



*Always a Warm
Welcome!*



Fairbanks • October 18–23, 2010

Always a Warm Welcome from Fairbanks to the Alaska Federation of Natives Convention and First Alaskans Institute Elders & Youth Conference

Experience the hospitality of Interior Alaska, where Fairbanks is building bridges between cultures and encouraging Alaskans to work together to build our future. We look forward to realizing Morris Thompson's vision – creating a place where people of different cultures can come together to find common ground and to appreciate, understand and respect one another. Welcome delegates and friends of the 2010 First Alaskans Institute Elders & Youth Conference and Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Convention.

We're Getting Ready

Seven local committees have been established by the Fairbanks Convention & Visitors Bureau (FCVB) comprised of representatives from all over the community. The committees were formed to help ensure the Convention in Fairbanks is successful, memorable and safe for delegates and their families.

The Fairbanks Convention & Visitors Bureau, the three local area mayors and the leaders of the Interior Native organizations have been proactive in working towards the success of the Convention. Committees are active in areas of transportation, fundraising, health and safety, hospitality and logistics, public relations and media, Golden Heart Greeters and volunteers, Elders and youth and the arts. All committees are composed of community members, both Alaska Native and non-Native, and are supported by FCVB staff.

Fairbanks has the infrastructure in place to host the AFN Convention with more than 3,500 guest rooms available. We encourage you to check out the discounted rates being offered by many lodging properties inside as well as online at www.AFN2010.com. As the Convention gets closer, the Fairbanks Convention & Visitors Bureau will be keeping a vacancy listing to help

connect visitors to Fairbanks with businesses that have rooms available. Between now and the Convention, the website will be continuously updated with new information about activities, transportation and special events.

Carlson Center

The Carlson Center, primary venue for the Convention, can accommodate all of the delegates, concessions, Quyana and the Arts and Craft Fair. Publicity is being scheduled for radio, television and newspaper to invite the local community to shop at the Arts and Crafts Fair and to enjoy the evening entertainment at Quyana. Additionally, a number of other facilities throughout the area are available for supplementary meetings and receptions planned during the Convention.

Getting Around Fairbanks

Complimentary shuttles will connect major hotels to the Carlson Center. Numerous cab companies and a large fleet of rental cars will make transportation even easier. Princess Tours is pleased to once again sponsor all transportation for the First Alaskans Institute Elders & Youth Conference. No matter how you travel, be sure to mention AFN to take advantage of any special offers.

Activities, Shopping & Dining

From small, locally-owned specialty stores to national chain home improvement box stores, grocers and multi-service retailers, the Fairbanks shopping scene has grown dramatically. Retailers who sell ATVs, snow machines, appliances, automobiles, boats, building supplies, books, home furnishings and clothing along with health care providers and a wide range of other business services are available to those coming into Fairbanks. The Hospitality

and Logistics Committee is continuing its ongoing efforts to ensure great customer service and a wide range of product choices.

Among the many things to do in Fairbanks are a 16-screen movie theatre with IMAX, bingo, mini golf under black lights, dancing, arts shows, film festivals, lectures, college sports and museums. These are just a few of the many options available.

Eating out also means having to make a decision. National fast food, specialty food and family-friendly restaurant chains provide options for those who want a quick bite to eat. For those wanting something spicy or exotic, sample one of the diverse cuisines available in Fairbanks – Thai, Mexican, Greek, Chinese, Korean, Italian or Japanese. With options ranging from soup and sandwich shops to home-style ice cream and espresso stands to buffets, you're sure to find something to whet your appetite in Fairbanks.

Especially for Elders & Youth

Elders and youth from across Alaska attending the First Alaskans Institute Elders & Youth Conference will find the community also ready to greet them. The Carlson Center is working to make sure that healthy foods are easily accessible and available for Elders. In addition to the new foods available, there will also be places for Elders to sit and visit or eat.

