

Fairbanks North Star Borough School District
2016-2017

Winter Break Activities for students and families

Alaska Public Lands Information Center **459-3730**
Inside the Morris Thompson Cultural & Visitors Center at 101 Dunkel Street, Suite 110

The Fairbanks Alaska Public Lands Information Center supports the appropriate use and enjoyment of Alaska's public lands and resources through "one-stop shopping" for public lands information, trip-planning assistance, and resource education. It encourages visitors and residents to seek meaningful, safe and enjoyable experiences on public lands and inspires to conserve and sustain the natural, cultural and historic resources of Alaska.

Arctic Bowl **456-7719**
952 10th Avenue, Fairbanks

Spring Break: Call for open bowling schedule.

Ben Franklin Crafts **488-8544**
301 N. Santa Claus Lane, North Pole

Craft class schedules are available the first of each month at the store. Call or stop by the store for further information.

Big Dipper Ice Arena/Parks & Recreation **459-1104**
1920 Lathrop Street, Fairbanks

RECREATIONAL ICE SKATING

Wednesday, December 21: 11:45-1:15 pm, 3:15-4:45 pm, 5:15-6:45 pm

Thursday, December 22: 11:45-1:15 pm, 3:45-5:15 pm

Friday, December 23: 11:45-1:15 pm, 3:15-4:45 pm

Saturday, December 24: CLOSED

Sunday, December 25: CLOSED

Monday, December 26: 11:45-1:15 pm, 3:15-4:45 pm

Tuesday, December 27: 11:45-1:15 pm, 3:15-4:45 pm

Wednesday, December 28: 11:45-1:15 pm, 3:15-4:45 pm, 5:30-6:45 pm

Thursday, December 29: 11:45-1:15 pm, 3:15-4:45 pm

Friday, December 30: 11:45-1:15 pm, 3:15-4:45 pm

Saturday, December 31: 5:15-6:30 pm

Sunday, January 1: CLOSED

Monday, January 2: 11:45-1:15 pm, 3:00-4:30 pm

Tuesday, January 3: 11:45-1:15 p.m

Wednesday, January 4: 11:45-1:15 pm, 5:30-6:45 pm

ADULT RECREATIONAL HOCKEY

Wednesday, December 21: 1:30-2:45 pm

Friday, December 23: 1:30-2:45 pm

Monday, December 26: 1:30-2:45 pm

Wednesday, December 28: 1:30-2:45 pm

Friday, December 30: 1:30-2:45 pm

Monday, January 2, 1:30-2:45 pm

Wednesday, January 4, 1:30-2:45 pm

TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE: Call the number above or check daily ice schedule on website for accurate schedule: www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/parksandrecreation/facilities/BigDipper

Birch Hill Recreation Area/FNSB

457-4488

The Parks and Recreation Department, through partnership with the Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks, offers the Birch Hill Recreation Area and the Jim Whisenhant Cross Country Ski Trail system for recreational use.

Winter Season Hours of Operation:

Monday thru Friday: 12:00 pm-9:00 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am-6:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am-6:00 pm

Cold Weather Closure: During extreme cold temperatures (-25° or colder) the Cross Country Ski Center will not be open. At this temperature, the trail lights will be shut off. The warm-up hut will remain open.

Alyeska Pipeline Celebration of Lights

452-8671

Downtown Fairbanks

Go to downtown Fairbanks on Saturday, December 17 for a fireworks show celebrating the return of the sun! This event is sponsored by Alyeska Pipeline and North Haven Communities and is FREE and open to the public.

Please check back at www.downtownfairbanks.com for time and date information. Current time (7pm) is tentative.

Christmas In Ice

907-590-2522

Located next to Santa Claus House in North Pole

November 26, 2016-January 8, 2017

Christmas in Ice is the 6-week winter ice park located next to Santa Claus House in North Pole, featuring Christmas-themed ice art competition pieces, ice slides and a maze, twirlers, indoor kids' crafts, and educational ice sculpture demonstrations, adding color and light to the Interior Alaska winter!

Special events include BP's Picnic Under the Stars, Military Appreciation Day, Christmas Day with Santa, and the New Year's Eve fireworks display.

Discount admission coupons are delivered to all elementary school children in the Fairbanks North Star Borough, and a senior admission rate is offered daily.

The red barn beside the reindeer pens is used as a warming area where you can enjoy beverages and light concessions, as well as shop for logo gear and clothing, sleds and unique post cards.

