

KENAI WATERSHED FORUM
**KENAI RIVER
FESTIVAL**

June 7-9, 2013

**Soldotna Creek Park
Soldotna, AK**

Let's Celebrate!

The Kenai River Festival grew out of the Kenai Watershed Forum's desire to provide a free, family friendly setting to celebrate the river, learn more about how our actions impact it and explore what we can do to keep it healthy for the future.

With its headwaters in the Kenai Mountains, the glacially fed Kenai River flows through spectacular landscapes like Kenai Lake, Kenai Canyon and Skilak Lake before mixing with the salt waters of Cook Inlet 82 miles from its origin. From watching breakup to fishing the glacial blue waters, locals and visitors alike know Kenai River greatness.

In 2013, the Kenai Watershed Forum is honored to host the 23rd annual celebration to honor the splendor and community vitality of the Kenai River.



There are
over 40
types of
fish in the
Kenai River.

The Kenai River Festival is a FREE event through the generosity of local businesses and organizations. This event is truly put on by the community and for the community.

→ map of Centennial Park?

The Wailin' Jennys - Bands?

Heart-Stopping Harmonies Headline Saturday

The Wailin' Jennys have toured three continents and are enjoying international acclaim as one of today's most popular folk-roots bands. They continue to garner rave reviews for their album, *Firecracker*, which spent over 30 weeks on the Billboard Bluegrass' Top 5 and has charted in a variety of Billboard's Top 20.

Boasting a perfect mix of Americana, pop and traditional folk reminiscent of Alison Krauss and the Indigo Girls, the festival is excited to have the Jennys take the stage on Saturday evening to celebrate the Kenai River.

FESTIVAL FUN!

FREE KWF Kid's Zone

~
**Run for the River
5K/10 Mile**

~
**FREE Riverside
Music**

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Food Booths

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Salvage Art

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**Alaskan Artisan's
Market**

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Local Beer Garden

~
And More!



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Welcome to the 23rd Annual Kenai River Festival

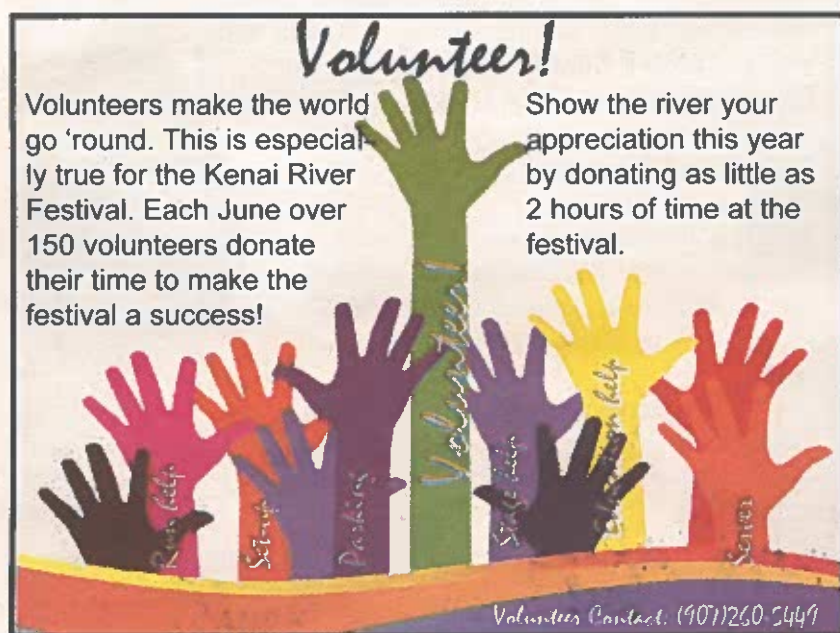
It's a pleasure and an honor to organize the Kenai River Festival!

A great team of folks work hard for months to produce a festival that's fun and inspiring for all. Just like every drop of water in our watershed joins together and makes its way to the Kenai River, this party in the park is meant to bring together the individual facets of our community to celebrate the river that unites us all.

Aside from providing an opportunity to celebrate and learn about our watersheds and their health, the Kenai River Festival is known for great music, delicious food, and unique local art & craft booths. The Kenai Watershed Forum is pleased to bring you an even bigger and better event this year. We have a toe-tapping music line-up, new kid's activities in the FREE KWF Kid's Zone, an exciting new art component and new food and artisan booths.

Have FUN & get INSPIRED at this year's Kenai River Festival!

Lisa Beranek
Festival Coordinator



Alaskan Artisans Market Uniquely Alaskan Artisans and Food Booths!