Visitors to Fairbanks in 2005 and 2007 may have noticed that it had changed a lot since 1988 when the AFN Convention was last held in Fairbanks. The changes didn't stop in 2007. In the last few years, more choices – lodging, shopping, dining, transportation and facilities – have popped up in Fairbanks. What hasn't changed is the "golden heart" in the Golden Heart City – one that is welcoming and takes exceptional care of its visitors.

**For information regarding accommodations,
transportation, discounts & special events visit:
www.AFN2010.com**



Fairbanks Welcomes Convention Week - October 18-23, 2010

Fairbanks is honored and pleased to host the 2010 Alaska Federation of Natives Convention and First Alaskans Institute Elders & Youth Conference. Our community is working hard to make sure that you will feel welcome here. We are looking forward to showing you that Fairbanks is indeed the Golden Heart City!



As the Mayor of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, it is with great pleasure that I extend a warm welcome to the delegates and visitors who will be coming to Fairbanks for AFN Convention Week. The whole community is working together to showcase our unparalleled Interior Hospitality that you have come to expect when the Elders & Youth and AFN meet in Fairbanks. We are honored to welcome you as our guests.
Luke Hopkins, Mayor
Fairbanks North Star Borough



As Mayor of the City of Fairbanks and on behalf of the City Council and community, I am pleased to express how delighted we are to have the Alaska Federation of Natives 2010 Convention here in Fairbanks. The people of Fairbanks have been looking forward to this event and we are joyfully coming together to do all that we can to make ready a place for you to continue to achieve great things. We welcome you and are happy to see you soon.
Terry Strle, Mayor
City of Fairbanks



Welcome! We're glad you've chosen to hold your convention in Fairbanks, Alaska's Golden Heart. This year's Convention theme, "Village Survival!" with its emphasis on sustainable economies, is a dialogue all Alaskan communities must engage in. I applaud you, our first peoples, for tackling the difficult issues of the day in order to make life better for all. While you're in the Interior, come visit North Pole - Santa is waiting to say hello, and so are we! Have a great Convention.
Douglas W. Isaacson, Mayor
City of North Pole



On behalf of the Doyon, Limited board and our 18,000 shareholders, we welcome AFN delegates and participants to Fairbanks. As the regional Native corporation for the Interior, Doyon is honored that the convention is once again being held in Fairbanks. We hope you enjoy the warm hospitality of the Interior, including the rich Athabaskan culture. We look forward to seeing you in October and discussing the issues that are important to Alaska Natives and this great state.
Norman L. Phillips, Jr., President and CEO
Doyon, Limited



On behalf of the 42 member interior tribes of Tanana Chiefs Conference, I would like to welcome all delegates and attendees to our fair city of Fairbanks for AFN 2010. We are honored to host this event in our homelands and look forward to showcasing our interior hospitality. We are working hard to ensure that this year's AFN will be productive, safe, and enjoyable for all who attend. See you in October!
Jerry Isaac, President/Chairman
Tanana Chiefs Conference



On behalf of FNA board of directors, staff and members, we welcome all AFN delegates. Fairbanks is honored to host this year's convention. As you embrace this year's Convention theme, "Village Survival!" we hope you will enjoy our Athabaskan hospitality. Have a safe and productive stay in Fairbanks. Safe travels.
Steve Ginnis, Executive Director
Fairbanks Native Association



On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff at Denakanaaga, I would like to welcome all of you to Fairbanks! We are all excited about hosting the AFN this year and we want you to be comfortable and have an enjoyable time during your visit. There are a lot of activities that we have lined out for you so it should be a very busy week! If there is any way that we may be of help to you during your stay, please feel free to ask any of us.
Cathi Ipalook, Executive Director
Denakanaaga



The Interior Regional Housing Authority is pleased to welcome visitors to the "Golden Heart" of Alaska. We hope your stay in Fairbanks is a pleasant one and we, at IRHA look forward to seeing many friends and relatives during the convention.
Irene Catalone, Chief Executive Officer
Interior Regional Housing Authority



