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## Winter Guide

### 2018-2019

#### Puppy Love

Dog Mushing Adventures

#### Playgrounds Built of Ice

Ice Slides, Ice Art, Ice Everything!

#### World Famous Northern Lights

Aurora Season August 21—April 21

#### PLUS

Winter celebrations, sports, entertainment, adventure and all you need to know to plan your winter trip!

# Alaska's Golden Heart



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# Welcome to Fairbanks, Alaska!

## Imagine taking a trip inside a snow globe . . .

Fairbanks is truly a traveler's snowy paradise! See the captivating light of the aurora borealis, frolic in a playground made of ice and experience the exhilarating sport of dog mushing. Winter's white mantle brings a multitude of activities, celebrations and sporting events. Snowmobiling, snowshoeing, ice fishing, skiing, ice skating, curling and ice hockey abound. Challenge the snow-capped hills or birch-laden trails, mush a team of huskies across the wilderness and see two-ton blocks of ice being turned into works of art. Journey above the Arctic Circle, visit Santa in North Pole or discover the warmth of an Alaska hot spring at the end of an adventure-filled day. Use this Winter Guide to plan an unforgettable winter expedition in this sparkling land of ice and snow.



Check out  
the brand-  
new **Aurora  
Tracker!**

Utilizing data  
from the Geophysical  
Institute, the Aurora Tracker  
offers real-time and three-day  
forecasts based on current  
aurora activity, weather and  
amount of daylight.



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In Fairbanks, winter comes with so many perks that it's hard to resist—from the northern lights to the awesome snow adventures to all the cozy places to stay.

*Stephanie Granada, visiting journalist*

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## Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center

**Not only beautiful but informative**, the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center is loaded with brochures, maps of all kinds, walking and driving tours, Wi-Fi and Internet access and free daily films on Alaska's natural and cultural history. Serving as the regional visitor facility, friendly and knowledgeable staff have answers to your questions.

A 9,000 square foot portal into life in the far north, the exhibition space has outstanding displays and dioramas about Interior Alaska's people, wildlife, landscapes and seasons. The center also has Alaska Native cultural programs, an artisans' workshop, an outdoor excursion trip planning area and an Alaska Geographic store.

Explore the grounds and find colorful Athabascan flower mosaics, an antler arch and a classic 100-year-old log cabin.

The center is home to Explore Fairbanks, Alaska Public Lands Information Center, Alaska Geographic Store, Denakkanaaga and Tanana Chiefs Conference Cultural Programs.

### MTCVC Hours and Location

101 Dunkel Street in  
Downtown Fairbanks  
Open 7 days a week year-round

#### Winter Hours:

8am – 5pm daily, October through April

#### Closed:

Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day

[www.explorefairbanks.com](http://www.explorefairbanks.com)  
[info@explorefairbanks.com](mailto:info@explorefairbanks.com)

### For More Information

Toll-free  
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(907) 456-5774 for  
travel information  
(907) 456-INFO for  
events hotline





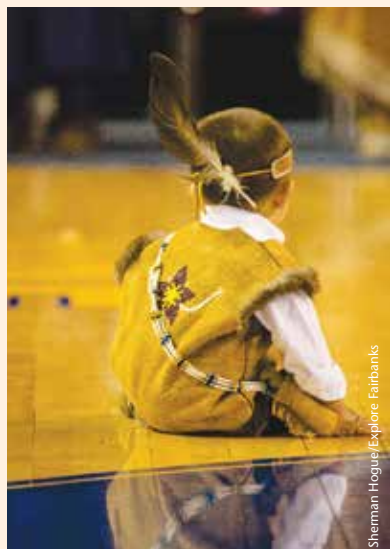
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## Alaska Native Peoples

**Fairbanks' northern Alaska clime has a rich tapestry of indigenous cultures** with Athabascan Indians in the Interior and Inupiaq Eskimos in the Arctic. Traditionally nomadic, many Athabascans retain a subsistence lifestyle of fishing, hunting and trapping supplemented by modern technology. The Inupiaq Eskimos subsist on the land and sea of northwest Alaska with its often extreme climate.

This rich tapestry comes to life through handmade beadwork, ivory and bone carvings, dolls and skin sewing, birch, caribou skin and driftwood masks and spruce root and grass baskets. Dancing, drumming and storytelling also enjoy a renowned legacy in the Interior and the Arctic.

Dance along at the Athabascan Fiddlers Festival, the Festival of Native Arts or the Gwich'in Athabascan Fiddle Dance. You'll find beautiful beaded moose hide slippers, caribou antler dolls, baleen baskets, walrus ivory cribbage boards and more on display and for sale. Outstanding Alaska Native artists offer a link to the past, as well as a bridge to the future.



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Alaska Natives are renowned for their intricate beading and skin sewing—a traditional art that is still popular today.



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## World Famous Northern Lights

**Fairbanks lures people from all over the world** during “Aurora Season” from August 21 to April 21. Fairbanks’ location directly under the “Auroral Oval”—a ring-shaped region hovering over the far north—combined with a good balance of clear nights, occurrence frequency and activity allows for excellent aurora viewing opportunities. Drive to a nearby vantage point and wait for the northern lights to appear. You can also arrange to view them from a heated “aurorium” cabin or lodge, on an overnight dog sled adventure, by snow cat tour or on a flight above the Arctic Circle. New winter activities that have been paired with aurora viewing include ice fishing and snowmobiling. Ask your hotel front desk if they offer a wake-up call when the northern lights are out. No guarantees, but the longer you’re here, the better your chances of seeing a great show.

### ***When aurora hunting, keep in mind:***

- Intensity varies daily, with the best displays from late evening to early morning hours.
- Aurora will be visible an average of four out of five nights when the sky is clear and dark enough.
- If you stay a minimum of three nights and are actively out during the evening hours, your chances of seeing the aurora increase to more than 90%.
- Auroras range in color; although typically shades of green, they can also be yellow, magenta and red.
- A full moon does not obscure the light of the aurora, it enhances the contrast between the scenery, the snow and the aurora.



View the aurora and take home your personalized Aurora Certificate available from tour operators and Explore Fairbanks staff at the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center.

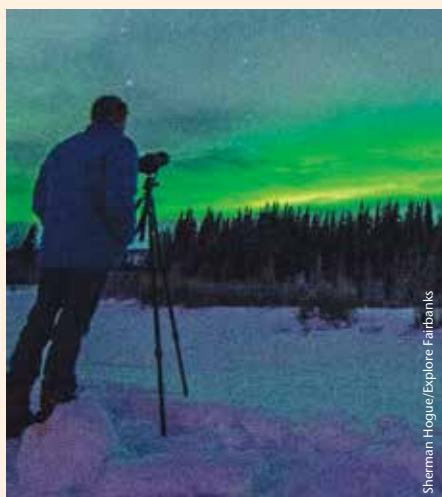
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You think you know what to expect when you go see the northern lights, but you see them and it's unlike anything you imagined. It makes you feel adequately small and so grateful to be standing right where you are at the moment.

*Stephanie Granada, visiting journalist*

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## Quick Tips for Photographing the Northern Lights

Follow these tips to capture the dancing lights and you'll be able to show the folks back home!

