



BEARFEST 2024 WRANGELL, ALASKA

WEDNESDAY July 24

10:00 AM ART WORKSHOP
BEAR ORNAMENTS FOR THE CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREES

Nolan Center Lobby - All supplies provided.
Art projects for kids and families! Paint a wood or metal ornament for the 2024 People's Tree that will be displayed in Washington DC.

11:00 AM BEAR SAFETY WORKSHOP
Outdoor Shooting Range

Bear behavior, safe & effective use of bearspray, and more.

12:00 NOON Symposium at Nolan Center
'BEARY' PIE CONTEST

Judging for the best pie made from local berries.
Entries should be delivered to the Nolan Center by 11:30 AM.

6:00 PM Symposium at Nolan Center
JENNIFER KARDIAK - USFS

Witnessing the Wild: Exploring Similarities and Differences in Bear Viewing and Management at various sites in Alaska, with a focus on McNeil River and Anan Wildlife Observatory.

THURSDAY July 25

10:00 AM ART WORKSHOP at Nolan Center Lobby - All supplies provided
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Art projects for kids and families! Paint a wood or metal ornament for the 2024 People's Tree that will be displayed in Washington DC.

3:00 PM Native Stories & Culture
at Chief Shakes Tribal House

Enjoy a presentation of Tlingit heritage and culture

6:00 PM Symposium at Nolan Center
Evolution and history of bears

KATE KENDALL: USGS retired
Bookends: working for black bears & ghost bears in the North Cascades of Washington
ANNE BRAATEN: Bear Management Biologist, North Cascades Nation Park (retired)

FRIDAY July 26

11:00 AM Irene Ingle Public Library - Gazebo
Read with a Ranger

Children's books with Smokey Bear.

6:00 PM Dinner & Auction at Stikine Restaurant
Gourmet dinner by **Chef Lauren Thompson**

CAFÉ-LAGO RUSTIC-ITALIAN-KITCHEN
Currently the chef at Café Lago, Lauren Thompson has been cooking & teaching in the Seattle area for the past 20 plus years.

Auction & Live Music

Includes:
outdoor gear
handmade goods
seafood & more!

with
Jackson Roltgen
Dan Powers
& Matt Henson

Tickets available at a first come first served basis
call Alaska Vistas at 907-874-3006

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Wrangell CVB, Nolan Center, Alaska Vistas, Stikine Inn, Joan & John Sargent, Anne Luetkemeyer, Grandview B&B, Canoe Lagoon Oysters, Oceanview Gardens, Ivy Patch Produce, City Market, The Trading Post, Cafe Lago Seattle, Rotie Cellars, Sylver Fishing Company, Alaska Weathervane Scallops, Pacific Seafoods, & Trident Seafoods.

Saturday July 27

10:00 AM Golf Tournament at Muskeg Meadows

Registration starts at 9:00 am.

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Community Market at Nolan Center

Vendors of local goods. Produce, handmade items, baked goods, art, and more!

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Allison Koch - Professional face painter
Face Painting at Nolan Center

Allison Koch from Ellensburg, Washington.
Bear, salmon & more designs for children of all ages. Donations accepted.

11:00 AM Kids Games at Nolan Center Lawn

The famous Bearfest fish toss, cub-o-war & more! USFS camp set-up.

12:00 NOON Cooking Demonstration at Nolan Center

Chef Lauren Thompson demonstrates techniques and ideas for aspiring chefs and home cooks.

2:00 PM Jam Session / Music Workshop

Jam session & workshop with Jackson Roltgen at Nolan Center.

2:30 PM WORKSHOP at Nolan Center
Human - Bear Conflict Prevention

Isabel Grant - Defenders of Wildlife
Got Bears? How to install an electric fence around bear attractants & get up to \$500 from Defenders of Wildlife.

3:00 PM Smoked Salmon Contest at Nolan Center Lobby

Judging for the best local salmon smoker. Deliver entries by 2:30 pm.

5:00 PM Marathon Pasta Feed at City Park Main Shelter

Pasta dinner for half & full marathon runners only. Attendance is not mandatory but we encourage participants to come pick up swag bags, check out course maps, & receive information for race day.

6:30 PM Symposium at Nolan Center
JOHN HECHTEL President of the Int. Bear Association
AK Dept. of Fish & Game

Evolution of Bear Research and Management

8:00 PM Live Music at Marine Bar

Jackson Roltgen, the Powers and local musicians.

SUNDAY July 28

7:00 - 7:45 AM Race Registration at Nolan Center

Full marathon, half marathon, and 5K registration

8:00 - 8:30 AM Race Starts at Nolan Center

8:00am : Regular start for half and full marathon
8:30am : Start for 5K walkers, runners & bikers
(6:00am : Self-timed early start for full marathon only)

NOON-ish Raffle Drawing at Nolan Center
You do not have to be present to win.

The first marathon finisher will draw the winning ticket. Two roundtrip tickets anywhere Alaska Airlines flies.

4:00 PM Symposium at Nolan Center
ELIZABETH GRAHAM - USFS entomologist

Western blackheaded budworm in Southeast Alaska:
Looking back & projecting forward a small caterpillar's large impact on the forest.