The Kenai River Festival draws a number of Alaskan artisans from across the last frontier purveying their special wares. A variety of artisans will be on site sharing their treasures including:

Alaska's Hooked on Fishing Gifts	Mountain Mamas Originals	Alaska Wildlife Etchings
Art Detour	Touch of Alaska	Yin and Yang
Summit Trail Photography	Howling Wolf Furs	SoapStonz
Sweet Berries Jams	2 Chicks Steel Art	Moose Drop-In Trading Post
Glacier Dyeworks	Hey Wire	And More!
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In addition, the best food booths from across the state will be on-site:

KWF Cafe's Salmon Dinners	Mom & Pop Kettlecorn	Beck's Day 2 Day Gourmet
Mostly Mediterranean	Nissi's Grill	New Orleans Cajun Cooking
Gourmet Hotdogs	Corn Roaster	And More!

The KWF Cafe serves up famous salmon dinners.



Kenai River Festival Committee Chairs & Board of Directors

The Kenai Watershed Forum appreciates the many individuals, businesses and organizations that have generously given of their time to continue the long standing success of the Kenai River Festival. Thank you for making the festival one of the best on the Kenai Peninsula!

Festival Committee Chairs

Festival Director: Lisa Beranek
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Kenai Watershed Forum



THANK YOU!

Festival Schedule

Friday, June 10

5 PM - 7 PM • Run for the River: Late Registration, Bib Pick-Up, and Runners Feed
5 PM - 8 PM • Food and Art Booths Open
5 PM - 10 PM • Live Music and Beer Garden Open

Saturday, June 11

8 AM • Run for the River Registration
8:30 AM • Run for the River 10 Mile Start
9 AM • Run for the River 5K Start
11 AM - 5 PM • FREE KWF Kid's Zone Activities Open
11 AM - 11 PM • Live Music ALL Day!
11 AM - 8 PM • Art & Food Booths Open
Noon - 10:30 PM • Beer Garden Open
3 PM • Run for the River Results Posted in KWF Welcome Tent

Sunday, June 12

11 AM - 5 PM • FREE KWF Kid's Zone Activities Open
11 AM - 5 PM • Art & Food Vendor Booths Open
11 AM - 6 PM • Live Music ALL Day!
Noon - 5 PM • Beer Garden Open
3 PM • Salvage Art Awards on Stage

**Festival Information
is available on the web at:
www.kenaiwatershed.org**

Festival Presenter: Kenai Watershed Forum

Working Together for Healthy Watersheds on the Kenai Peninsula

Founded in 1997 by a group of concerned Alaskans, the Kenai Watershed Forum (KWF) has grown from a small collective focusing on the Kenai River Watershed (2,200 square miles) to a regionally recognized 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission includes the entire Kenai Peninsula (16,000 square miles).

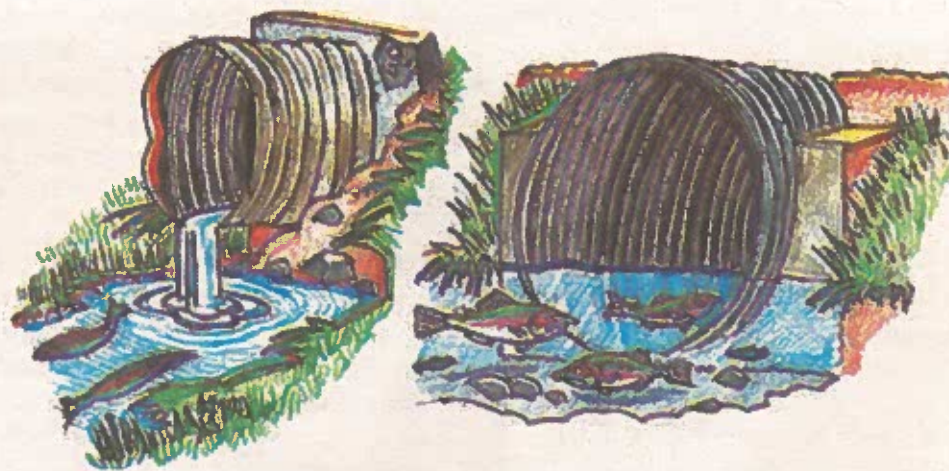
KWF focuses on finding solutions to watershed concerns through high quality research, restoration and education programs to meet the evolving needs of the region. This can be seen on the water and at the conference table. In addition to providing environmental education in schools and on the river during the summer season, KWF facilitates hard conversations, bringing a variety of entities and voices to the table to increase community awareness and protect local watersheds. KWF is a recognized leader among watershed organizations in Alaska and beyond.

