



Bearfest

**July 24-28, 2013
Wrangell, Alaska**

Schedule of Events

DAILY July 24 – July 28

Charter Trips to Anan Wildlife Observatory

Charter operators offer daily trips to Anan Wildlife Observatory to view the bears. This world renowned facility is located south of Wrangell Island, about a one hour jetboat ride away or only 25 minutes by floatplane. Please check with local operators for departure times, costs, and daily pass requirements. **Advanced reservations required.**

Bearfest Photo Contest Exhibit - FREE

Entries in the Third Annual Bearfest Photo Contest will be displayed in local businesses and at the Nolan Center. All entries must be turned in by July 19. Details and rules for entering photos are on www.alaskabearfest.org. Photos will be judged and winners posted by 5:00pm on Thursday, July 25, with winning photographs displayed at the Nolan Center.

Raffle Tickets Bearfest organizers, courtesy of sponsor Alaska Airlines, are raffling off two Round Trip System-wide Airline Tickets. A limited number of tickets are available at \$5.00 each.

WEDNESDAY- JULY 24

10:00am - 3:00pm Movies. Movies with bear themes or bears in them will be running continuously in the Nolan Center small theater in the Visitor Center. A schedule will be posted in the Visitor Center. Free.

10:00am Photography Workshop: Printing and Displaying

Focus of the workshop will be tips on how to print beautiful photos and display them professionally. Workshop will be led by photographer Robert E Johnson at the Nolan Center. Free.

2:00pm Bear Obstacle Course for Kids Test your skills as a bear cub. Can you climb the log, go through the stump, follow your mom? Elementary School Playground.

2:00pm Photography Workshop – How to choose a camera

Workshop identifies pros and cons of different camera types and making a selection based on your needs. It will be led by photographer Robert E Johnson at the Nolan Center. Free.

5:00pm Welcome and Salmon Bake The Wrangell Cooperative Association and dancers welcome guests for Alaska Bearfest with dancing and a salmon feast. Fundraiser for the Carving Shed at Shakes Island (suggested \$15 donation).

THURSDAY- JULY 25

9:00am Bear Deterrent Devices Join us for a live demonstration using common bear deterrent devices. Outdoor Shooting Range (just past golf course). Free.

10:00am - 3:00pm Movies Movies with bear themes or bears in them will be running continuously in the small theater in the Visitor Center at the Nolan Center. A schedule will be posted in the Visitor Center. Free.

10:30am Photography Workshop: Special Effects Photographer Robert E Johnson will show tricks and tools to add special effects to photographs. Nolan Center. Free.

12:30pm Photography Workshop: Motion and Action

Photographer James Edens will discuss sports photography and taking successful action shots. Nolan Center. Free.

1:00pm Cub Plunge Fun pool contests for all ages held at the Parks and Recreation Indoor Swimming Pool. Free.

1:30pm - 5:00pm Bearfest Symposium: Bears around the World Topics of discussion include threats to brown bear populations, conservation planning, reserve planning with opportunities for questions by attendees and further conversation. Detailed agenda and panelist information is available at www.alaskabearfest.org. Held at the Nolan Center. Free.

3:00pm Bocce Bear for Kids Fun and games for all kids. Outer Drive lawn

7:00pm Music of Pearl Django Nolan Center - FREE CONCERT - Seattle band will provide a great evening of gypsy jazz music and entertainment. (Donations accepted at the door - \$10 suggestion).

FRIDAY- JULY 26

10:00am - 3:00pm Movies Movies with bear themes or bears in them will be running continuously in the small theater in the Visitor Center at the Nolan Center. A schedule will be posted in the Visitor Center. Free.

10:00am Photography Workshop: Depth of Field vs. Light, Finding the Balance Focus of the workshop will be framing pictures, depth of field, shutter speeds and lighting. Workshop will be led by photographer Robert E Johnson and will meet at the Nolan Center. Free.

10:30am Read with a Ranger and Smokey Bear followed by the Annual Teddy Bear Check-up The Wrangell Library will be hosting an hour of children's bear story telling for kids of all ages. USFS Ranger and Smokey Bear will be there! A local health nurse will also be at the Library to provide a check-up for your special teddy bear. Free.

12:30pm Photography Workshop: Macro photography Local photographer James Edens will be discussing techniques for close up photography. Nolan Center. Free.

1:00pm - 6:00pm Arts and Crafts Fair Featuring local and regional artists at the Nolan Center.