Children's Craft Activities:

Saturday, December 19—Christmas Cookies/Letter to Santa

Sunday, December 20—Handprint Rudolph

Saturday, December 26—Snowman Hanging or Christmas Tree

Sunday, December 27—North Pole Ornament

Saturday, January 2—Paper Clip Angel

Hours of Operation:

Sunday-Thursday 11am to 10pm

Friday & Saturday 11am to 11pm

Christmas Eve 11am to 6 pm

Christmas Day 12pm to 6 pm

Christmas In Ice (continued)

907-590-2522

Located next to Santa Claus House in North Pole

Admission Daily Prices:

Adults \$8.00, Youth (6-12 years) \$5.00

Punch Pass-10 visits for \$50.00

Senior rate (60+) \$4.00

5 and under-Free

Season Passes: Adult \$25.00, Youth (6-12 years) \$10.00

Group Rates for 10 and more in a group. Educational demonstrations upon request.

Please visit www.christmasinice.org for more information.

Christmas Party for Children

389-2164

Chatanika Lodge, Mile 28.5 Steese Highway

Friday & Saturday, December 16 and 17. Party held at the Chatanika Lodge.

Santa will make an appearance and give gifts at 6:30pm each night! Call or visit

www.chatanikalodgeak.com for further information. On Friday, December 16 the event will be focused on children with

special needs. Saturday, December 17, the event is open to all families. Gift and free buffet for every child.

FNSB Parks & Recreation

459-1068

Fairbanks North Star Borough Parks and Recreation Department is planning a winter Triathlon and Duathlon (skate ski/snowshoe/classic ski) at Birch Hill for Friday, December 30.

The triathlon will consist of a 5k skate ski, a 2.5k snowshoe, and a 5k classic ski. The duathlon will consist of a 1.6k ski, and a 1k snowshoe, geared towards younger participants.

The events will be free to the public. Relay teams are welcome. There will be a few sets of snowshoes available to loan out. Registration information will be posted to the Parks & Recreation Facebook page around mid-December. Please contact Steve Taylor at 459-1068 for more information.

FNSB Parks & Recreation Adaptive Program

459-1097

Adaptive Recreation works within the Department of Parks and Recreation to provide recreational programs for the population of Fairbanks and North Pole who have a disability. Their programs change with the seasons, from biking and hiking in the summer to snow shoeing and cross-country skiing in the winter with almost everything else in between!

The Adaptive Program requires a current registration form be on file and that anyone wishing to participate call the Adaptive Office at 459-1097 to register as well as speak with staff about program participation. The program does require that any youth be accompanied by a parent or care provider for the activity.

For more information and a current newsletter and CALENDAR of activities, please visit: www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/pr/Pages/Adaptive-Program.aspx

Fairbanks Children's Museum
302 Cushman Street, Suite 101, Fairbanks

374-6873

The Fairbanks Children's Museum is open from 10 am-5 pm Tuesday through Saturday, 11am-5pm Sunday, and closed on Mondays. They will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

Winter break is one of the busiest times for the museum, so this year they've planned accordingly, and they have different art, building, and sensory activities almost every day during Winter Break!

The weekly programming includes Movin' and Groovin' (Tuesdays), Mess Makers (Wednesdays), Pint-Sized Science (Thursdays) and Interactive Storytelling (Fridays). These guided activities are a great way to enrich minds when they're not in school!

For December 21-January 4, the Children's Museum has activities planned for an "older" audience (ages 5-10, rather than ages 0-5, which they typically see). The museum caters to elementary-aged students.

Every T/W/Th/F at 11:00 am: Activities to build motor skills, creativity, scientific exploration and self-expression are held in a classroom at the "Big Dipper."

December 18: Learn about microbiology with hands-on activities 3:00 pm-4:30 pm!

December 21: The museum will be celebrating Hanukkah with menorah crafts, latkes, dreidels and more!

December 31: Avoid cranky kiddos and celebrate "Noon Year's Eve!" The Children's Museum will have party hats, a ball drop, and fun activities all day to ring in the New Year, Kid-style! Ball will drop at exactly noon.

Friends of Creamer's Field
1300 College Road, Fairbanks

452-5162

Holiday Ornament making workshops: Saturdays: December 3, 10, & 17.
Make ornaments using natural materials (provided) in Creamer's Farmhouse by the barn.
Noon-4:00 pm

Hamme Pool
931 Airport Way, Fairbanks

459-1086

OPEN SWIM TIMES:
2-3:45 pm and 7-9 pm on December 21-22, December 27-30, and January 3-4.
7-9 pm on December 23

Holiday Closures: December 24- 26, January 1-2.
Pool Fees: Ages 0-3, Free. Ages 3-17, \$4.00. Ages 18-59, \$6.00. Ages 60 & over, \$2.00

Jo-Ann Fabrics and Crafts
250 3rd Street, Fairbanks

458-7177

Schedules available the first of each month at the store.