EDUCATION

KWF strives to increase the community's watershed and environmental knowledge through a diversity of adult and student programming. KWF education programs include Adopt-A-Stream, Caring for the Kenai, Kenai River Festival, Stream Watch Volunteer Program, KWF Summer Camp, biannual speaker series and more.

RESEARCH

Over the last 16 years, KWF's research program has grown from a grass-



KWF has replaced more than 60 bad culverts (left) with good culverts (right) to reconnect 20+ miles & 350 lake acres of blocked salmon habitat.

roots monitoring effort into a complex and comprehensive program. From hydrocarbon testing to fish passage barrier assessments, KWF continues to collect high quality data to increase community awareness and provide professional services to local entities in regard to the health of local watersheds. KWF provides an invaluable service to the entire Kenai Peninsula.

RESTORATION

KWF's restoration program targets two priority areas: fish passage and non-native, invasive species. Unrestricted access to spawning, rearing and over-wintering habitat is essential to maintain salmon populations. To date, KWF has replaced 60 culverts that were blocking fish passage. Restoring these culverts has provided access to over 20 stream miles and 350 lake acres of previously unreachable salmon habitat. In 2011, KWF reconfigured the Anchor River channel to its historic route, restoring spawning habitat. Less than a month after the completion of the project, fish were observed using the restored habitat.

The land that drains into a river is called a watershed.

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KWF KID'S ZONE

FREE Family Fun for all Ages!

The Kenai Watershed Forum's (KWF) Kid's Zone is busting with information and free, hands-on family friendly fun for all ages. Learn how to protect the river through archery, crafts, games and more. Grab your Passport to Fun card and collect enough stamps for your chance to win an iPad!

For an updated list of KWF Kid's Zone activities, please visit www.KenaiWatershed.org.



KWF Kid's Zone Highlights

Passport to Education - Win an iPad!

Win an iPad at the Kenai Watershed Forum booth! Stop by the festival Welcome Tent and grab your passport for a chance to win. Enjoy the KWF Kid's Zone and collect stamps from completed activities. Once your passport is completed, return your card to the Welcome Tent for your chance to win. Winners will be contacted by June 16.

Wild Wetland Snocones: Kenaitze Indian Tribe

Wetlands are important ingredients for a healthy river. Design your wetland and watch as the wetland cleans the "water" (blueberry juice) by filtering it through "plants" (candy) and "soil" (colored shaved ice).

Gyotaku T-shirts: Alaska Department of Fish and Game & Kenai Watershed Forum

Gyotaku is a Japanese tradition of nature printing that is very popular with Japanese children and now Alaskans! Become the next Boshi Nagsase (famous gyotaku artist) and record your "catch" on a t-shirt for all to see! **Saturday only**. \$5 donation.

Watershed Friendly Farming: Matti's Farm

Until recently agriculture had a well deserved reputation of harming watersheds and the waters that flow through them. Matti's Farm will share information on sound, watershed friendly farming practices.

Commercial Fishing Fun: Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association

Explore the interesting local history of commercial anglers. Learn about net mending and splicing at this demonstration booth.

Salmon Dissection: Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association & Alaska Department of Fish & Game

Take a hands-on look at the inside of our local fish. Learn about the different organs and what makes our fish so unique. **Sunday, June 9th at 12pm and 1pm.**



Birds on the Brain: Bird Treatment and Learning Center (Bird TLC)

Get face-to-face with Kenai Peninsula birds! With over 450 kinds of birds in the state of Alaska, it is especially exciting to get close to

the larger ones.

Pathways to Fishing: Kenai Fish & Wildlife Field Office (USFWS)

Pathways to Fishing teaches young and new anglers about resource conservation, develops angler skills and ethics, and nurtures personal commitment to aquatic resource stewardship.



A River Runs Through It: Donald E. Gilman River Center

Explore how a river responds to natural events like flooding and human induced events with a stream table. Try your luck as a salmon in the Salmon Wheel of Misfortune life cycle game.

River of Words: Greater Kenai/Soldotna Imagination Library

Use all of your senses to explore the river through a poetry mural, fish shaped books and more! Applications for the international poetry contest, River of Words will also be available.

Winners Circle: Caring for the Kenai

When asked how to better care

Riverside plants protect the river and are important to fish.

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for the peninsula, the top contenders in the Caring for the Kenai competition stepped it up. See their projects on display.

Face Painting: Kenai Peninsula Education Association (KPEA/KPESA)

No festival is complete without face painting. Wear your "school" pride with free fishy, face painting! A very popular festival activity and is not to be missed.

