



Community Statehood Events 2008-2009

Anchorage Events

May 9th 2008- Legacy of Alaska- Commemorative print signing by eight Alaska Governors since statehood. The Anchorage Convention Visitors Bureau and Anchorage Celebration committee hosts this historical media advisory event. Contact- Anchorage Celebration Committee Coordinator Tennys Owens #277-7271.

June 27th-29th-We're In Weekend!-

June 27, 2009 "ALASKA'S OPERATION GRATITUDE," featuring Wynonna Judd and family at the Elmendorf AFB at 7:00pm.

June 28th Features sidewalk merchants and bands on 4th Avenue as well as a noon time re-enactment of the pinning of the 49th star on the American flag at 4th and F Street.

June 28th and 29th The ArcticThunderbirds Air Show at Elmendorf AFB. Contact- Anchorage Celebration Committee Coordinator Tennys Owens #277-7271.

November 14th, 2008- "50 Days to 50 Years"- Upscale dinner at the Captain Cook Hotel honoring all of our Governors. Contact- Anchorage Celebration Committee Coordinator Tennys Owens #277-7271.

January 3rd, 2009- The 50th Anniversary Gala-National and International dignitaries have been invited to this historic event to be held at the new Dena'ina Convention Center. Contact- Anchorage Celebration Committee Coordinator Tennys Owens #277-7271.

Fairbanks Events

May 23-31st 2008- Festival Fairbanks presents a week long celebration of Alaska's 50th Anniversary Celebration. Join us for the grand finale picnic and bonfire on the 28th at Pioneer Park. Contact- Festival Fairbanks Chair Michelle Roberts #456-1984.

Mat-Su Valley Events

July 18th, 2008- Nifty Fifty! Mat-Su Governors Military Appreciation committee celebrates 50 years of statehood with a military appreciation ceremony; picnic and games. Contact- Cheryl Metiva #376-1299.

August 21, 2008- Alaska Statehood Day at the Alaska State Fair. Blanket toss, games, food and more! Contact, Dean Phipps #746-7153.

Sarah Palin, Governor

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Juneau Events

June 14-15th, 2008-The Juneau Symphony celebrates Alaska Statehood with the Alaska Symphony, Juneau Douglas High School, Contact- Michelle Bonnet at #586-4676.

July 3rd- 4th, 2008- Fireworks on Thursday night at 11:00pm in downtown Juneau then Friday 4th of July parade in Juneau at 11am and 1pm in Douglas Contact- Capital City Celebrations Chair Kathy Hildre #723-3621.

July 15th, 2008- Luncheon aboard the Princess Cruise. Fundraiser luncheon to assist the Capital City Celebration efforts. Contact Kathy Hildre 723-3621.

August 2nd, 2008- First Ladies Tea with the First Gentleman. Tea at the Governors Mansion with the First Ladies and Mr. Palin as host. Contact Kathy 723-3621.

Haines Events

July 5 – 6th 2008- Fort Seward Days Journey to Statehood: A Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Alaska Statehood. Take a look back at early days of Fort William H. Seward, the first permanent Army post in the Alaska territory, and follow it's role through the battle for Alaska Statehood. Along the way, have good eats, good fun and good company. Contact- Annette Smith #766-2708.

Kenai Peninsula Events

Events are being planned by the Kenai Peninsula Borough. For upcoming events, contact -Jeanne Camp at AK50 on the Kenai # 907-714-2336 Fax - 907-714-2386

Valdez Events

May 24th -- August 31st 2008 Valdez Fish Derbies- Honoring 50 years of statehood for 50 fish. Halibut and Salmon derbies run through to August 31st. Contact- Wendy Farlin at 907-255-4727.

July 30th, 2008- Gold Rush Day's Celebration honoring Alaska's 50th Anniversary of Statehood.

August 3, 2008-Gold Rush Parade, picnic and town photo is planned. Contact- Sara Goudreau #835-4573.

October 18, 2008- Alaska Day!-Commemoration of Alaska Statehood with bust of Governor Bill Egan. Contact Sandra Moore. 835-4313.

Prince of Wales Island Events

July 26-27, 2008 Thorne Bay Fair and Logging Trade Show. Contact- Jeannie McFarland at #1-888-828-3335.

Petersburg Events

Petersburg Chamber of Commerce event information coming soon.