1:30pm - 4:30pm Bearfest Symposium: Bear Research and Conservation Topics of discussion include bear colonization, bear behavior at feeding areas and external impact effects with opportunities for questions by attendees and further conversation. Detailed agenda and panelist information available at www.alaskabearfest.org. Held at the Nolan Center. Free.

2:00pm Photography Workshop: Focal Length Are you wondering why your long distance photo at Anan isn't perfect? Photographer Robert E Johnson will show tips and tricks regarding focal length. Nolan Center. Free.

7:00pm Anan Wildlife Observatory Management Plan Presentation on existing conditions and requirements.

7:30pm - 8:15pm Lessons Learned - Bear Viewing here and there Symposium panel discussion and town hall meeting to

discuss the lessons learned from other bear viewing locations and how they might be applicable to Anan Wildlife Observatory.
8:30pm Jack Dalton - Storyteller Come listen to Native story teller Jack Dalton entertain with his mesmerizing stories and thought provoking messages.

SATURDAY - JULY 27

9:30am Gun Safety Meet at the Public Safety Building for the class to be led by Police Chief Doug McCloskey. Open to all ages. Free.

10:00am Bearfest Golf Tournament 18-holes best ball scramble and closest to the bear tournament at Muskeg Meadows Golf Course. All ages and all skill levels. Sign up at 9:00am at Muskeg Meadows. Tournament begins at 10:00am. Clubs are available for rent. \$25 entry fee. Prizes and food.

10:00am Bear Workshop: Safety in Bear Country Riley Woodford of Alaska Fish and Game will discuss behavior and safety concerns when traveling in bear country. Open to all ages. Nolan Center. Free.

11:00am Make a Bear Mask followed by Good Camp/Bad Camp Workshop Kids will love making creative bear masks with the US Forest Service. A fun and informative workshop to demonstrate camping safety in bear country for children and adults. Workshop is presented by USFS Interpreter Corree Seward on the City Hall lawn. Free.

11:00am Bears of Anan - Bears of Anan Wildlife Observatory US Forest Service will present a slide show and talk about the different bears visiting Anan each year. Nolan Center. Free

1:00pm - 6:00pm Crafts and Arts Bazaar Featuring local and regional artists at the Nolan Center.

1:00pm Jack Dalton - Workshop - Storytelling and Acting Come listen and learn as Native story teller Jack Dalton teaches how be an entertaining storyteller. Nolan Center.

2:30pm Street Games Very clever children's games, including the Cub-O-War; Bear Fur Races; Fish Toss; Bonzai Bear; Sleuth Twister, Face Painting and more, will be held on the City Hall lawn. Free.

4:00pm Photography Workshop: Smart phones and tablets

Explore ways to take great photos, store and edit with your smartphone or tablet with photographer Robert E Johnson. Nolan Center - Free

5:30pm - 7:00pm Pasta Feed for Marathon Runners All runners and volunteers are invited to a pasta dinner at City Park. Dinner Free for runners and volunteers. Pre-registration for Marathon, 1/2 marathon, team Marathon and 5 K run/walk is free at Pasta Feed or **\$15.00** morning of the race.

7:30pm Kathleen Herring Music Concert FREE CONCERT –This well-known artist will provide a great evening of music and entertainment at the Nolan Center. (\$10 donation suggested).

SUNDAY - JULY 28

7:00am - 7:45am MARATHON, 1/2 MARATHON, 5K

WALK/RUN REGISTRATION for those that did not pre-register. **\$15.00- \$65.00** (Free at the Pasta Feed on Saturday). Register online as well.

8:00am MARATHON RACE START Simultaneous start time for the Marathon, 1/2 Marathon, team Marathon and 5 K run/walk. The race will start and end at the Nolan Center.

1:00pm Running of the Bears 100 yard dash for kids of all ages. (Wear your BEAR MASK made on Saturday!) In front of the Nolan Center. Free.

1:30pm Photography Workshop: Smart phones and tablets

Explore ways to take great photos, store and edit with your smartphone or tablet with photographer Robert E Johnson. Nolan Center. Free.

3:00pm Photo Presentation: Photography of Robert E Johnson Enjoy the unique perspective of renowned Alaskan photographer Robert E Johnson, specializing in undisturbed landscapes and the wildlife that inhabits it.

4:00pm Raffle Drawing Winner of the Bearfest Alaska Airlines Roundtrip Ticket raffle will be drawn and announced.



For questions and schedule updates, please go to
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