Paint a Safe Day on the Water: Friends of the Joyce K. Carver Memorial Library

A safe day on the water is no accident. Learn about water safety during this fun painting activity with the Friends of the Library.

Fish Painting: Boys & Girls Club



Get creative with the Boys & Girls Club! Personalize and take home a decorative wooden fish. Families have been collecting custom fish for generations. Start or add to your collection!

River Puzzles: Aspen Hotels of Alaska

Complete a Kenai River crossword or word search puzzle and get a fishy prize!

Aquatic Archery: Sportsman's Warehouse

Let your inner Robin Hood live through this fun activity! Kids of all ages learn about safety, archery and the importance of aquatic bugs to healthy rivers.

River Rockets: Challenger Learning Center of Alaska

Build a rocket and decorate it with ways to protect the river before launching your river protection wish.

Ping Pong Praise: Office of Children's Service

Try your aim at bouncing ping pong balls into cups to find out your river fortune!

River Obstacle Course: Kenaitze Head Start

Put your skills to the test! Build a beaded fish and then work your way through this fun, river obstacle course.

Peninsula Animal Puzzles: IDEA Homeschool Program

Learn about animals that live on the Kenai Peninsula through fun tangram puzzles. So much fun you won't notice you're learning!

Where Your Water Sheds: Kenai Soil & Water Conservation District & NRCS



Make connections between pollution and frog habitat and then enter the Conservation Districts' contest!

Salmon Etching: The Study

Test your salmon skills with this sculpting activity. Use your knowledge of fish to mold a salmon.

THANK YOU!

All of the KWF Kid's Zone activities are provided by local entities to celebrate the Kenai River and promote its protection. Thank you to all of the staff and volunteers who make this event a success!



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Stream Watch Season
June - September
2-4 hr opportunities

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Make a difference with Stream Watch!

Share the river stewardship spirit and meet like minded river enthusiasts while keeping the great outdoors great. Through one day projects and on-going volunteer activities for individuals and groups there is an opportunity for everyone!

Volunteer benefits:

- Training
- Supplies
- Volunteer campsites
- Join an active social network
- Make a difference on local rivers!

Volunteer Orientations:

June 1st, Cooper Landing
June 29th, Soldotna

Contact Stream Watch now to receive email updates of upcoming events or find us on Facebook!



Run for the River 5K & 10 Mile Run/Walk

A fun fitness event to benefit the Kenai River!

Run for the River is an annual 5K and 10-Mile run/walk to benefit the Kenai River and the Kenai River Festival. Both the run and the festival offer a time to reflect on the importance of the Kenai River in our lives; to celebrate its great recreational, economic and educational opportunities; to learn how we can take care of the river; and to understand our role in its survival.

This is a combination 5K and 10-Mile walk/run for all ages! Competitive runners as well as casual walkers will enjoy this multiple-turn, looped course routed along the famous Kenai River. Medals are awarded to the top 3 5K and 10 Mile runners for men and women.

Run for the River is sponsored by Central Peninsula Hospital and is hosted by the Kenai Watershed Forum. Strollers are welcome but please leave your furry friends at home.

Register to Run for the River today! Registration is available online at www.Active.com, in person or via mail. Visit www.KenaiWatershed.org or call (907) 260.5449 for more information.

Registration

Early Registration: June 5 deadline - \$20

Bib Pick-Up and Pre-Race Dinner Registration: June 7 - \$30

Race Day Registration: June 8 - \$35

Bib Pick-Up & Pre-Race Dinner • June 7th

All registered runner's are invited to a free dinner the night before the race! Pick up your bib, enjoy live music and check out course maps. Volunteers will be on hand to answer race related questions. Late registration will be available for runners to join the festivities.

Race Day Information • June 8th

Registration • 8:00 AM

10 Mile Start • 8:30 AM

5K Start • 9:00 AM

Starting Line: Stanley Chrysler

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Rock Out for the River

FREE Live Music All Festival Long!

Pack up the kids and the lawn chairs and leave the dog at home: It's time to Rock Out for the River! The Kenai Watershed Forum presents a variety of free live, riverside music and entertainment June 7th through the 9th in Soldotna Creek Park.

Be sure to bring your camp chair for this 3-day music filled festival. You won't want to leave with local favorites like Melissa Mitchell, 907, PG Band and Troubadour North. The Wailin' Jennys headline Saturday night followed by a set from the Baked Alaskans. Music fans from all walks will enjoy musical stylings ranging from rock and blues to folk and country.

You never know what to expect except for a good time at the Rock Out for the River concerts. With entertainment for all ages and interests a good time will be had by all!