- Locate a dark area with minimal light pollution. Point your camera to the northern sky and compose your medium-distance foreground with a fixed object such as trees, hills or a cabin. On nights when the moon is bright, take advantage of the light cast on the ground and other objects.
- Use a digital camera with manual settings and a solid tripod. Bring extra camera batteries, a flashlight and dress for extended periods outdoors.
- Manually set your camera on its highest ISO setting, widest focal point and lowest aperture. Expose each shot for approximately 5 to 10 seconds. Longer exposures will result in brighter images, but stars will streak and the aurora will soften. Short exposures may have sharper detail, but dimmer images.
- Every aurora and camera is distinctive, so experiment with different settings and exposure times to get the best shot. Review your shots and adjust the settings as needed.



Scan the code to go directly to the **Aurora Tracker** on [exploreairbanks.com](http://exploreairbanks.com) to chase the northern lights in real time and for three-day forecasts at six different locations.





## Puppy Love

**Amp, Fringe, Granite, Uno...** Alaska sled dogs will champion the trail and win your heart. By combining “man’s best friend” with a skinless kayak frame on runners, Alaska Natives established the practical use of dog sleds centuries before explorers, prospectors and missionaries made mushing their mode of winter transportation. These four-legged athletes love to run and accessing Alaska’s state sport—dog mushing—has never been easier.

- Tour a working kennel, meet the dogs and hear captivating tales from veteran mushers.
- Go for a 30-minute ride in a dog sled basket.
- Learn to drive your own team at a half-day mushing school.
- Mush to a nearby cabin or yurt and wait for the northern lights to appear.
- Fly to a remote lodge and mush your team on an extended guided tour.

If it’s spectating you prefer, catch the Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race—an epic 1,000-mile marathon from Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada to Fairbanks, Alaska. Or you can check out the Open North American Championship Sled Dog Race also known as the “granddaddy of all sprint races.”



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For local sled dog races, visit the Alaska Dog Mushers Association at [www.alaskadogmushers.com](http://www.alaskadogmushers.com) or the Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race at [www.yukonquest.com](http://www.yukonquest.com)





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## Playgrounds Built of Ice

**In Fairbanks, ice art is not only remarkable, but commonplace** during winter months with sculptures found all around town. Visitors can watch incredible artworks emerge from huge blocks of ice as sculptors work with chain saws and specialized ice carving tools. The ice harvested and moved by forklift from local ponds is called “Arctic Diamond” and is renowned for its translucent quality. In addition to the area-wide outdoor ice sculptures, there are also two ice museums where you can see and learn about ice carving. At local ice playgrounds you can climb atop a polar bear, take a spin in an ice pod, slide down a row of ice slides, skate on all-natural ice rinks and crawl through ice mazes. Just down the road in the little city of North Pole, Christmas In Ice offers a Santa-themed ice park during the holiday season. Ice art sculptures vary every year and never cease to capture both the mind and the imagination.



Craftsman designed by Stan Kedeeko, Chris Uyebara, Jerry Pennin & Wei Sen Liang/  
Photo by Arctic Arts

Ice blocks are harvested locally, range in thickness from four to five feet and can weigh up to 7,500 pounds.



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## Denali Sky-High

**Denali's peak pierces the sky at 20,310 feet and is North America's highest peak.** Steeped in history and glorious to view, the mountain beckons like no other. So why not visit in winter? Fairbanks outfitters offer both road and air tours of the park and the welcoming Murie Science and Learning Center is open daily from late September through mid-May. Mid-February, the National Park Service plows the first 12.5 miles of the Denali Park Road to the Mountain Vista Rest Area—a beautiful spot to view the grand mountain during clear weather. An easy two-hour drive from Fairbanks, Denali National Park and Preserve covers six million acres of pure wilderness and is a perfect winter journey's end.



NPS/Daniel A. Leffelt

The Murie Science and Learning Center offers free snowshoes and advice on how to explore the park in winter months.



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NPS/Jacob W. Frank

## Here Fishy, Fishy, Fishy

### Looking for that perfect fishing hole?

Ice fishing is a popular pastime in Alaska's Interior which boasts clear lake ice up to 4 feet thick. Your fishing guide will help you catch that chinook or coho salmon, arctic char, or rainbow trout. Some outfitters will prepare your freshly caught fish in an ice hut on a frozen lake. Combine ice fishing with snowmobiling or aurora watching for a perfect winter expedition!



Alaska Fishing & Raft Adventures



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## Snowmobile Into the Wild

**Get off the beaten path.** Snowmobiling, or snowmachining as it is most often referred to in Alaska, is one of the easiest ways to get into the wild areas surrounding Fairbanks. Get a local guide to outfit you, show you the ropes and take you on an exciting yet accessible ride into the back country. If you are here in late February, head downtown to check out the festive finish of the Iron Dog, the longest, toughest snowmobile race in the world.



## 66 Degrees North Latitude

**The Arctic Circle sparks the imagination** like few other places on earth. This place that many dream about visiting is 196 road miles (315 Km) or 140 air miles (225 Km), north of Fairbanks. Here the sun does not rise for one day during winter solstice, nor does it set for one day during summer solstice. Tour with a guide via van, motor coach or plane up the Dalton Highway and cross over that invisible line that puts you in the company of ice road truckers, Alaska pipeline workers and intrepid travelers. Hike across the tundra, see the mighty Yukon River and spot a muskox or an arctic fox. Fly bush mail routes into rural communities accessible only by air. Discover the enchanted treeless Arctic plain or walk the frozen shores of the Arctic Ocean at the northernmost point in the United States. Take a northern lights tour and scan the sky for the aurora borealis.

*Driving the Dalton Highway on your own is only recommended if you are able to rent a vehicle that is properly equipped, including four-wheel drive, snow tires, spare tires, CB radio and emergency supplies. The 415-mile-long (668 Km) road is 75% gravel and 25% paved and has limited or no cell reception. Drivers should be well versed in Arctic highway etiquette and have prior experience driving in winter conditions and on rugged terrain.*



After your journey through miles and miles of wilderness, return to the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center in Fairbanks to get your official Arctic Circle Certificate.





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## Some Like It Hot...

**Imagine yourself floating in a world-class hot springs...**the crisp winter air, the swirling northern lights above, your hair freezing in wild and wonderful ways. Let healing, mineral-rich springs relax your body and warm your soul. One hundred years ago, gold miners and early pioneers rested their weary souls and bodies in natural outdoor hot springs. Today, you can carry on the tradition and soak away your own worldly worries.



Chena Hot Springs Resort



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## ...Some Like It Cold

**When there's a chill in the air,** heat up the fun with the coolest ice and snow sports around. Ice fishing, ice skating, ice sculpting, ice climbing, curling and hockey are all ice activities you'll find in Fairbanks during the winter. Rent some cross-country skis and discover miles and miles of world class trails, try your hand at ice sculpting or give the cool sport of curling a whirl. When the snow flies, winter's white mantle provides countless opportunities to go snowboarding and downhill skiing, snowshoeing, sledding, ice skating and more.