Joel's Place
1890 Marika Road, Fairbanks

452-2621

Children ages 5-12 years of age are welcome to attend two weeks of holiday fun at RAW JOY during the Christmas Break! Laughing, hot meals, & skateboard lessons will be a daily occurrence! Activities include art, games, special guests, cooking, and so much more. Call TODAY to reserve your child's spot! Raw Joy is a licensed childcare center & an equal opportunity provider.

Cost: \$5 per hour or \$250 for the two weeks if a child attends 5 or more hours a day.

Closed New Years Eve

Hours: 1:00-7:00 pm on Early Out Days, 7:30 am-7:00 pm during break

Mary Siah Recreation Center
805 14th Avenue, Fairbanks

459-1082

OPEN SWIM TIMES:
3:30-4:45 pm & 6:30-8:45 pm on Monday, Wednesday & Friday.
6:30-8:45 pm on Tuesday.
2:15-3:45 pm on Saturday, 9:30-11:45 am on Sunday.

Holiday Closures: December 24- 26, January 1-2.

Pool Fees: Ages 0-3, Free. Ages 3-17, \$4.00. Ages 18-59, \$6.00. Ages 60 & over, \$2.00

Michaels Arts and Crafts
34 College Road, Fairbanks

456-6046

Schedules available the first of each month at the store.

Moose Mountain Ski Resort

459-8132

Call 459-8132 for snow conditions, hours of operation, and ski report, or visit www.shredthemoose.com.

Mt. Aurora/Ski land
2315 Skiland Road, Fairbanks

456-7669

Call 456-7669 for snow conditions, hours of operation, and ski report, or visit www.skiland.org

Noel Wien Library Fairbanks
1215 Cowles Street, Fairbanks

459-1052

PLEASE NOTE: The Noel Wien Library will be closed Saturday and Sunday, December 24th and 25th. The Noel Wien Library will be open from 12 noon to 6:00 pm on Monday, December 26th. The Noel Wien Library will be closed on Sunday, January 1st, and Monday, January 2nd.

December 21-23-**Button Making**, Wednesday through Friday, Stop by the Berry Room with a small photo (not bigger than 2.5 inches) and have a button made to wear or give as a gift.

Noel Wien Library Fairbanks (continued)
1215 Cowles Street, Fairbanks

459-1052

December 22-**Holiday movies**, Noel Wien Public Library Auditorium, Thursday, 1:30 pm
Call the Berry Room at 459-1052 to find out the title of the two holiday films beings shown, along with holiday cookies. Auditorium doors open at 1:20 pm For children ages 3 and up.

December 27-**Drop-in Paper Snow Globe Craft**, Noel Wien Public Library Berry Room, Tuesday, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm Let it snow-inside a snow globe, that is. Take a small photo of yourself (whole body-no larger than 4 1/2") to cut out, or create a scene with their supplies, and make a winter wonderland where it can snow year round. All materials supplied by the public library. For children ages 3 and up.

December 28-**Jungle Safari!** Noel Wien Public Library Auditorium, Wednesday, 1:30 pm
Lions and tigers, and more! Oh my! Go on a one-hour safari to explore the jungle. If you want, dress up as an animal! For children ages 3 and up. No registration required.

December 28-**Teen Movie and Pizza**, Noel Wien Public Library Auditorium, Wednesday, 6:30 pm
Teens in 7th through 12th grade are invited to this 88-minute feature film about six teenagers enabled with the power of flight, based on a young adult book series by James Patterson. Auditorium doors open at 6:20 pm Pizza and socializing from 6:30 pm to 6:45 pm Movie starts promptly at 6:45 pm Program is for teens only (no siblings or parents, please). Pizza and drinks provided. No registration is required.

December 29-**Drop-in Celebration Banners Craft**, Noel Wien Public Library Berry Room, Thursday, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Get ready to design and make your own string of colorful paper flags, perfect for decorating your bedroom or parties announcing the New Year. All materials supplied by the public library. For children ages 3 and up.

December 29-**Movie**, Noel Wien Public Library Auditorium, Thursday, 6:30 pm
Call the Berry Room at 459-1052 to find out the title of the 117-minute film, Roald Dahl's imaginative story of a young girl and the Giant who introduces her to the wonders and perils of Giant Country. Popcorn munchies served. Auditorium doors open at 6:20 pm For children ages 3 and up.

December 30- **Drop-in Paper Mosaics Craft**, Noel Wien Public Library Berry Room, Friday, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Add some color to the new year! Gather to make a colorful paper mosaic. All materials supplied by the public library. For children ages 3 and up.

