

2010 NW Regional Conference Sanctioned Volkssports Events

For details on each event go to the AVA website: www.ava.org

Click on....*Find Walking Events*

Select....*Alaska* and "*Search Events*"

Highlight each event for details

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sanction #</u>	<u>Event Name</u>	<u>Distance</u>
July 30	YRE-0902	Chester Creek/Tony Knowles Coastal Trails Walk Note: Denali tour participants. START location modified to Comfort Inn	10 km
Aug 1	YRE-0641	Denali National Park and Preserve Walk Note: Denali tour participants.	11 km
Aug 3 - 8	86313	University Lakes and Trails Walks from UAA Commons	5 km/10 km
Aug 3	85651	300-meter Volksswim	300 meters
Aug 4	86305	Trail of Blue Ice Walk	5 km/10km
Aug 5	86268	Alaska Native Heritage Center Walks	6 km/12 km
Aug 5	86279	Glen Alps Power Line Trail – optional walk Note: Sign-up will be done at the Conference and limited to one bus-load of 50 walkers. Bus fee is \$10 round trip.	10 km
Aug 6	85877	Wild Salmon On Parade Walks	5 km/10 km
Aug 6	YRE-0502	Tony Knowles Coastal Trail Volksbike	28 km or 36 km
Aug 7	86282	Girdwood to Indian Creek Volksbike	46 km
Aug 7	86276	Alyeska Ski Resort Walks	6 km/10 km
Aug 8	YRE-0501	ACCC – University Trails Walks START location modified to UAA Commons	5 km/10 km
Aug 3 - 8	86313	University Lakes and Trails Walks from UAA Commons for those who did not arrive in time for the Aug 3 start	5 km/10 km

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Schedule Highlights

Tuesday – August 3 ARRIVAL DAY

- 9:00 AM–9:00 PM Check-in at UAA Commons...take taxi from airport
9:00 AM-12 Noon START table open for **86313—University Lakes & Trails Walk 5km/10km**
4:00 PM-6:00 PM **85651--300-meter Volksswim at APU's Moseley Sports Center**
7:00 PM-10:30 PM Meet 'N' Greet Social with finger food and non-alcoholic drinks
Sand Lake Taiko Drummers Movies: *Alaska The Land Beyond*
and *2010 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race*

Wednesday – August 4 A Day in Portage Valley

- Travel by Premier Alaska Tours motorcoaches
Portage Glacier Cruise aboard *M V Ptarmigan* with USFS Ranger-Naturalist
Begich, Boggs Visitor Center – Chugach National Forest
86305—Trail of Blue Ice 5km and 10km walks
Motorcoach narrated tour through Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center

Thursday – August 5 A Visit to the Alaska Native Heritage Center

- Transportation by First Student school buses
Alaska Native Heritage Center
86268—Alaska Native Heritage Center 6km and 12km walks
UAA Commons-afternoon Presentation on Urban Wildlife (bears and moose) by
Alaska Dept of Fish and Game
Optional evening bus trip to Glen Alps trailhead---limit of 50 walkers with \$10 fee---
86279—Glen Alps Power Line Trail 10km Walk
AVA National Executive Committee Roundtable
Evening workshops

Friday – August 6 A Day in Downtown Anchorage

- Transportation by First Student school buses
YRE-0502 Tony Knowles Coastal Trail 28km or 36km Bike Rides
Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center
85877—Wild Salmon On Parade 5km and 10km walks
One-hour Museum tours of Alaska History Gallery by Museum Docents
Afternoon free time in downtown Anchorage until late afternoon
Dine in a gold mine at the Sourdough Mining Company
See the world's largest chocolate waterfall at Alaska Wild Berry Products

Saturday – August 7 Anchorage Market and Alyeska Ski Resort

- Travel by Premier Alaska Tours motorcoaches
Anchorage Market & Festival in downtown Anchorage 300 booths...400 vendors
86282—Girdwood to Indian Creek 46km Bike Ride
86276—Alyeska Ski Resort Walks [6km Girdwood; 10km Winner Creek Gorge]
The Hotel Alyeska...afternoon tram ride (7 minute...2300 feet climb)
The Hotel Alyeska...evening Banquet