Special thanks to all of the bands who have donated their time and talents to celebrate the Kenai River! Your contribution is much appreciated.



Melissa Mitchell opens for the Wailin' Jennys on Saturday.

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Concert Presenting Sponsors:

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A big round of applause to these folks who have so generously helped bring you one of the best entertainment line-ups the Kenai River Festival has ever seen! With their generous support we have been able to secure some of the best acts on the Kenai Peninsula and across the state, not to mention a special performance by the Wailin' Jennys! Many thanks!

Concert Schedule

Presented by:

STANLEY FORD

Stanley CHRYSLER

~ Friday, June 7 ~

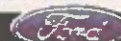
5:00-5:45 pm	Backwoods Revolution
6:00-6:45 pm	Robb Justice Band
7:00-8:00 pm	Off the Cuff
8:15-9:30 pm	PG Band

~ Saturday, June 8 ~

11-11:30 am	Rick Matiya
11:40-12:10 pm	Carl Sanche
12:20-12:50 pm	Justina Grace
1:00-1:30 pm	Jesse Tauriainen
1:40-2:30 pm	Amy Hettinger
3:00-4:00 pm	Troubadour North
4:30-5:30 pm	K'alik'a
6:00-7:15 pm	Melissa Mitchell
8:00-9:45 pm	Wailin' Jennys
10:00-11:00 pm	Baked Alaskans

~ Sunday, June 9 ~

11:00-11:30 am	Family Jam
12:00-12:30 pm	KT Evans
12:40-1:10 pm	Just We Too
1:15-1:25 pm	Rick Zuber
1:30-2:00 pm	Say Surrender
2:15-3:00 pm	Barroom Roses
3:00-3:30 pm	Salvage Art Awards
3:30-4:30 pm	Holy Santos Gang
4:45-6:00 pm	907

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Beer Garden

Think globally. Drink locally.

The Kenai River Festival Beer Garden will open on Friday at 5pm and will serve local brews all weekend long. Enjoy a selection of beers from Kassik's Brewery and Kenai River Brewing Company while enjoying the free Rock Out for the River Entertainment.

Adults, 21 years and older with valid identification, will be allowed to enter the Beer Garden. Please drink responsibly.

All proceeds from the Beer Garden go toward working together for healthy watersheds on the Kenai Peninsula.

Beer Garden Hours:

Friday, June 7: 5pm-10pm
Saturday, June 8: 12pm-10:30pm
Sunday, June 9: 12pm-5pm



**Thank You Kassik's Brewery and Kenai River Brewing Company
for your generous support of the Kenai River Festival!**

Our Sponsors

The Kenai River Festival is a community celebration that is put on through community partnerships. This event would not be possible without the generous support of the following businesses and individuals that support the community spirit of the Kenai River Festival. (List as of May 10 - Sponsors are updated daily. Visit www.kenaiwatershed.org for a complete list.)

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Green Up the Festival

You can help by recycling at the park!

Composting?
Festival Recycling!

Service van?

This year you will notice more recycling containers on the festival grounds. Help reduce the waste produced by recycling plastics and soda cans in the appropriate containers.

Turn Trash into Treasure with ReGroup

Take trash and turn it into treasure through ReGroup and the Kenai Fine Arts Center's Salvage Art Exhibit. ReGroup is a local non-profit educational group focusing on waste reduction and recycling.

The concept originated when ReGroup's Jan Wallace pitched the idea to Lisa Beranek, Festival Coordinator. While discussing recycling efforts, the artistic component seemed like a natural fit as the festival focuses on celebrating the Kenai River and sharing ways the community can help protect its health and vitality.

"Recycling is a big part of river protection. From wildlife endangering fishing line to improperly handled hazardous waste, there are many items

that if not recycled properly can wreak havoc on rivers. Many items like fishing line can be recycled in our community. This is an educational opportunity," according to Beranek.

Exhibit entries will be on display throughout the festival. The Viewer's Choice Award will be recognized on Sunday (6/9) at 3pm on the main stage so be sure to vote. For more information, visit ReGroup on Facebook.

Creek Creations!

As a welcomed addition to the annual festival, Keren Lowell will be the first artist in residence. The Fiber Art Instructor at the University of Alaska--Anchorage and finalist in the 2013 Object Runway Competition can make amazing artwork out of almost anything.

With an exhibit coming up at the Anchorage Museum, it will be interesting to see the art Keren creates with debris removed from local creek clean-ups and festival refuse. Make sure to stop by the Kenai River Festival Welcome Tent to welcome Keren and marvel at her Creek Creation!