Fairbanksans are looking forward to hosting Elders & Youth and the AFN Convention this October. Please anticipate our welcome to be warm and our commitment to the success of the conventions to be strong. See you soon!
Deb Hickok, President and CEO
Fairbanks Convention and Visitors Bureau

Getting To Fairbanks

There are numerous ways to get to Fairbanks. Below is a list of transportation companies that service Fairbanks, some of which are offering special deals for people travelling for the AFN Convention. Whether you choose to arrive via road, air or rail, you'll find information about discounts and more at www.AFN2010.com. As more discounts become available, the website will be updated.

- Alaska Airlines** (800) 252-7522
www.alaskaair.com
- Alaska Railroad** (800) 544-0552
www.alaskarailroad.com
- Era Aviation** (800) 866-8394
www.flyera.com
- Everts Air Alaska** (907) 450-2350
www.evertsair.com
- Wright Air Service** (800) 478-0502
www.wrightairservice.com
- Warbelow's Air Ventures** (800) 478-0812
www.warbelows.com

Getting Around Fairbanks

Hotel Shuttles

Many hotels offer free shuttle service to and from the airport. When you arrive at the main terminal, go to the Welcome Booth to request a shuttle. If arriving at the East Ramp of the airport, call your hotel directly.

First Alaskans Institute Elders & Youth Conference

Princess Tours is pleased to once again sponsor all transportation for the delegates and chaperones of the First Alaskans Institute Elders & Youth Conference slated for Oct. 18-20 in Fairbanks.

Complimentary Shuttles

Shuttles will be available October 21-23 between all major hotels and the Carlson Center for the AFN Convention, Arts and Crafts Fair and Quyana.

Rental Cars

There are more than 1,000 rental cars available at any of the many car rental agencies at the airport and around town. Many of the agencies have 4-wheel drive and front-wheel drive vehicles. Be sure to book early! To the right you will find a list of companies offering rentals in Fairbanks. Some rental companies are offering discounts especially for those visiting Fairbanks for AFN in 2010. Details about special offers can be found at www.AFN2010.com. As more discounts become available, the website will be updated.

Alamo Rent-A-Car	(907) 451-7368	www.alamo.com
Alaska Dial A Car	(907) 474-0177	www.PaylessCarRental.com
Arctic Rent-A-Car	(907) 479-8044	www.arcticrentacar.com
Avis Rent-A-Car	(907) 474-0900	www.avisalaska.com
Budget Rent-A-Car	(907) 474-0855	www.budget.com
Dollar Rent-A-Car	(907) 451-4360	www.dollar.com
Gene's Chrysler	(907) 452-7117	www.geneschrysler.com
GoNorth Travel Center	(907) 479-7272	www.GoNorth-Alaska.com
Hertz Rent-A-Car	(907) 452-4444	www.hertz.com
Kendall Auto Fairbanks	(907) 456-6217	www.kendalltoyotaoffairbanks.com
National Car Rental	(907) 451-7368	www.nationalcar.com
Payless Car Rental	(907) 474-0177	www.PaylessCarRental.com
Rent-A-Wreck	(907) 452-1606	www.rentawreckfairbanks.com
Thrifty Car Rental	(907) 451-1048	www.thrifty.com

Accommodations Information

Many lodging properties are offering discounts for those visiting Fairbanks for AFN in 2010. Below you will find a list of accommodations offering discounts at this time. For detailed amenities and more information on each property, please go online to www.AFN2010.com. As more discounts become available, the website will be updated. A comprehensive list of accommodations from in and around Fairbanks can be found online at www.explorefairbanks.com/where-to-stay