Sunday – August 8 Departure Day

- 8:30 AM **YRE-0501 Anchorage Animal care and Control 5km and 10km walks**
8:30 AM **86313—University Lakes & Trails 5km and 10km walks**
Check out of UAA Housing
Premier Alaska Tours motorcoach afternoon shuttles to airport (Noon-3:45 PM)

AVA 2010 Northwest Regional Conference Alaska Adventure Tour Description

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This trip begins in Anchorage at the Alaska Railroad Depot on First Avenue. Several miles into the trip, the heavy birch forests of Eagle River and Chugiak lead to the Knik and Matanuska Rivers. The expansive watershed harbors wildlife like moose, bear, the occasional wolf and abundant waterfowl. About 40 miles from Anchorage comes the Matanuska Valley, Alaska's agricultural center and home to the towns of Palmer and Wasilla. Just south of Talkeetna, 70 miles further, the first view emerges of Mt. McKinley, North America's highest peak. The train takes its first stop in Talkeetna, a small town with a mining history and now, a popular takeoff point for climbers to Mt. McKinley. From Talkeetna, the track follows the serpentine banks of the Susitna River. On clear days, more views of Mt. McKinley emerge across the river presenting many chances for photos. Black and brown bear frequent the sandbars and scuttle into the brush as the train approaches. Next, the Indian River Canyon is home to many beavers and beaver lodges can be seen in the ponds along the way. The track climbs toward tree line, first crossing Hurricane Gulch, the longest bridge on the railroad just over 914 feet and 296 feet above Hurricane Creek. The train moves into Broad Pass, at 2,363 feet it's the highest point on the railroad, and where caribou migrate through during the fall. This fantastic rail journey ends at the Denali National Park, Alaska Railroad depot where shuttle bus will transfer you to your hotel.

A full day of rail travel can work up an appetite, so after settling in at the hotel, we'll visit Cabin Nite Dinner Theater, for the hearty food, terrific music, talented performers and an Alaskan-sized helping of fun! You'll hear colorful stories of the great Alaskan Gold Rush while you enjoy our all-you-can-eat family-style meal in an authentic roadhouse. An early evening is advised as another adventure awaits early the next day. Overnight at one of the finest lodges at Denali National Park. Early in the morning embark on the Tundra Wilderness Tour, a seven to nine hour journey into the wilds of Denali. Spend a day and travel almost 60 miles into the wilderness of Denali National Park and the heart of bear country. On this fully-guided tour, you'll get interpretation from your driver/guide, along with hours of wildlife spotting and spectacular scenery. If the weather cooperates, you'll see Mount McKinley up close. You'll return back to your hotel mid afternoon. Overnight at the lodge. The next day, board the 9:20am shuttle from the Denali Park Visitors Center to the Denali Park Headquarters for a dog sled demonstration hosted by the National Park Service. Return on the 10:45 shuttle and prepare to re-board your first class domed railcars and return to Alaska's largest city, Anchorage, retracing your journey along the scenic Parks Highway. Upon returning to Anchorage, a deluxe motorcoach will provide transportation from the railroad depot to the University of Alaska campus.

Itinerary

Friday, July 30, 2010, Tour Day (1) – **Arrival Day**

Overnight at Anchorage Comfort Inn, adjacent to the Alaska Rail Depot

Saturday, July 31, 2010, Tour Day (2) - **Travel To Denali on the Alaska Railroad**

Transfer to Alaska Rail Depot, a short walk from the Comfort Inn or Ride the Shuttle from the Hotel

7:00am Checkin at the Alaska Railroad Depot, Photo ID Required at Checkin

8:00am Train departs Anchorage

3:55pm Train arrives Denali National Park, take the hotel shuttle from the train depot to your hotel

5:30pm Attend Cabin Nite Dinner Theater at the McKinley Chalet Resort

Overnight at McKinley Chalet Resort

Sunday, August 1, 2010, Tour Day (3) - **Visit Denali National Park and Preserve**

5:30am-7:30am Tundra Wilderness Tour - Bus pickup at Main Entrance of McKinley Chalet Resort

Overnight at McKinley Chalet Resort

Monday, August 2, 2010, Tour Day (4) – **Return to Anchorage via Alaska Railroad**

Ride the Shuttle Bus from the Denali Visitors Center to the Denali Sled Dog Demonstration. Shuttle bus leaves 9:20pm (approx.