Santa Claus House

## Santa's Big Scene



### **North Pole, Alaska captures the spirit of Christmas.**

Take a delightful drive along snowy Santa Claus Lane and admire the streetlights decorated in candy cane motifs. Double check who's on your list and browse holiday-inspired gifts for the naughty and nice at the Santa Claus House. Embrace the season

with a charming letter from Santa to friends and family back home with an authentic North Pole postmark.

One great event that would make Santa proud is North Pole's Christmas in Ice, which features huge blocks of ice carved into holiday-themed ice sculptures and a frosty playground equipped with fantastic ice mazes and ice slides. Celebrate the happiest time of the year at the annual candle- and tree-lighting ceremonies. Just a short 20-minute drive from Fairbanks, North Pole— "where the spirit of Christmas lives year-round"—will leave you whistling your favorite holiday tune...

*"hear the snow crunch, see the kids bunch this is Santa's big scene."*

– Silver Bells by Jay Livingston and Jay Evans



Santa Claus House



Ashley Holm / Santa Claus House



Black Violin/Fairbanks Concert Association/Colin Brennan

# Small Town, Big Events

## 2018-2019 Winter Calendar

### Indoors or out, Fairbanks' vibrant calendar of events has activities for all!

Symphony performances, giant ice sculptures, championship sled dog racing, a parka parade, rock and bluegrass concerts, theatrical performances, roller derby, curling bonspiels, firework displays, winter solstice celebrations and Alaska Native arts festivals are all a part of the celebratory Winter Season.

*For the most up-to-date information, visit [www.explorefairbanks.com](http://www.explorefairbanks.com) or visit the individual event websites. All dates subject to change, so please confirm event dates prior to making your travel plans.*

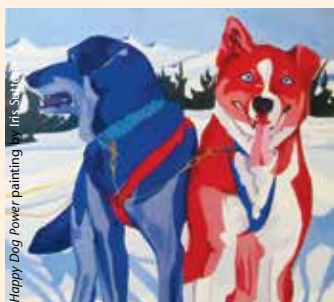
### Year Round

#### Noel Wien Library Youth Programs

Free reading fun, learning and activities for children of all ages. (907) 459-1052, [www.fnsblibrary.org](http://www.fnsblibrary.org)

#### First Fridays

Fairbanks Arts Association, many art galleries, specialty shops and the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center host shows or receptions the first Friday evening of each month.



Happy Dog Power painting by Iris Sattler

### Education & Public Programs

Explore Alaska's science, art, culture and history through hands-on activities for all ages at the UA Museum of the North. (907) 474-7505, [www.uaf.edu/museum](http://www.uaf.edu/museum)

### Guided Nature Walks & Children's Programs

Enjoy a walk through Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sep–Nov (excluding Thanksgiving) and Mar–May. Babes in the Woods program (birth–2 yrs) first Saturday of each month. Preschool Nature Discovery program (3–6 yrs) third Saturday of each month at Creamer's Field Farmhouse Visitor Center. (907) 452-5162, [www.friendsofcreamersfield.org](http://www.friendsofcreamersfield.org)

### Fairbanks Children's Museum

Mess Makers art program every Wednesday; Pint-Sized Science every Thursday; Baby Mingle (for parents and babies ages 0-2) every 1st Wednesday; and Family Concert Series every 3rd Thursday. (907) 374-6873 [www.fairbankschildrensmuseum.com](http://www.fairbankschildrensmuseum.com)

### Seasonal

#### Roller Derby (Aug–May)

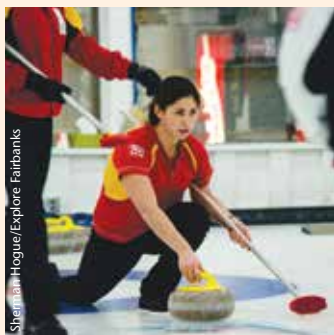
High-speed, high-impact fun! Catch a bout in Fairbanks. [www.fairbanksrollergirls.org](http://www.fairbanksrollergirls.org)

#### Cross Country Ski Races (Nov–Apr)

Interval, mass and relay starts, free, classic and mixed techniques at Birch Hill Recreation Area. (907) 457-4435, [www.nscfairbanks.org](http://www.nscfairbanks.org)

#### Sled Dog Events & Races (Dec–Mar)

Skijoring, 1- to 8-dog and open classes at Jeff Studdert Race Grounds on Farmers Loop Road. [www.alaskadogmushers.com](http://www.alaskadogmushers.com), [www.juniordogmushers.com](http://www.juniordogmushers.com)



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TCC Cultural Programs



North Star Ballet

## October 2018

### 5 64th Parallel Juried Art Exhibition

Juried exhibition of work by Interior Alaska artists. (907) 456-6485 x 226, [www.fairbanksarts.org](http://www.fairbanksarts.org)

### 6–7 Lady Curlers Buddy Spiel

Curling fun at the Curling Club. Heated spectator gallery. (907) 452-CURL, [www.curlfairbanks.org](http://www.curlfairbanks.org)

### 6–7 Go Winter! Expo

Info on how to get through winter in Alaska while having fun, staying healthy, and keeping warm. (907) 474-9082, [fairbanksevents.com/go-winter-expo](http://fairbanksevents.com/go-winter-expo)

### 12 Tig Notaro

Emmy and Grammy nominated comedian, actor and writer. Presented by the Fairbanks Concert Association. (907) 474-8081, [www.fairbanksconcert.org](http://www.fairbanksconcert.org)

### 13–15 & 20–22 1776–The Great American Musical

Presented by Fairbanks Light Opera Theatre at the UAF Salisbury Theater. (907) 456-FLOT, [www.flot.org](http://www.flot.org)

### 19–20 Stephan Wolfert, Cry Havoc

Creator of DE-CRUIT: a program to reintegrate veterans using classical actor training. Presented by the Fairbanks Concert Association. (907) 474-8081, [www.fairbanksconcert.org](http://www.fairbanksconcert.org)

### 20 Fairbanks International Friendship Day

Five hours of ethnic song and dance performances, cultural displays and ethnic foods. Free admission at Pioneer Park Civic Center. (907) 474-0928, [rjkan@alaska.edu](mailto:rjkan@alaska.edu)

### 26–Nov 11 The Three Musketeers

Presented by the Fairbanks Drama Association. (907) 456-PLAY, [www.fairbanksdrama.org](http://www.fairbanksdrama.org)

### 27 Creepy Critters

Enjoy kid's crafts and activities and learn about creatures thought to be "creepy" at the Creamer's Field Farmhouse Visitor Center. (907) 452-5162, [www.friendsofcreamersfield.org](http://www.friendsofcreamersfield.org)

### 27 Halloween Trick or Treat Town

Bring your kids for trick or treating fun at Pioneer Park. (907) 459-1087, [www.pioneerpark.us](http://www.pioneerpark.us)

### 31 Halloween at the Museum

Costumed kids of all ages are invited to see bones and bugs, bats and birds. Bring a donation for the Fairbanks Food Bank. (907) 474-7505, [www.uaf.edu/museum](http://www.uaf.edu/museum)