Lodging Property & Contact Information	Room Rates & Types	Group Code (If Applicable)	Credit Card Required to Hold Res.
Alpine Lodge (800) 455-8851 - Toll Free (907) 328-6300 www.akalpinehotel.com	Double/Double: \$79 Queen or King: \$89 Kitchenette: \$99 Suite: \$159	AFN10	Yes
Bear Lodge at Wedgewood Resort (800) 528-4916 - Toll Free (907) 452-1442 www.fountainheadhotels.com/bear/bear.htm	Deluxe Queen: \$79 Handicap Queen: \$79	AFNBEAR	Yes
Comfort Inn (877) 424-6423 - Toll Free (907) 479-8080 www.comfortinn.com	Standard Queen: \$64.99 Standard 2 Queen: \$69.99 Sink/non smkg 1 king bed: \$69.99		Yes
Fairbanks Best Western (800) 780-7234 - Toll Free (907) 328-3500 www.bestwesternfairbanks.com	Single King: \$71.99 Single Queen: \$61.99 Double Queen: \$81.99	AFN	Yes
Fairbanks Princess Riverside Lodge (800) 426-0500 - Toll Free (907) 455-4477 www.princesslodges.com	Standard Room: \$79 Deluxe Room: \$139	TNB/L0290	Yes
Hampton Inn & Suites (800) 426-7866 - Toll Free (907) 451-1502 www.fairbanksuites.hamptoninn.com	Standard Double Queen: \$179 Standard King: \$179 King Suite: \$199	AFN	No
McKinley View Bed & Breakfast (907) 378-1959 www.mvbb.info	King & Day Bed (4 person): \$115 Double Bed (2 person): \$85		Yes
Pike's Waterfront Lodge (877) 774-2400 - Toll Free (907) 456-4500 www.pikeslodge.com	Standard King: \$79 Double Queen: \$79		Yes
Wedgewood Resort (800) 528-4916 - Toll Free (907) 452-1442 www.fountainheadhotels.com/wedgewood/wedgewood.htm	1 Bedroom Suite: \$85 2 Bedroom Suite: \$105	AFN2010	Yes
Westmark Hotel & Conference Center (800) 544-0970 - Toll Free (907) 456-7722 www.westmarkhotels.com	Standard King: \$79 Standard 2 Bed Queen: \$79 Premium 1 Bed King: \$84 Premium 2 Bed Queen: \$84 Executive 1 King or 2 Queen: \$94		Yes
Holiday Inn Express (907) 328-1100 www.hiexpress.com/fairbanksak	Standard Room: \$79		Yes
Hotel North Pole (877) 488-4801 - Toll Free (907) 488-4800 www.hotelnorthpole.com	Standard 1 Bed Queen: \$85 Standard 2 Bed Queen: \$95 1 Bed Suite: \$125 2 Bed Suite: \$140		Yes

Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 17		
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Registration for Elders & Youth Conference, hosted by First Alaskans Institute Fairbanks International Airport	
Monday, October 18		
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Elders & Youth Conference, hosted by First Alaskans Institute Visit: www.firstalaskans.org or (907) 677-1700	
Tuesday, October 19		
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Elders & Youth Conference, hosted by First Alaskans Institute Visit: www.firstalaskans.org or (907) 677-1700	
Wednesday, October 20		
8:00 am - 12:30 pm	Elders & Youth Conference, hosted by First Alaskans Institute Visit: www.firstalaskans.org or (907) 677-1700	
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Community Welcoming Potlatch	Location TBD
Thursday, October 21		
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Alaska Federation of Natives Annual Convention Visit: www.nativefederation.org or (907) 274-3611	Open to Public
7:30am - 11:00 am	Delegate Registration	Membership
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Online available soon: www.nativefederation.org	
8:00 am - 7:00 pm	Native Arts & Crafts Show For information, contact Nicole James Email: njames@nativefederation.org	Open to Public
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Quyana Alaska I Information on ticket sales will follow at a later date	\$10/person
Friday, October 22		
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Alaska Federation of Natives Annual Convention Visit: www.nativefederation.org or (907) 274-3611	Open to Public
8:00 am - 7:00 pm	Native Arts & Crafts Show For information, contact Nicole James Email: njames@nativefederation.org	Open to Public
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Quyana Alaska II Information on ticket sales will follow at a later date	\$10/person
Saturday, October 23		
8:00 am - 3:00 pm	Alaska Federation of Natives Annual Convention Visit: www.nativefederation.org or (907) 274-3611	Open to Public
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Native Arts & Crafts Show For information, contact Nicole James Email: njames@nativefederation.org	Open to Public
Reception 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm	AFN Reception & Banquet For ticket sales, contact Judy Jaworski Email: jjaworski@nativefederation.org	\$100 General Admission \$2,000 VIP \$1,500 Gold Table \$1,200 Silver Table

