



Winterfest 2009 Schedule of Events

Monday 2/16/09

Tri-Valley School *Mile 249 Parks Hwy*
8:30 am – 3:30 pm
 Snow safety courses for students – **Park Ranger Scott Pariseau**

Tri-Valley Library *Mile 249 Parks Hwy*
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
 “Here Comes the Sun! Stories and Legends about the Sun, the Moon, and the Stars” – storyteller **Ingrid Nixon**

Tuesday 2/17/09

Tri-Valley School *Mile 249 Parks Hwy*
8:30 am – 3:30 pm
 Ice sculpting workshop with students – **Larry Moen**

Tri-Valley Library *Mile 249 Parks Hwy*
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
 AHTNA land-use presentation

Wednesday 2/18/09

Cantwell School *Mile 209 Parks Hwy*
8:30 am – 3:30 pm
 Ice sculpting workshop with students – **Larry Moen**

Tri-Valley Library *Mile 249 Parks Hwy*
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
 Steel & Wheels: Alaska Railroad display – **Tim Thompson**

Tri-Valley Community Center *Mile 248.8 Parks Hwy, mile .5 Healy Rd*
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
 “To Mt. Everest And Back–To Tell About It” – **Bob Hempstead**

Thursday 2/19/09

Anderson School *Mile 283 Parks Hwy*
8:30 am – 3:30 pm
 Ice sculpting workshop with students – **Larry Moen**

Tri-Valley School *Mile 249 Parks Hwy*
8:30 am – 3:30 pm
 Steel & Wheels: Alaska Railroad display – **Tim Thompson**

During the school day
Fairbanks Daily News-Miner columnist and author **Dermot Cole** speaks to high school classes

Thursday 2/19/09 (continued)

Chamber of Commerce *Mile 248.8 Parks Hwy, mile .4 Healy Rd*

Noon – 1:30 pm
 “Alaska Statehood: Future Challenges for a Young State” - a brown bag lunch with **Fairbanks Daily News-Miner** columnist and author **Dermot Cole**

Tri-Valley Library *Mile 249 Parks Hwy*
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
 Reading and book signing – **Dermot Cole**, author of North to the Future: The Story of Alaska Statehood, 1959 – 2009

Friday 2/20/09

Tri-Valley Community Center *Mile 248.8 Parks Hwy, mile .5 Healy Rd*

9:00 am – 4:00 pm
 Masterpiece sculpted in ice – **Larry Moen**

McKinley Village Community Center *Mile 231 Parks Hwy*
Official Winterfest opening event!

7:00 pm
 Community dessert potluck

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
 “Antarctica: Sailing Expedition to the End of the Earth” – **Troy Henkels**

229 Parks Restaurant *Mile 229 Parks Hwy*
9:00 pm – late
 Acoustic jam session – open mic

Saturday 2/21/09

Murie Science & Learning Center *Mile 1.5, Denali Park Rd*
9:00 am – 9:45 am

“New Media Movie Marathon: Denali on Video” – podcasts produced by Park Media Specialist **Jay Elhard**

9:30 am – 4:00 pm
 - Free snacks and lunch available – **Renee Mercer** and Mountains of Fun playground crew
 - Masterpiece sculpted in ice – **Larry Moen**
 - Moose hide boat on display
 - Self-guided “story trail” stroll, featuring the book Owl Moon
 - Car survival kit display and park snowmobile information – Park Ranger **Dan Fangen-Gritis**
 - Winter encampment display – sled dogs & kennels staff
 - Denali landcover quilt on display
 - “Calculate Your Alaskan Carbon Footprint” activity
 - Take your picture with life-size cutouts
 - In case of inclement weather, enjoy a board game indoors

9:30 am – 3:00 pm
 Snow sculpting contest (judging begins at 3:00 pm)

10:00 am – 1:00 pm
 Children’s craft activities – **Jane Lakeman**

10:00 am – 11:00 am
 “Denali Dinosaurs: An Update” – Park Geologist **Phil Brease**
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Saturday 2/21/09 (continued)

Murie Science & Learning Center *Mile 1.5, Denali Park Rd*

10:00 am – 11:00 am

“Be a Weather Reporter: Monitor Snow at Home and at a Friend’s!” – Park Education Specialist **Kristen Friesen**

10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Campfire with S’mores! – Park Kennels Staff

11:00 am - Noon

“Be a Weather Reporter: Monitor Snow at Home and at a Friend’s!” – Park Education Specialist **Kristen Friesen**

11:00 am – 11:30 am

Family hike – Park Volunteer **Robb Reinhart**

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Avalanche Awareness Presentation – **Alaska Avalanche School of Anchorage**

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

“Hi-Tech Route Finding: Fun with GPS” – Park Wildlife Biologist **Pat Owen**

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Dog-sled rides – Park Volunteers **Jamie Milliken & Hannah Ragland**

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Selected presentations from the 2007 Bioneers Conference in San Jose, California – “Local Living Economies: Green, Fair, and Fun” (Judy Wicks) and “Designing the Next Golden Age: A Progress Report” (Jay Harman)

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm

“New Media Movie Marathon: Denali on Video” – podcasts produced by Park Media Specialist **Jay Elhard**

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Ranger-led snowshoe hike

Park Headquarters

Mile 3, Denali Park Rd

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

“To the Auefis or Bust!” 5k family fun run/walk/bike/ski/skijor/ snowshoe on the park road: spectacular scenery, opportunities to observe traces of wildlife – maybe even wildlife! Meet at the flagpole.

Tri-Valley Community Center

*Mile 248.8 Parks Hwy,
mile .5 Healy Rd*

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Art and quilt show - cinnamon rolls available

10:30 pm – 11:30 pm

Mites/Squirts youth hockey game

11:00 am – 12:30 pm & 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Usibelli Coal Mine tours, meet at TV Community Center

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Coal Queens hockey games

Saturday 2/21/09 (continued)

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Chili cookoff, home-brew competition, & homestead cooking contest

5:30 pm – 7:45 pm

Community chili feed! Food provided by **Princess Tours**, prepared and served by **Kassandra Mirosh’s** Mexico-bound students

Winterfest Entertainment Extravaganza: Pantheon, Soul Street Dance Company, and live dance music!

5:30 pm – 7:45 pm

Music by the steel drum band “**Pantheon**”

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Student gymnastics demonstration

7:00 pm

Happy 50th Anniversary, State of Alaska! (anniversary cake served)

Tri-Valley School Multi-Purpose Room *Mile 249 Parks Hwy*

8:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Performance by **Soul Street Dance Company**

Tri-Valley Community Center

*Mile 248.8 Parks Hwy,
mile .5 Healy Rd*

10:00 pm – late!

Live dance music

Sunday 2/22/09

Tri-Valley Community Center

*Mile 248.8 Parks Hwy,
mile .5 Healy Rd*

All day, beginning at 9:00 am

“Pucker-up” Hockey Tournament

11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Progressive brunch

11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Art and quilt show, continued from Saturday

11:00 am – 12:30 pm & 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Usibelli Coal Mine tours, meet at TV Community Center

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Winterfest crafts bazaar

Tri-Valley School Multi-Purpose Room *Mile 249 Parks Hwy*

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Workshop offered by **Soul Street Dance Company**

Tri-Valley Community Center

*Mile 248.8 Parks Hwy,
mile .5 Healy Rd*

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Official Winterfest finale!

Screening of the documentary “**One Man’s Wilderness**”
Popcorn sold by Tri-Valley sophomore class