## November

### TBD Athabaskan Fiddlers Festival

Alaska Native musicians gather for an annual musical celebration. (907) 388-5651, [www.facebook.com/the-athabaskan-fiddlers-association](http://www.facebook.com/the-athabaskan-fiddlers-association)

### 1–11 The Three Musketeers

*Continued from October 26*  
Presented by Fairbanks Drama Association. (907) 456-PLAY, [www.fairbanksdrama.org](http://www.fairbanksdrama.org)

### 3 Black Violin

Blend of classical, hip hop, rock, R&B and bluegrass music. Presented by the Fairbanks Concert Association. (907) 474-8081, [www.fairbanksconcert.org](http://www.fairbanksconcert.org)

### 3, 17 & 24 Fairbanks Arts Mini-Bazaar

Shop handmade items and support local artisans. (907) 456-6485 x 226, [www.fairbanksarts.org](http://www.fairbanksarts.org)

### 3–4 Day of the Dead Glow Spiel

Curling fun at the Curling Club. Heated spectator gallery. (907) 452-CURL, [www.curlfairbanks.org](http://www.curlfairbanks.org)

### 3–4 50th Annual University Women's Association Holiday Bazaar

Local arts and crafts at the Pioneer Park Civic Center. (907) 459-1087, [www.uaf.edu/uwa](http://www.uaf.edu/uwa), [www.facebook.com/UAF.UWA](http://www.facebook.com/UAF.UWA)

### 4 Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra

Pianist Vladimir Feltsman. (907) 474-5733, [www.fairbanksymphony.org](http://www.fairbanksymphony.org)

### 7–10 Gwich'in Athabaskan Fiddle Dance

Get your jig on and learn the two step, double jig, duck dance, rabbit dance and more at the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center. (907) 459-3741, [www.morristhompsoncenter.org](http://www.morristhompsoncenter.org)

### 9–11 Fairbanks Holiday Marketplace

A one stop Christmas shopping extravaganza with over 175 vendors and thousands of gift ideas. (907) 474-9082, [fairbanksevents.com/go-winter-expo](http://fairbanksevents.com/go-winter-expo)

### 9–11 and 16–18 Avenue Q

UAF Student Drama Association presents a musical with puppets (rated R due to adult themes). (907) 474-7751, [www.uaf.edu/theatrefilm/current-season](http://www.uaf.edu/theatrefilm/current-season)

### 17 TOTE Family Day: Gold

Discover Alaska's gold legacy! Free for children 14 and under. (907) 474-7505, [www.uaf.edu/museum](http://www.uaf.edu/museum)

### 17 Thanksgiving for the Birds

Make bird feeders and learn about winter birds at Creamer's Field Farmhouse Visitor Center. (907) 452-5162, [www.friendsofcreamersfield.org](http://www.friendsofcreamersfield.org)

### 22–24 Rookie Spiel

Curling fun for new players and those trying new positions. Heated spectator gallery. (907) 452-CURL, [www.curlfairbanks.org](http://www.curlfairbanks.org)

### 23 Turkey Day Relay

Cross country ski races for all ages at Birch Hill Recreation Area. [www.nsfairbanks.org](http://www.nsfairbanks.org)

### 24 Pioneer Park Holiday Bazaar

Over 85 vendors with gift shopping, food and fun for the whole family. (907) 459-1087, [www.pioneerpark.us](http://www.pioneerpark.us)

### 30–Dec 2 The Nutcracker Ballet

North Star Ballet presents the annual holiday tradition and family favorite. (907) 451-8800, [www.nsfairbanks.org](http://www.nsfairbanks.org)

### 30–Dec 16 The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Presented by Fairbanks Drama Association. (907) 456-PLAY, [www.fairbanksdrama.org](http://www.fairbanksdrama.org)

## December

### 1 Luminary Trail & Open House

Celebrate the Christmas season with a walk down the Friends of Creamer's Field Luminary Trail. (907) 452-5162, [www.friendsofcreamersfield.org](http://www.friendsofcreamersfield.org)

### 1 Mushing Madness

Fun-filled day with educational mushing event, speakers and potluck. Come learn about the Junior Mushing Club. [www.juniordogmushers.com](http://www.juniordogmushers.com)

### 1–2 North Pole Winter Festival

Fireworks, holiday bazaar, candle-lighting Christmas celebration and crowning of the King and Queen of North Pole. (907) 590-3334, [www.northpolechamber.us](http://www.northpolechamber.us)





## 1–16 The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Continued from November 30  
Presented by Fairbanks Drama Association.  
(907) 456-PLAY, [www.fairbanksdrama.org](http://www.fairbanksdrama.org)

## 1–Jan 8 Christmas In Ice

Christmas themed ice sculptures, Elf's Icy Playground and special events throughout December in North Pole. (907) 590-2522, [www.christmasinice.org](http://www.christmasinice.org)

## 2 Design Alaska Holiday Concert

Featuring Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra, Fairbanks Symphony Chorus and the Northland Youth Choir. (907) 474-5733, [www.fairbanksymphony.org](http://www.fairbanksymphony.org)

## 8, 15 & 22 Holiday Ornament Making

Drop in and make beautiful ornaments from natural materials at Creamer's Field Farmhouse Visitor Center. (907) 452-5162, [www.friendsofcreamersfield.org](http://www.friendsofcreamersfield.org)

## 14–15 Christmas Party for Children

Party on the 14th for children with disabilities. Gift and free buffet for every child. (907) 389-2164, [www.chatanielodgpeak.com](http://www.chatanielodgpeak.com)

## 16 Candy Cane Romp

Free ski with Santa on an obstacle course lined with candy canes for skiers to pick up at Birch Hill Recreation Area. [www.nscfairbanks.org](http://www.nscfairbanks.org)

## 21 Denali's 14th Annual Winter Solstice Ski and Stroll

Ski, snowshoe or stroll down a trail lit by luminarias at the Murie Science and Learning Center in Denali Park. (907) 683-9532, [www.nps.gov/dena](http://www.nps.gov/dena)

## 22 Festival of Lights Fireworks

Large fireworks show launched from Griffin Park downtown with premium viewing along the Chena River. (907) 452-8671, [www.downtownfairbanks.com](http://www.downtownfairbanks.com)

## 22 Winter Solstice Walk

Discover the refuge on the shortest day of the year. Walk with a Friends of Creamer's Field naturalist near the iconic Creamer's barns. (907) 452-5162, [www.friendsofcreamersfield.org](http://www.friendsofcreamersfield.org)

## 26 Ski Your Age in Ks

Family ski event at Birch Hill Recreation Area. Bring a potluck item and enjoy hot chili and drinks. [www.nscfairbanks.org](http://www.nscfairbanks.org)

## 31 New Year's Eve Sparktacular

Brilliant fireworks sponsored by community businesses, launched from UAF's West Ridge at 8pm.