- What are the dates of the AFN Convention?** The AFN Convention will be held in Fairbanks October 21-23, 2010. The Elders & Youth Conference will immediately precede it, October 18-20, 2010.
- How can I make reservations for a rental car or hotel room?** Plan now! Many lodging providers, airlines and rental car companies are offering discounts for AFN delegates and visitors. Information on these discounts can be found at www.AFN2010.com. We encourage everyone to make their reservations early. As the dates for Convention come closer, FCVB will be managing a vacancy list that will be updated daily. The earlier you book, the more choices you'll have!

- How is Fairbanks preparing for AFN?** The AFN Convention has been held three times in Fairbanks. Once in 1988 and then in 2005 and 2007. Our community is honored to have been chosen once again to host AFN in 2010. We wish to extend a warm welcome to all AFN delegates, family and friends, as well as everyone visiting for the Elders & Youth Conference. Seven committees have been meeting since March to make sure that all of our visitors experience the Interior hospitality that you have come to expect from Fairbanks.

- Where can I get more information?** Welcome letters from community leaders; information on specials from local businesses, transportation providers, accommodations, and car rental companies; the latest Convention-related news; a calendar of special events taking place during Convention Week and so much more can be found on www.AFN2010.com. We look forward to seeing you in Fairbanks this October!

Welcome to Fairbanks!

Welcome to Fairbanks! The Fairbanks Daily News-Miner will be producing an exciting AFN section which will be distributed with our Sunday, October 17 edition. The section will also be available free for delegates, families, and the public throughout the convention at many locations. We are planning special pages in recognition of elders and the importance they have in our lives.

In Honor of our Elders

You can recognize, honor or remember an elder who has made a difference in your life by sending in the coupon below together with \$35.00. You may use a photo, or fill your space with your message. Samples shown below are slightly smaller than actual size.

<p>Elder's Name</p> <p>Photo</p> <p>Your message here. Limit 20 words with photo</p>	<p>Elder's Name</p> <p>Your message here. Limit 50 words, no photo</p>	<p><i>In Memory of</i> Elder's Name</p> <p>Photo</p> <p>Your memorial here. Limit 20 words with photo</p>	<p><i>In Memory of</i> Elder's Name</p> <p>Your memorial here. Limit 50 words, no photo</p>
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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS MONDAY, OCT. 4, 2010

YES! I would like to recognize an elder:

- Recognition with photo, limit 20 word message Memorial message with photo, limit 20 words
 Recognition, no photo, limit 50 word message Memorial message, no photo, limit 50 words

ELDER'S NAME _____

Photo enclosed? Yes No
 Photo will be emailed: Yes No (Jpg format required, 150 dpi)

I would like my message to read as follows (please remember: Limit of 20 or 50 words, depending on photo):

Your Name _____
 Mailing Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone: _____ Cost: \$35.00 each, submit as many as you wish!
 Form of payment: Check enclosed Visa MasterCard
 Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

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 P.O. Box 70710
 Fairbanks, AK 99707

If you have questions, or need further information, please call Krystin Bogan at (907) 459-7531 email: kbogan@newsminer.com

To have your photo returned, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope, or pick up your photo at the Daily News-Miner offices, 200 N. Cushman Street, Fairbanks.

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