2km walk from Denali Visitors Center)

10:00am Denali Sled Dog Demonstration at Park Headquarters

10:45am Return to Denali Visitors Center via Shuttle Bus

11:45am Checkin at Denali Park Rail Depot and depart Denali at 12:25pm

8:00pm Arrive Anchorage Rail Depot & transfer via deluxe motorcoach to University of Alaska Campus

Single Occupancy Fare: \$1657

Double Occupancy Fare: \$1186 (per person)

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Registration Procedure

1. Airline Reservations: Do this first. Do this Now.

Arrival day: Friday, July 30 or Monday-Tuesday, August 2-3

If going on the Denali National Park Tour (July 30-Aug 2)...plan on arriving in Anchorage on Friday, July 30, by early afternoon. Call Comfort Inn courtesy phone in airport baggage area for a free shuttle ride to the hotel.

Otherwise, plan on arriving in Anchorage on Monday afternoon, August 2, or Tuesday morning, August 3, by Noon. The University Lakes and Trails 5km and 10 km Walks start between 9:00 AM and Noon on August 3. The Volksswim starts at 4:00 PM that afternoon.

Take a taxi from the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport to the UAA Commons, 3700 Sharon Gagnon Lane...a distance of 7 miles due east. Fare will be about \$22.00.

Departure day: Sunday, August 8

Last meal is 7:00 AM Breakfast at UAA. Choice of two Walks in morning starting at 8:30 AM.

Motorcoach transportation to Anchorage Airport with your luggage will be provided at the following times from UAA Commons: 12 Noon – 12:45 PM – 1:30 PM – 2:15 PM – 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM (final run)

Plan for an afternoon or evening flight that day. Overnight lodging at UAA is not available.

2. NW Regional Conference: Contact J MICHAEL DEVITT at jmdevitt@alaska.com

Phone numbers: 1 (888) 773-4878 or 1 (907) 338-4025

The Conference fee is set at \$ 300 per person. It includes **program fees** (rental of facilities, special entertainment, the Portage Glacier Cruise, admissions to the Begich, Boggs Visitor Center, Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, Alaska Native Heritage Center, and the Anchorage Museum); **bus transportation** (Premier Alaska Tours motorcoaches for out of town locations and First Student school buses for in town locations); **special meal costs** Sourdough Mining Company buffet dinner and The Hotel Alyeska banquet buffet; **custom-designed conference items** (choice of hat or visor plus 3-inch circular embroidered emblem plus tag less cotton T-shirt); and **miscellaneous expense** (promotion, printing, postage and freight charges, supplies including name badges, contingency).

Between what you pay to UAA for housing and meals (item 3 and what you pay to our club (the conference fee)...almost all of your expense is covered except for the following items: Thurs and Fri lunches, bike rentals (\$16 and \$15), Alyeska Aerial Tram ticket (\$14.50), and bus ticket to Glen Alps for optional Thurs walk (\$10).

NOTE: There is no need for you to rent a car in Anchorage for the conference.

Cancellation and refund policy: All cancellations must be in writing [e-mail is acceptable].

All requests for cancellation must be postmarked or sent electronically **by no later than May 31, 2010**. There will be a **\$35 administrative fee** deducted for all refunds. Your conference fee may be transferred to a replacement in lieu of a refund without an administrative fee.

Complete and mail the attached Conference Registration Form prior to the May 1, 2010 deadline. There is a \$25 late registration surcharge after the May 1 deadline. Checks or money orders only...no credit cards.

3. UAA Housing and Meals: Use this on-line reservation link with UAA:

Press both Control (Ctrl) key and click on hyperlink below at same time:

[AVA NW Conference 2010 Reservation Lodging Link](#)

This reservation link is to be completed by an individual. Spouses each fill one out.