# January 2019

## 1–8 Christmas In Ice

Continued from December 1  
Christmas themed ice sculptures Elf's Icy Playground and special events in North Pole. (907) 590-2522, [www.christmasinice.org](http://www.christmasinice.org)

## 18 Across the Great Divide: Hot Club of Cowtown and the Dustbowl Revival

Hot jazz, western swing, Americana and soul presented by the Fairbanks Concert Association. (907) 474-8081, [www.fairbanksconcert.org](http://www.fairbanksconcert.org)

## 26 University of Alaska Museum of the North Open House of Gratitude

A free look behind the scenes at the labs where researchers make discoveries about Alaska. (907) 474-7505, [www.uaf.edu/museum](http://www.uaf.edu/museum)

## February

### 1-10 Hockey Week in Fairbanks

A week-long annual celebration of family, friends and hockey. (907) 452-6857, [www.hockeyweekinfairbanks.com](http://www.hockeyweekinfairbanks.com), [facebook.com/HockeyWeekInFairbanks](https://facebook.com/HockeyWeekInFairbanks)

### 1 The Second City – It's Not You, It's Me

Hilarious sketch comedies taking shots at love, heartbreak and missed connections presented by the Fairbanks Concert Association. (907) 474-8081, [www.fairbanksconcert.org](http://www.fairbanksconcert.org)

### 1 Encaustic Artist

Featuring Interior Alaska Chapter of the International Encaustic Artist Association and photographer Hal Gage. (907) 456-6485 x 226, [www.fairbanksarts.org](http://www.fairbanksarts.org)

## Family-Friendly Fairbanks

From toddlers to teens, Fairbanks winter events won't leave your tiny travelers feeling left out. Fun-filled junior sporting events like cross country skiing, curling, hockey and dog mushing offer the littles a chance to get in on the action with a romp through the snow or on the ice. Visit Creamer's Field for crafts and activities learning about the native flora and fauna. Local museums offer hours of entertainment for the kiddos with special exhibits and hands-on events occurring throughout the year. Look for weekly events at the Fairbanks Children's Museum like Wednesdays Mess Makers art program and Thursdays Pint-Sized Science—STEM-based learning and experiments that inspire wonder and investigation in young minds. And don't miss monthly events like Baby Mingle and a family concert series.



## Festivals & Celebrations



Bear Alaska Photography



Courtesy Santa Claus House



Let It Be, sculpted by Junichi Nakamura, Shinichi Sawamura, Yoshitomi Mabuchi and Keiji Muraikami. Photo by Akimoto Komichi/Ice Alaska



Mike Giamacchini



UAF Photo by JR Archeta

### Christmas in Ice—Dec 1–Jan 8

Colorfully-lit, Christmas-themed ice sculptures in North Pole! After admiring the art, an ice maze and ice twirlers await park guests of all ages, as well as thousands of feet of ice slides and complimentary sleds in Elf's Icy Playground. Wave to family and friends back home via the webcam while sitting on Santa's throne then step inside and warm up with homemade hot chocolate. Look for many special events at the ice park throughout December. [www.christmasinice.org](http://www.christmasinice.org)

### North Pole Winter Festival—Dec 1-2

Candle lighting and tree decorating are central to this delightful festival celebrating the spirit of Christmas. A befitting event for the holiday-themed town of North Pole. [www.northpolealaska.com](http://www.northpolealaska.com)

### Fairbanks Winter Carnival—Feb 14–Mar 31

Imagine the Winter Carnival Queen sitting on her throne carved out of ice or a team of dogs streaming down the frozen Chena River. Step back in time and you will discover that people of the far north have been celebrating winter in March for many years. Created in 1934, the Winter Carnival features arts, dog mushing and ice sculpting. Times may have changed a bit since the 1930s but the energy and excitement of Winter Carnival still remains. Look for events hosted by the Alaska Dog Mushers Association, [www.alaskadogmushers.com](http://www.alaskadogmushers.com); Ice Alaska, [www.icealaska.com](http://www.icealaska.com); and the Fairbanks Arts Association, [www.fairbanksarts.org](http://www.fairbanksarts.org)

### Denali Winterfest—Feb 22-24

Now in its 19th year, Denali Winterfest offers loads of outdoor fun and educational events. Featuring dog sledding, a 5K race, snowshoeing, hiking, park ranger programs and more. This engaging community-oriented festival starts off with a potluck and ends with a chili feed and cake walk—small town charm in the heart of Denali National Park. [go.nps.gov/winterfest](http://go.nps.gov/winterfest)

### Festival of Native Arts—Feb 28–Mar 2

Celebrate Alaska Native cultures! The Festival of Native Arts features a variety of outstanding performances by Native peoples from all over the state. Festival attendees can see art demonstrations, cultural films and traditional songs and dances (and occasionally join in, too). The festival is also a venue to purchase authentic arts and crafts directly from Alaska Native artisans. [fna.community.uaf.edu](http://fna.community.uaf.edu)

### February continued

#### 1–17 The Crucible

Presented by Fairbanks Drama Association. (907) 456-PLAY, [www.fairbanksdrama.org](http://www.fairbanksdrama.org)

#### 2 Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race

1,000-mile (1,600 km) sled dog race from Whitehorse, YT, Canada to Fairbanks. (907) 452-7954, [www.yukonquest.com](http://www.yukonquest.com)

#### 7 Sitka Winter Classic

Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra guest recital. (907) 474-5733, [www.fairbanks-symphony.org](http://www.fairbanks-symphony.org)

#### 10 Youth Winter Carnival

Free ski games and scavenger hunt for kids at Birch Hill Recreation Area. [www.nscfairbanks.org](http://www.nscfairbanks.org)

#### 14–Mar 31 World Ice Art Championships

28th annual international ice sculpting competition with single block and multi-block events. (907) 888-3393, [www.icealaska.com](http://www.icealaska.com)

#### 16 Fun Run

Dog sled races and fun for junior mushers ages 2-18 at Morning Star Park in North Pole. New racers encouraged to participate. [www.juniordogmushers.com](http://www.juniordogmushers.com)

#### 16 Chinese New Year Celebration

Celebrate with a buffet dinner of Chinese cuisine and song and dance performances at UAF. (907) 474-0928, [rjkan@alaska.edu](mailto:rjkan@alaska.edu)

#### 16–17 Midnight Sun Gold Run Sled Dog Championship

The Alaska Dog Mushers Association hosts sprint races at the Mushers Hall on Farmers Loop Road. (907) 457-MUSH, [www.alaskadogmushers.com](http://www.alaskadogmushers.com)

#### 17 Concerto Competition Winners Concert

Winners of the January concerto competition perform with the Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra. (907) 474-5733, [www.fairbanks-symphony.org](http://www.fairbanks-symphony.org)

#### 17–23 Iron Dog

Longest, toughest snowmobile race in the world. From Big Lake to Nome and finishing in downtown Fairbanks. (907) 563-4414, [www.irondog.org](http://www.irondog.org)



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Downtown Association of Fairbanks

### 21–23 Fairbanks Alternative Improvisational Music Festival

Featuring Sirius Quartet, SevenSuns, and Futureman/Silverman presented by the Fairbanks Concert Association. (907) 474-8081, [www.fairbanksconcert.org](http://www.fairbanksconcert.org)

### 22–24 Denali Winterfest

Come celebrate the winter season with free events in Denali National Park and nearby communities. (907) 683-9532, [go.nps.gov/winterfest](http://go.nps.gov/winterfest)

