open to Valdez establishments in the downtown area. Judging will take place July 4<sup>th</sup>. The winning business will receive the "Most Patriotic Business" plaque. The winner will also receive a FREE 1/8<sup>th</sup> page advertisement spot valued at \$450 in the Valdez Convention & Visitors Bureau Vacation Guide.

### **Uncle Salmon 5K & 10K Fun Run**

The Fun Run is coming Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. The race will begin at the South Barney Meyring Park Strip on Pioneer Drive, across the street from the Fire Station. Registration begins at 8:30am and the race starts at 9:30am. This event is free and all ages are welcome. Pre-register online @ [www.ci.valdez.ak.us/july4](http://www.ci.valdez.ak.us/july4)

### **Kids' Decorated Bike Parade (Decorating 11:00-12:00; Parade Line-Up 11:30am; Parade Begins 12:00pm)**

The Kids' Decorated Bike Parade will lead the Independence Day Parade. No pre-registration is required. Again this 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 **while supplies last**. Participants are also encouraged to pre-decorate, or bring additional items for decorating. Line-up of the kids will take place promptly at 11:15am in the Eagle's Parking Lot. The kids on decorated bikes will be one of the leading parade entries.

### **Independence Day Parade (Parade Line-Up 11:30am; Parade Begins 12:00pm)**

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. There will be no pre-registration this year. Registration for the parade is free. The theme is patriotic. Line-up begins at 11:30am and takes place on West Egan Drive. The parade route is down Fairbanks Drive.

### **5th Annual Valdez Mascot Race (During the Parade)**

Be sure to watch the 5th 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 and a half!

### **Slow Bike Race (Immediately following the Parade)**

How slow can you go on your bike? The last person to cross the finish line, without completely stopping or touching the ground, will win! Registration starts right after the parade and line up is on Fairbanks Drive. Must have your own two-wheel bike and helmet, be at least 7 years of age or older and have a signed waiver. (If under the age of 18, the registration form must be signed by a parent/guardian.)

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#### **Civic Center Cinema Movie “Wonder Woman” (7:00pm) Rated PG-13 - 2 hours 20 minutes + Trailers**

Before she was Wonder Woman (Gal Gadot), she was Diana, princess of the Amazons, trained to be an unconquerable warrior. Raised on a sheltered island paradise, Diana meets an American pilot (Chris Pine) who tells her about the massive conflict that's raging in the outside world. Convinced that she can stop the threat, Diana leaves her home for the first time. Fighting alongside men in a war to end all wars, she finally discovers her full powers and true destiny.

#### **Fairbanks Street Block Party (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. **Vendor Registration is available** at the VCVB (300 Fairbanks Drive) Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm.

#### **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 and 3-legged races. Participation is free. The games are held on the Barney Meyring Park Strip across from the downtown Fire Station on Pioneer Drive. 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 one paddler and one joust. The paddler strategically maneuvers the canoe while the joust uses a pugil stick to up-end their opponent and their canoe. Competition is open to participants 16 and older. Participants under 18 must have a waiver signed by an adult parent/guardian. Canoes, life jackets and pugil sticks are provided. Participants must be able to swim and come in appropriate attire. This is a great spectator event so please come watch and cheer on your favorite team! The event is held at Ruth Pond on the corner of Hazelet and Fidalgo. Register just before the event at Ruth Pond.

#### **USCG Small Boat Station Boat Tours (4:00pm-6:00pm)**

Our local US Coast Guard Small Boat Station will be hosting tours of their vessels at the Coast Guard Dock located at the west end of Fidalgo Drive.

#### **Free Community Picnic & Live Music (5:00pm-7:00pm)**

Enjoy free burgers and the amazing view down at the Kelsey Dock Plaza while listening to live music from the visiting band, “**Kayti & The Alter Boys.**” Food will be served until it's all gone.

#### **Free Community Bonfire & S'more Roast (7:00pm-9:00pm)**

Spend the evening at the Kelsey Dock Plaza. Kick back and enjoy the bonfire while roasting marshmallows and making s'mores. We will provide the s'more supplies, but you'll need to bring your own roasting sticks. Starting at 7:00pm, located on the grassy area of the Kelsey Dock Plaza, the Parks & Recreation Department will host more kids' activities and hand out sparklers/goodie bags.

*Sparklers/Goody Bags are only available while supplies last. Limit of one bag per child. Children must be accompanied by a Parent or Legal Guardian.*