Mail check to: UAA Conference Services, ATTN: NW Regional Conference, 3700 Sharon Gagnon Lane, Anchorage AK 99508

LODGING: base rate is \$40 per person per night + 12 % tax = \$ 44.80 for your stay in the **NORTH HALL**

Five nights lodging (Tues thru Sat, Aug 3-7) \$44.80 x 5 = **224.00**

NOTE: You can extend your stay prior to the conference but not after Aug 7 since UAA closes its Summer Guest Housing beyond that date. Also there will be no meal service prior to Aug 3.

Denali National Park Tour group should plan on extra night (Aug 2) on return from Denali.

Room choices are shared double suites (2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom) or shared quad suites (4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms). The base rate is the same: \$44.80 per person per night.

All rooms are equipped with twin beds only and are provided with bath and linen, basic amenities (but no TV) and some furniture. There is no housekeeping but you can get an exchange of linens and towels.

MEAL SERVICE: Creekside Dining Area at UAA Commons Meals are all-you-care-to-eat
Basic meal package for Tues night "Meet 'N' Greet Social" + 5 breakfasts (Aug 4 thru 8) + 2 Gourmet Presto box lunches (Aug 4 and 7) + 2 dinners (Aug 4-5) is \$ **111.00**.
Denali National Park Tour group and early arrivals may want to add Tues (Aug 3) breakfast @ \$8 and Tues (Aug 3) lunch @ \$11.

4. Denali National Park Touring package (pre-conference July 30-August 2)

Contact **Alaska Visitors Center** directly: **ED GLAVINIC 1 (888) 655-4020 or 1 (907) 929-2822**

FAX: 1 (907) 258-2233 **ATTN:** Alaska Visitors Center AVA 2010

e-mail: avc@alaska.net Re: AVA 2010

Mail: Alaska Visitors Center, Attn: AVA 2010, 733 W 4th Avenue, Anchorage AK 99501

Tour Package: Tour ID: AVA2010

One night lodging Comfort Inn Anchorage (July 30)

Alaska Railroad *Denali Star* Gold Star (first class) service to Denali (July 31)

Denali Hotel Transfers , Porterage & Sales Tax

Alaska Cabin Nite Dinner Theatre on July 31

Two nights Standard Room Lodging at McKinley Chalet Resort (July 31-Aug 1)

Tundra Wilderness Tour within Denali Park on Aug 1 including box lunch

Denali Dog Sled Demonstration on Aug 2

Alaska Railroad *Denali Star* Gold Star (first class) service from Denali to Anchorage on Aug 2

Motorcoach transportation for you and your luggage from train depot to UAA on Aug 2.

What's not included: July 30 arrival day dinner, meals on the train (round trip), Aug 1 dinner in Denali area, breakfasts at McKinley Chalet Resort on Aug 1 and 2.

Single Occupancy Fare: \$1657 per person

Double Occupancy Fare: \$1186 per person

Use the attached Tour Registration Form. Reservations will be accepted beginning January 10, 2010 with a Deadline of May 1, 2010. Payment by check or by credit card. Send in by FAX, by e-mail, or by Mail using the above contact information.

5. What's the Weather Like? *Be prepared!*

What's normal for the period of July 30-August 8:

High 65 Low 51-52 Precipitation 0.67 inches Sunrise: 5:43 AM Sunset: 10:25 PM

What actually happened in 2008 for the period of July 30-August 8:

Highs 58-69 Lows 41-53 Precipitation 0.37 inches

What actually happened in 2009 for the period of July 30-August 8:

Highs 60-74 Lows 44-57 Precipitation 0.37 inches

Host Club: Anchorage Volkssports Club, Inc AVA Club #0886

President: John Faunce

Conference Chairman: J Michael Devitt

Attachments:

- 2010 Conference - Schedule Highlights
- 2010 Conference - Sanctioned Events
- 2010 Conference – Conference Registration Form
- 2010 Conference - Alaska Visitors Center Revised Tour Description
- 2010 Conference - Alaska Visitors Center Revised Tour Registration Form