### 23–March 3 Farthest North Jewish Film Festival

Local, international, classic and feature films sponsored by the Congregation Or Hatzafon. (907) 456-1002, [www.facebook.com/Farthest-North-Jewish-Film-Festival](http://www.facebook.com/Farthest-North-Jewish-Film-Festival)

### 28–March 2 Junior North American Championship Sled Dog Race

Dog mushing championship for mushers ages 2-18 at Morning Star Park in North Pole. (907) 378-7797, [www.northpolechampionships.com](http://www.northpolechampionships.com), [www.juniordogmushers.com](http://www.juniordogmushers.com)

### 28–Mar 2 Festival of Native Arts

Celebrate Alaska Native culture with traditional songs, dance and art at the UAF Campus. (907) 474-7143, [fna.community.uaf.edu](http://fna.community.uaf.edu)

## March

### 1–30 “Up With Art”

Featuring local young artists in the Fairbanks School District Student Exhibition at Pioneer Park Bear Gallery. (907) 456-6485 x 226, [www.fairbanksarts.org](http://www.fairbanksarts.org)

### 1–2 Festival of Native Arts

*Continued from February 28*  
Celebrate Alaska Native culture with traditional songs, dance and art at the UAF Campus. (907) 474-7143, [fna.community.uaf.edu](http://fna.community.uaf.edu)

### 1–2 Junior North American Championship Sled Dog Race

*Continued from February 28*  
Dog mushing championship for mushers ages 2-18 at Morning Star Park in North Pole. (907) 378-7797, [www.northpolechampionships.com](http://www.northpolechampionships.com), [www.juniordogmushers.com](http://www.juniordogmushers.com)

### 1–3 Farthest North Jewish Film Festival

*Continued from February 23*  
Local, international, classic and feature films sponsored by the Congregation Or Hatzafon. (907) 456-1002, [www.facebook.com/Farthest-North-Jewish-Film-Festival](http://www.facebook.com/Farthest-North-Jewish-Film-Festival)

### 1–31 World Ice Art Championships

*Continued from February 14*  
International ice sculpting competition with single block and multi-block events. (907) 888-3393, [www.icealaska.com](http://www.icealaska.com)

### 2–3 Retro Spiel

Curling fun in Ester. (907) 452-CURL, [www.curlfairbanks.org](http://www.curlfairbanks.org)

### 2–3 Nenana Ice Classic Tripod Days

Raising of the Tripod on the Tanana River and entertainment for the entire family in Nenana. (907) 832-5446, [www.nenanaiceclassic.com](http://www.nenanaiceclassic.com)

### 8–10 Limited North American Sled Dog Championship

The Alaska Dog Musers Association hosts sprint sled dog races at the Musers Hall on Farmers Loop Road. (907) 457-MUSH, [www.alaskadogmusers.com](http://www.alaskadogmusers.com)

### 9–10 Tired Iron

Sleds of yesterday racing today! Snowmachine races and fun for the entire family. (907) 388-8601, [www.fairbankstirediron.org](http://www.fairbankstirediron.org)

### 10 Skiathon

Classic technique 20km cross country ski event on the West Ridge trail system at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. [www.nscfairbanks.org](http://www.nscfairbanks.org)

### 13–16 Gwich’in Athabaskan Fiddle Dance

Get your jig on and learn the two step, double jig, duck dance, rabbit dance and more at the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center. (907) 459-3741, [www.morristhompsoncenter.org](http://www.morristhompsoncenter.org)

### 15–16 St. Patty’s Day Double Spiel

Curling fun at the Curling Club. Heated spectator gallery. (907) 452-CURL, [www.curlfairbanks.org](http://www.curlfairbanks.org)

### 15–17 GCI Open North American Sled Dog Championship

The Alaska Dog Musers Association hosts sprint sled dog races at the Musers Hall on Farmers Loop Road. (907) 457-MUSH, [www.alaskadogmusers.com](http://www.alaskadogmusers.com)

### 16–17 Fur Auction

Hosted by Alaska Trappers Association during the Open North American Sled Dog Races at the Musers Hall on Farmers Loop Road. (907) 457-1774, [www.alaskatrappers.org](http://www.alaskatrappers.org)

### 17 Parka Parade

Showcasing beautiful, hand-made summer and winter parkas after the Open North American Sled Dog Races at the Musers Hall on Farmers Loop Road. (907) 456-6485 x 226, [www.fairbanksarts.org](http://www.fairbanksarts.org)



“The Fairbanks area is home to some of Alaska’s most celebrated and beloved animals—husky sled dogs. The ultimate season for sled dogs is obviously wintertime and luckily, Fairbanks has no shortage of that! We are able to mush sled dogs on snow laden trails from October until April. There is truly nothing more spiritually uplifting than mushing a team of your favorite dogs five, ten or even a thousand miles across the frozen wilderness of Interior Alaska.”

*Aliy Zirkle, Yukon Quest and Iditarod musher*



SP Kennel



Sherman Hogue/Explore Fairbanks



OK Go/Fairbanks Concert Association



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**22 OK Go**

A film screen, dance and rock concert rolled into one presented by the Fairbanks Concert Association. (907) 474-8081, [www.fairbanksconcert.org](http://www.fairbanksconcert.org)

**22–April 7 Nunsense – The Musical**

Presented by Fairbanks Drama Association. (907) 456-PLAY, [www.fairbanksdrama.org](http://www.fairbanksdrama.org)

**23 Sonot Kkaazoot**

50km, 40km and 20km cross country ski races starting and finishing on the Chena River. [www.nsfairbanks.org](http://www.nsfairbanks.org)

**30–31 Youth/Junior Bonspiel**

Curling fun for youth at the Curling Club. Heated spectator gallery. (907) 452-CURL, [www.curlfairbanks.org](http://www.curlfairbanks.org)

**31 Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra**

Featuring violinist Cecilia Lacca. (907) 474-5733, [www.fairbanksymphony.org](http://www.fairbanksymphony.org)

**April**

**1 – 7 Nunsense – The Musical**

*Continued from March 22*  
Presented by Fairbanks Drama Association. (907) 456-PLAY, [www.fairbanksdrama.org](http://www.fairbanksdrama.org)

**4–7 Fairbanks International Bonspiel**

Competitive men's and women's divisions and prizes. Commemorative pins, shirts and souvenirs. Heated spectator area. (907) 452-CURL, [www.curlfairbanks.org](http://www.curlfairbanks.org)

**5 Juried Spring Art Exhibition**

Featuring a theme voted on by the public and showcasing work by Interior Alaska artists. (907) 456-6485 x 226, [www.fairbanksarts.org](http://www.fairbanksarts.org)

**6 Mush for Kids!**

Free dog sled rides for kids and fun for the whole family at Pioneer Park (date subject to change). (907) 459-1087, [www.pioneerpark.us](http://www.pioneerpark.us)

**10–16 Arctic Man**

Snowmachine and motorized side by side races in the Hoodoo Mountains at Summit. (907) 456-2626, [www.arcticman.com](http://www.arcticman.com)

