Alaska Archaeology Month Events

2016

April is Alaska Archaeology Month. Learn about Alaska's rich history and cultural heritage at public events activities for all ages throughout the spring and across the state. Find the latest information at http://www.alaskaanthropology.org/ and facebook.com/AlaskaAnthropologicalAssociation

April 16

Anchorage Museum

Anchorage

Museum Event: Free Kids Day at the Anchorage Museum

In partnership with Anchorage's Promise, celebrate all of Alaska's children with free admission and hands-on activities for kids of all ages. Play at a renewable energy station. Turn recyclable materials into art in Art Lab. Explore exhibits to learn about traditional lifeways in Alaska's diverse regions. 1 to 4 pm. Sponsored by Wells Fargo. anchoragemuseum.org

April 19

Northwest Arctic Heritage Center

Kotzebue

Public Lecture: The Legacy of Dog Mushing in the Northwest Arctic

Listen to National Park Service anthropologist Hannah Atkinson describe the long and fascinating history and archaeology of dogs and dog mushing in Arctic Alaska. A 7 pm. Free admission.

April 20

Campbell Creek Science Center

Anchorage

Public Lecture: Melting Glaciers and Old Walrus Bones

The Bering Glacier is melting and material is emerging that's been frozen for 15,000 years. What is coming out of the ice and what does it tell us about conditions in Alaska and the people who lived here at the end of the last ice age? Listen to UAA professors David Yesner and Kristine Crossen discuss the exciting research that is answering these questions. 7 pm. All ages.

April 20

Northwest Arctic Heritage Center

Kotzebue

Film: Arctic Circle Film Series - Short Films on Archaeology

Watch one or several short films during this mini film fest focused on the rich archaeological record of northern and western Alaska—one Alaska's most complex, well-preserved and interesting archaeological regions. 7 pm. Free admission.

April 23

University of Alaska Museum of the North

Fairbanks

Museum Event: Archaeology Expedition Family Day

Experience the fun of fieldwork! See historic Arctic expedition gear, learn about recent archaeological expeditions on military lands and the latest archaeological finds from interior Alaska! 12-4 pm. Free for kids 14 and under. Sponsored by TOTE Maritime Alaska. <u>uaf.edu/museum</u>

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April 23

Fairbanks Children's Museum

Fairbanks

Museum Event: Super Saturday Printmaking Workshop

Kids, get your hands messy making your own original print or collage with the help of a professional artist and design ideas inspired by Alaska' ancient past. Free admission sponsored by National Park Service. 2-4 pm. fairbankschildrensmuseum.com

April 23

Blue Loon

Fairbanks

Public Lecture: Archaeology and the Hunt

Long time hunter Bill Hanlon describes his firsthand experience discovering remains of an ancient hunter emerging from a glacier in British Columbia. Learn about the scientific studies that followed, and the efforts to locate the living relatives of Kwaday Dan Ts'inchi. Family friendly. Doors open at 6 pm, presentation at 7 pm. Tickets \$10 at the door, children under 16 free. <a href="thetallocation-theta

April 26

Anchorage Museum

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Public Lecture: Our Perfect Wild

Listen to author Ray Bane—teacher, traveller, anthropologist, conservationist—describe his and wife Barbara's journeys across northern Alaska. Learn about their efforts to promote stewardship of wild lands, and their insights into the vital connections between land, ancient traditions, and Native ways of life. He, along with co-author Kaylene Johnson-Sullivan, will be signing his biography, 7 to 9 p.m. Free.

April 26

Ft. Wainwright

Fairbanks

Open House: Fort Wainwright Earth Day Celebration

Celebrate Earth Day with Fort Wainwright. Learn about archaeology and history on Army lands. Design your own mini spear thrower! Replicate WWII airplanes! Learn how Fort Wainwright and local agencies care for the environment. Earth Day is Free for all. Non-DOD cardholders will have to provide a driver's license, proof of insurance and registration at the visitor's center. Physical Fitness Center 9-11:30 am

April 28

Mountain View Branch Library

Anchorage

Public Lecture: Fifteen Fantastic Finds in Alaskan Archaeology

National Park Service archaeologist Jeff Rasic will describe his favorite artifacts from fieldwork in Alaska and research in museums around the world. Some are obvious treasures while others will appear humdrum, but then reveal intriguing stories. One item fits on the head of a pin; another weighs a ton. A few are deadly. One is from outer space. Thursday Nights in Mountain View, Reception 6:30-7:00. Talk 7:00-8:00. Mountain View Branch Library. Reception 6:30-7 pm, Presentation 7-8 pm.

April 30

Alaska Native Heritage Center

Anchorage

17th Annual Alaska Atlatl Fun and Throw

Come to this free event and try taking down a mammoth, rhino or bison with a spear thrower! Alaska Native Heritage Center, from Noon to 5 pm, for ages 8 and up. For further information call Richard VanderHoek at 269-8728.