CONFERENCE USE ONLY

Sequential number(s): _____
Date received: _____ Check amount \$ _____ Check # _____
e-mail receipt sent: _____ Bank deposit date: _____

2010 NW REGIONAL CONFERENCE
August 3-8 Anchorage Alaska
Conference Registration Form

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 1, 2010

Please P-R-I-N-T:

NAME (Person #1): _____ Male ___ Female ___

Spouse (if also registering): _____ Male ___ Female ___

Street address: _____ Phone: () _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

e-mail: _____ Volkssports Club: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____ Phone: () _____

Transportation arrangements:

ARRIVAL date: _____ ARRIVAL time: _____

Airline: _____ Flight # _____

DEPARTURE date: _____ DEPARTURE time: _____

Airline: _____ Flight # _____

Person #1

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- ___ Events @ \$3.00/event \$ _____

Interested in optional Glen Alps Walk? Y N

Conference fee @ \$ 300/person _____

Select: ___ hat or ___ visor
Conference T-shirt...encircle size
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Grand Total (Person #1 plus Spouse totals) \$ _____ **[add \$25 for late registration after May 1, 2010]**

NOTE: After June 15, 2010 we cannot guarantee availability of T-shirts, hats, visors, patch.

Make check payable to:
Anchorage Volkssports Club, Inc

Mail to: 2010 NW Regional Conference
c/o J Michael Devitt
4151 E 20 Ave Unit 26
Anchorage AK 99508-3565

Would you be willing to help staff one or more Volkssport Events at this conference? _____

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2010 AVA Northwest Regional Conference

Denali National Park Touring July 30-August 2, 2010

Hosted by: Alaska Visitors Center

Tour Registration

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Guest Name:

(Circle)

[Mr. Mrs. Ms Dr] First: _____ Last: _____

[Mr. Mrs. Ms Dr] First: _____ Last: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Country: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Cellular: _____

Fax: _____

Credit Card: MasterCard Visa American Express Discover Diners Club

Account Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

CVV Security Code: _____ (Last 3 digits on back of Credit Card in signature panel)

INSTRUCTIONS

Fill out this form. If any questions, please contact Alaska Visitors Center Group Sales, Attention Ed Glavinic at 907-

929-2822 or via email at avc@alaska.net. Submit the completed form by one of the following methods:

Mail – Mail the completed form to: Alaska Visitors Center, Attn: AVA2010, 733 W. 4th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska

99501

Fax - Fax the completed form to: 907-258-2233 Attention: Alaska Visitors Center, AVA 2010.

Email – Scan the completed form and email to avc@alaska.net. Subject: AVA2010

TOUR POLICIES

Reservations are not guaranteed until total tour payment has been received and processed. Host reserves the right to make

changes and substitutions to the tour itinerary.

Reservations will be accepted beginning January 10, 2010. Allow up to 3 business days to complete reservations. You will receive

confirmation of your reservation once processing has been completed. Deadline for reservations is May 1, 2010.

Reservations

completed after May 1, 2010 are on a space available basis and may be subject to rate and tour changes.

Registration cancellations require written authorization and must be submitted before June 30, 2010. All cancellations are subject to

a \$75 administrative fee. All requests can be emailed to avc@alaska.net attention AVA2010 Group Reservations.

All participants agree to follow the policies of the respective tour service providers.

Tour Package:

(1) night lodging Comfort Inn Anchorage

First Class Roundtrip Service on the Alaska Railroad – Anchorage to Denali

Denali Hotel Transfers , Porterage & Sales Tax

Transfer from Alaska Railroad Depot Anchorage to University of Alaska Campus

Cabin Nite Dinner Theater

(2) nights Standard Room Lodging at McKinley Chalet Resort

Tundra Wilderness Tour

Denali Dog Sled Demonstration

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I authorize Alaska Statewide Marketing, Inc. dba Alaska Visitors Center to charge my credit card for the AVA 2010 Denali Park

Touring and I accept these charges and agree to follow the policies, terms, conditions and instructions for this transaction.

Signature: _____