**14 The Imago Theater – Frogz**

Family fun intersection of vaudeville, Cirque du Soleil and Mummenschanz presented by the Fairbanks Concert Association. (907) 474-8081, [www.fairbanksconcert.org](http://www.fairbanksconcert.org)

**27 Poetry at the Dredge Festival**

Celebrate National Poetry Month Alaska style with outdoor poetry, lyrics and fun at the historic Chatanika gold dredge. (907) 456-6485 x 226, [www.fairbanksarts.org](http://www.fairbanksarts.org)

**28 Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra**

Season Finale with the Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra and Chorus. (907) 474-5733, [www.fairbanksymphony.org](http://www.fairbanksymphony.org)

*For the most up-to-date information, visit [www.explorefairbanks.com](http://www.explorefairbanks.com) or visit the individual event websites. All dates subject to change, so please confirm event dates prior to making your travel plans.*



Laurel Devaney, stained glass

**Unexpected Artists**

A thriving arts scene may be your biggest surprise when you come to Fairbanks but many illustrators, poets, authors, artists and musicians call Fairbanks home and you'll find their work proudly presented all around town. Stop by a First Friday event and be inspired by the brilliant work of local artists.

Let the music take you away at a live concert, symphony or one of many dance clubs featuring everything from ballroom to country to pop. Galleries and specialty stores are venues for photographers, painters, jewelers, sculptors and more, offering one-of-a-kind works of art for sale. Find that perfect keepsake made by an Alaskan artist to help you remember your trip of a lifetime.



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## Who Offers Winter Fun?

**Discover what the Fairbanks region has to offer in winter.** View business listings on the next pages and then use the Winter Fun At-A-Glance grid to easily find your favorite winter activity. Schedule a snow adventure such as snowmobiling, dog mushing, snowshoeing and cross-country or downhill skiing. Try an ice escapade like ice sculpting, ice fishing or curling. Cross the Arctic Circle, go on an aurora viewing or city tour, walk with reindeer, go flightseeing or soak in a natural hot springs. Want to rent clothing or gear? You'll find that too! Now, go plan some winter fun!

### Fairbanks

#### 1st Alaska Tours

2240 Hanson Rd, Fairbanks, AK 99709

(907) 590-5900

info@1stalaskatours.com

www.1stalaskatours.com

*Exciting tours of Fairbanks year round. See Arctic Circle, hot springs, aurora, dog sleds and more!*

#### 2 Street Gallery, LLC

535 2nd Ave, Ste 102,

Fairbanks, AK 99701

(907) 455-4070

2stgallery@gmail.com

www.twostreetgallery.com

*A fine art gallery with gifts by local Alaskan artists; always an artist on duty to answer your questions.*

#### 7 Gables Inn & Suites

4312 Birch Ln, Fairbanks, AK 99709

(907) 479-0751, Fax: (907) 479-2229

Toll Free: (800) 478-7829

gables7@alaska.net

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*Free cross-country skis, winter gear, snowshoes for our guests use. Exceptional northern lights viewing.*

#### A Taste of Alaska Lodge

Mile 5.3 Chena Hot Springs Rd,

Fairbanks, AK 99712

(907) 488-7855, Fax: (907) 488-3772

tasteak@mosquitonet.com

www.atasteofalaska.com

*A Taste of Alaska Lodge is 15 minutes from downtown Fairbanks and has aurora viewing for overnight guests.*

#### A&P Tours, Inc.

430 K St, Anchorage, AK 99501

(907) 272-9401, Fax: (907) 272-0251

aptours@acsalaska.net

www.apptoursalaska.com

*We offer tours including aurora viewing and many other activities from August-May. Rent winter gear.*

#### Airlink Shuttle & Tours

1213 Dolphin Way, Fairbanks, AK 99709

(907) 452-3337, Fax: (907) 452-6543

jeff@airlinkalaska.com

www.airlinkalaska.com

*Statewide charter/tours. Local area shuttle.*

*Quality and dependable; affordable price. Est. 1992.*

#### Alaska Aurora Adventures

4385 Eielson Farm Rd,

North Pole, AK 99705

(907) 590-3229

alaskaauroraadventures@gmail.com

www.alaskaauroraadventures.com

*Aurora viewing lodge, Arctic Circle, wildlife tours, cabins, dog mushing and private tours. Hotel transfers.*

#### Alaska Element

(907) 385-0583

martha@alaskaelement.com

www.alaskaelement.com

*Gear up and get out with premium outdoor wear rentals for your Alaska adventure.*

## Alaska Fishing and Raft Adventures

348 Well St, Fairbanks, AK 99707  
(907) 699-7455  
Toll Free: (800) 819-0737  
info@akrivertours.com  
www.akrivertours.com

*Day and aurora viewing ice fishing with heated cabins, snowmobile and wilderness dog mushing. Hotel pick up!*

## Alaska Northern Lights Tour

905 Graham Ln, Fairbanks, AK 99709  
(907) 322-3483, Fax: (907) 479-2819  
info@alaskanorthernlights.net  
www.alaskanorthernlights.net

*An evening of viewing aurora. Fairbanks city tour, hot springs and other tours guided by lifelong Alaskans.*

## Alaska Private Guide Service

299 Alvin St, Fairbanks, AK 99712  
(907) 457-8318  
apgs@gci.net  
www.fairbanksnowmobiletours.com  
*Snowmobile the wildlife refuge near town or in the scenic mountains. Ice fishing. Aurora rides. #1 rated.*

## Alaska Railroad

1031 Alaska Railroad Depot Rd,  
Fairbanks, AK 99701  
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Toll Free: (800) 544-0552  
reservations@akr.com  
www.alaskarailroad.com  
*Experience Alaska in winter from the comfort of a warm railcar. Complete travel packages available.*

## Alaska Raw Fur Co.

4106 Boat St, Fairbanks, AK 99709  
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*The authentic Alaskan store—furs, gifts, fabric—best choices, quality & prices.*

## Alaska Safari Sultan Tours

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(907) 378-9680  
tekesman@gmail.com  
www.alaskaauroraviewing.com  
*Specializing in 1-day northern lights Arctic Circle adventures. Fluent in Chinese and Japanese.*

## Alaska Safari Tour

PO Box 60193, Fairbanks, AK 99706  
(907) 378-1442  
alaskasafaritour@gmail.com  
www.alaskasafaritour.com  
*Need Mandarin speaking tour? Contact Chinese tour operator for your winter adventures!*

## Alaska Skies Aurora Tours, LLC

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www.alaskaskiesauroratours.com  
*Tours for your Alaskan adventure! Aurora, hot springs, dog mushing, custom tours & more! We cover all seasons!*

## Alaska Skylar Travel LLC

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Anchorage, AK 99503  
(907) 274-8884, Fax: (907) 274-1455  
skylarjiang@skylartravel.com  
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letarte@alaska.net  
www.wildernessenterprises.com  
*Experience the real Alaska. Providing heated ice house fishing and snowmobile rides since 1979.*

## Alaskan Arctic Turtle Tours

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(907) 457-1798, Fax: (907) 456-1798  
Toll Free: (888) 456-1798  
wildalaska@alaska.net  
www.wildalaska.info  
*Tours to Arctic Circle, Brooks Range, ANWR, Prudhoe Bay and aurora viewing adventures. Year-round.*