December 30-**Movie**, Noel Wien Public Library Auditorium, Friday, 1:30 pm
Call the Berry Room for the title of the 103-minute movie being shown. Popcorn munchies will be served. Auditorium doors open at 1:20 pm

January 3-**Who Let the Dogs Out-Doggone Fun Activity Day**, Noel Wien Public Library Berry Room, Tuesday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Drop in any time between 10 am and 5 pm, and get ready to wag your tail, fetch, bark, and have more doggone fun than you can possibly imagine in your wildest doggie dreams!

January 4-**Drop-in Paper Bag Bear Cave Craft**, Noel Wien Public Library Berry Room, Wednesday, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Is your favorite teddy bear ready to take a long nap for the cold winter? Build a cave for your favorite stuffed animal! Feel free to bring your favorite small stuffed animal to the library to help you build its perfect home. All materials supplied by the public library. For children ages 3 and up.

North Pole Branch-Library

656 North Pole High School Blvd., North Pole

488-6101

Wednesday, December 21-**Movie Matinee**, 2:30 pm. Recently released movie about a boy named Pete who claims to live in the woods with a friendly dragon. (102 minutes)

Thursdays, December 22 & 29-**Preschool Story time**, 11:15 am. A fun time of stories, songs, finger plays and a craft for 3-5 year olds. No registration needed.

Fridays, December 23 & 30-**Parents & Twos**, 11:15 am. A cozy story time for two-year-olds and a parent or caregiver. Registration is required. Please call 488-6101.

Thursday, December 29-**Drop-in Craft**, Noon-5:00 pm. Make a terrific party hat, just in time for the New Year!

Wednesday, January 4-**Drop-in Game Day**, Noon-5:00 pm. Stop by for some indoor winter fun and play a variety of games.

Orion's Belt School of Self Defense

407 Old Steese Highway, Fairbanks

456-2358

HYPER Martial Arts--Winter Sports Camp

For ages 7-13

Wednesday-Friday, December 21-23, 8:30 am-4:30 pm

This fun camp will be one that you will learn to jump, spin, flip, meet new friends, and have a great time. No martial arts experience needed.

\$125.00 or \$50 per day. Call (907) 456-2358 or e-mail orionsbelt@gci.net.

Astronomy

Monday-Friday, December 26-30, 8:30 am-4:30 pm

For ages 6-13

A Martial Arts Sports Camp with an emphasis on Astronomy. You will be able to look at the stars through our telescopes and learn about our solar system.

\$225.00 or \$50 per day. Call (907) 456-2358 or e-mail orionsbelt@gci.net.

Resource Center for Parents and Children

726 26th Avenue, Suite 2, Fairbanks

456-2866

RCPC knows parenting is hard, which is why they provide a wealth of resources available for families. The mission at the Resource Center for Parents and Children is to create a culture that values parenting and keeps children safe through education, respect, advocacy and strong families.

They welcome you to stop by their office, Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm, to browse the "Ma Poole" lending library and to check out books and videos on topics such as positive discipline, sibling rivalry, loving your teenager, becoming a new parent and so much more. If you need assistance with a specific parenting issue, the staff is always willing to assist.

For additional information visit RCPC on Facebook or visit www.fairbanksfamilies.com.

The Alaska Parent Line

Statewide: 1-800-643-5437

The Alaska Parent Line is a statewide phone line for parents, guardians, or childcare providers to call and speak to a Parent Educator about their parenting questions and concerns. This phone line is staffed from 9 am to 9 pm, 7 days a week. Callers will also receive referrals and find out what resources and services are available within their community. Find the Alaska Parent Line on [Facebook](#) as well!

UA Museum of the North

474-7505

907 Yukon Drive, Fairbanks

The museum is open during winter break! Try gallery scavenger hunts (bit.ly/uamnactivities). Discover activities in the Family Room. Drop in for a program in the Creativity Lab. Discover dinosaurs and try excavating in our special exhibit, *Expedition Alaska: Dinosaurs*.

Wednesday, December 21, Noon-3 pm

Open Creativity Lab

Fun for all ages! Kids welcome but not required.

Paint, draw, or make something in the Creativity Lab. Supplies and inspiration provided. Free with museum admission.

Monday-Friday, December 26-30, 9 am-Noon.

Winter Bug Camp

For grades 3-6.

Discover insects with museum entomologists.

Fee-based camp. Registration required: www.uaf.edu/summer/kids.

Saturday, December 31, 7-9 pm

Sparktacular

Enjoy cookies and hot chocolate in the museum while supplies last.

Fireworks on UAF's West Ridge at 8 pm

Free admission.

Wescott Pool with Water Slide

488-9402

300 E. 8th Avenue, North Pole

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