## Alaskan Tails of the Trail with Mary Shields

PO Box 80961, Fairbanks, AK 99708  
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maryshields88@gmail.com  
www.maryshields.com  
*Learn about mushing. Meet the dogs & Mary Shields, 1st woman to finish the Iditarod. Rides may be available.*

## Alaska-Wildlife-Guide

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info@alaska-wildlife-guide.com  
www.alaska-wildlife-guide.com  
*Top rated adventures! Snow machining, ice fishing, Aurora, Arctic Circle, Hot Springs, dog mushing and more.*

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(907) 456-1802, Fax: (907) 451-1751  
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www.minniestreetbandb.com  
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Fairbanks, AK 99712  
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lisbet@arcticdogco.com  
www.arcticdogco.com  
*Immersive & genuine dog sledding expeditions and tours. 1 to 7 days. Off the grid and into the wild.*

## Arctic Harvest LLC

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(907) 460-1414  
www.akgrownspirits.com  
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## Arctic Travelers Gift Shop

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(907) 456-7080, Fax: (907) 452-4917  
arcticgifts@hotmail.com  
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*The most complete gift shop in the Interior. Aurora-related gifts, ivory, t-shirts, jewelry. Open daily.*

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5465 Nepal Dr, Fairbanks, AK 99712  
(907) 750-7572  
info@aurora-bear.com  
www.aurora-bear.com  
*Visit us at our cozy lodge and learn how to take amazing aurora photographs! Create lasting memories with us!*



## **Aurora Borealis Lodge**

Cleary Summit, Fairbanks, AK 99712  
(907) 389-2812, Fax: (907) 389-2812  
info@auroracabin.com  
www.auroracabin.com

*View the aurora from a handmade log lodge located atop Cleary Summit. Please check our website for openings.*

## **Beaver Sports**

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www.beaversports.com

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## **Birch Hill Recreation Area and Cross Country Ski Center**

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(907) 457-4488, Fax: (907) 457-4489  
birchhill@co.fairbanks.ak.us  
www.fnsb.us under Parks and Recreation  
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blacksprucedogsledding@gmail.com  
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*Ice fishing for rainbow, char, grayling, salmon & pike. \$175 includes license, transportation & lunch.*

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christmasinice@gmail.com  
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*Christmas-themed ice sculptures by local and international artists and Elf's icy playground in North Pole.*

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director@friendsofcreamersfield.org  
www.friendsofcreamersfield.org  
*Visitor Center: Saturdays, 12-4pm or by appointment. Groomed multi-use trails always open. Programs all year.*

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
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info@fairbanksarts.org  
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fna.community.uaf.edu  
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
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
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## Denali Neighbors

Denali Wilderness Winter Guides LLC 🇺🇸				•																	•	
K2 Aviation																						•
Stampede Excursions																						•

## Interior Neighbors

Cotter's Kennel Sled Dog Tours 🇺🇸																						•
The Lodge at Black Rapids				•	•			•														•

## Arctic Neighbors

Coldfoot Camp				•																		•
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## Alaskan Neighbors

The Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center				•	•																	•
Aurora Expeditions				•		•	•	•				•		•	•	•						•
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# What's Under There?

**Underwear—long underwear to be exact.** More commonly called “long johns,” they’re just one component of a simple layering system that will have you strolling through Fairbanks in warmth and comfort. Travelling from a warmer climate? Just drop into a local retailer and gear up with a few essentials, like a parka, snow pants and a good pair of boots. Layers make for the easiest change-ups. The weather can change quickly and so can you! Include a pair of long johns, long sleeved shirt, fleece jacket, boots, hat, mittens and a scarf in your wardrobe for the trip. Some winter operators provide outdoor gear—be sure to ask. Whatever the weather, you’ll be covered! Interior Alaska is an amazing place to explore in the winter and dressing for it is amazingly simple.



Check it out!  
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View the delightful new *How to Dress for Winter in Fairbanks* video at [explorefairbanks.com](http://explorefairbanks.com)



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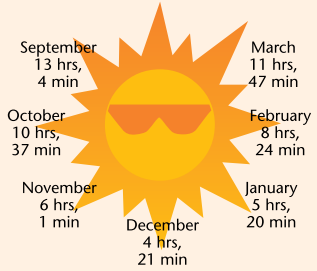
## What's the Weather Like?

**Fairbanks' low humidity, low precipitation** and virtually non-existent wind make this sub-arctic environment surprisingly agreeable. Locals like to say it's a clear, dry cold.

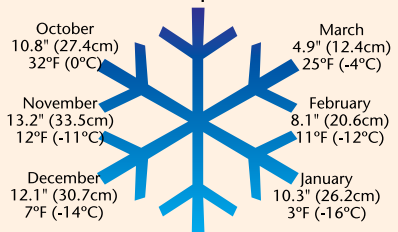
Here are some safety tips for your winter adventure:

- Check the weather report or dial 844 for the local temperature and forecast while planning your day's activities.
- Snow and ice are slippery. Make sure your footwear has traction, practice a slow shuffle and walk carefully.
- Drive slowly and go easy on your brakes while on snow and ice. If renting a car, consider an all-wheel or four-wheel drive vehicle during winter months. For highway conditions dial 511.

### Average Daylight Hours



### Average Snowfall and Temperature



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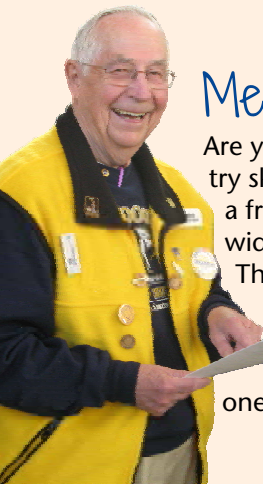
## Sunbathing at Midnight?

**During Midnight Sun Season—April 22 through August 20**—Fairbanks, Alaska, enjoys up to 24 hours of light. Once you have been inspired by the light of the aurora borealis, come back during the summertime and explore the last frontier under the warmth of the midnight sun. Pan for gold, float the Chena River, watch the gardens grow, go fishing, view wildlife, play golf in the middle of the night, have dinner on a deck or go on a nature hike and chase a midnight sunset. Discover the energy of Fairbanks' summer days! Request a year-round Visitors Guide and choose from all of the fantastic things to see and do!



Pike's Waterfront Lodge

Fairbanks is known as the land of the midnight sun because from May 17 through July 27 the sky never gets dark.



## Meet a Real Alaskan

Are you interested in dog mushing? Arctic engineering? Perhaps cross-country skiing? Learn about these topics and many more by being matched with a friendly Golden Heart Greeter. Golden Heart Greeters are part of a worldwide voluntary association called the Global Greeter Network.

The program is free to individuals or small groups. Schedule a Golden Heart Greeter by calling (907) 459-3758 or by emailing [goldenheartgreeter@explorefairbanks.com](mailto:goldenheartgreeter@explorefairbanks.com) or filling out the form on the website. A minimum of one week's notice is needed.





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