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Annual

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JUNE 8-10
SOLDOTNA CREEK PARK



KENAI WATERSHED FORUM

KENAI RIVER FESTIVAL

RUN FOR THE RIVER
FREE KWF KIDS ZONE
ALASKAN ARTISANS
FOOD BOOTHS
BEER GARDEN
LIVE MUSIC • BIRD TLC
AND MORE!

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JUNE 8:

5PM – 7PM

RUN FOR THE RIVER:

Runner's feed, late
registration & bib pick-up
ART & FOOD BOOTHS OPEN
LIVE MUSIC AND BEER
& WINE GARDEN OPEN

5PM – 8PM

5PM – 10PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 9:

8AM

RUN FOR THE RIVER
Race Day Registration

8:30AM

RUN FOR THE RIVER
10 mile Start

9AM

RUN FOR THE RIVER

11AM – 5PM

5K Start
KWF KIDS ZONE ACTIVITIES
– FREE

11AM – 11PM

LIVE MUSIC- ALL DAY

11AM – 9PM

ART & FOOD BOOTHS OPEN

11AM – 11PM

BEER & WINE GARDEN OPEN

2PM

EAGLE RELEASE-BIRD TLC

3PM

RUN FOR THE RIVER

Results posted in the
Welcome Tent

SUNDAY, JUNE 10:

11AM

KWF KID'S ZONE ACTIVITIES
– FREE

11AM – 5PM

ART & FOOD BOOTHS OPEN

11AM – 5PM

LIVE MUSIC

12PM – 5PM

BEER & WINE GARDEN OPEN

5:00PM

FESTIVAL CLOSES



LIVE
MUSIC
ALL
DAY!

FOR MUSIC
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE KENAI WATERSHED FORUM AT 907-260-5449 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.KENAIWATERSHED.ORG

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Soldotna Creek Park Grounds Information:

Parking:

Handicap parking is available near the drop off area by the festival entrance. General event parking is available throughout town. Look for designated areas and be cautious crossing streets.

Pets: For everyone's safety please leave pets at home. The festival grounds are a pet-free zone. We request that service animals be visibly marked.

Festival Grounds:

Soldotna Creek Park will be open to the public during festival hours.

Restrooms:

Porta-potties will be available throughout festival grounds. Park restrooms with running water will be open throughout festival hours.

Recycling & Composting:

Help reduce our impact by placing your recyclable aluminum soda cans and plastic #1 in the corresponding containers. Food waste, paper and compostable food containers go in the green bins to be composted locally at Matti's Farm

Kenai River Festival Committee Chairs & Board of Directors

The Kenai Watershed Forum could not do, what it does without the support of folks like YOU. Thank you for making the Kenai River Festival one of the best on the Kenai Peninsula!

Festival Committee Chairs:

Festival Director: Branden Bornemann

Fundraising: Tami Murray

Run for the River: Rhonda McCormick

Entertainment: Branden Bornemann

Beer Garden: Jack Sinclair

Volunteers: Alice Main

Hospitality: Linda & Steve Caswell

Setup/Breakdown: Maggie Harings

Education: Anya Hondel

Salmon Booth: Jennifer Hester & Peggy Mullen

Vendors: Tami Murray

Recycling: ReGroup, Matti's Farm & Alaska Waste

City of Soldotna: Joel Todd

KWF Board of Directors:

Denise Newbould, President

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Thank You!



The formula for coordinating the Kenai Watershed Forum's annual Kenai River Festival is pretty simple: let extremely talented, passionate, and dedicated people do what they do best. I am very honored to have the pleasure of working with such remarkable people to put this festival on for our community. It's a great way to pause before the hectic summer season takes over, and celebrate the Kenai River, its many watersheds, and all that this natural splendor provides to our community.

Every year the festival provides our staff a unique opportunity to work closely and creatively with one another, and this year I'm especially grateful for KWF's astounding staff: Alice Main, Jack Sinclair, Jennifer Hester, Maggie Harings, Rhonda McCormick and Tami Murray. Along with our community supporters, tireless volunteers, and organizational members, these KWF staff members set aside their projects throughout the year to genuinely put on the best Kenai River Festival possible. If you see one of these folks during the festival or any one of our many volunteers, please stop and thank them for their collaboration in putting on what I think is the best festival in Alaska. On behalf of this wonderfully talented group of people, we hope you enjoy all that this year's festival has to offer!

Branden Bornemann
Festival Coordinator

KWF Rain Barrels

Capture water that normally runs off a property. They are easy to build, install and maintain.



During Earth Month and into early summer, River Network and Coca-Cola support more than 40 rain barrel workshops in 25 states; the KWF program is the first in Alaska!

Stop by our booth at the Kenai River Festival and see what it's all about!



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Salmon Run Series

5 Week Series - Every Wednesday
July 11 - August 8 - Tsalteshi Trails

Online registration - \$10/race

kenaiwatershed.org

5 RACE DISCOUNT!!!

\$45 for all 5 races

All proceeds support Kenai Watershed Forum education programs.



Kenai Watershed Forum

The Kenai Watershed Forum invites the community to celebrate and support our watershed through the Kenai River Festival!

Founded in 1997 by a group of local Alaskans, the Kenai Watershed Forum (KWF) has grown from a small collective to a regionally recognized 501©3 non-profit organization whose mission includes the entire Kenai Peninsula (16,000 square miles). The goal of the Kenai Watershed Forum is to find solutions to watershed concerns. We do this through three key program areas: education, research and restoration.

Education:

Our education programs teach adults and children about watersheds and the environment so that everyone has an understanding of what it means to be good stewards of our waterways. Some of the ways we do this is through Adopt-A- Stream, KWF Summer Camp, the Kenai River Festival, K-12 watershed education and partnering with Alaska Department of Fish & Game's Salmon in the Classroom, to name a few.

Research:

Providing quality data is an invaluable service to the Kenai Peninsula. Our research programs started out as the simple backyard monitoring of a few local streams and then quickly developed into a large, complex and comprehensive program. Our research programs have brought together volunteer monitors, state and federal agencies, private organizations and everyday citizens. We collect quality data from hydrocarbons to culvert assessments.



Restoration:

The main focus of our restoration programs is dedicated to reconnecting salmon nurseries to the ocean. We have a large number of roads with poorly designed and poorly maintained culverts that prohibit adult and juvenile salmon from accessing the habitat they need. There are hundreds of culverts that need our help and we believe it is the best way to provide the greatest amount of restored habitat per dollar spent in restoring fish passage. Another program that focuses on restoration is our invasive species program. We are involved in the control and eradication of invasive species that threaten salmon-bearing streams and salmon habitat. We are currently involved in targeting two species on the Kenai Peninsula: elodea and reed canary grass.



FESTIVAL MAP



Additional Parking:
In front of the Aspen Hotel,
Walgreens and behind Key Bank .

Please be considerate of our neighboring businesses, don't park in nonevent areas.

SOLDOTNA CREEK PARK

KWF Kids Zone

FREE Family Fun for all Ages!

The Kenai Watershed Forum's Kids Zone is THE place for free, hands-on, family friendly activity for kids of ALL ages. Learn about our watersheds and how to protect them through crafts, games, and more. Get a passport to fun and collect enough stamps for a chance to win an iPad mini, sponsored by the City of Kenai.

KWF Kids Zone Highlights

Live Birds: Bird TLC

Bird TLC (based in Anchorage) will be bringing two live birds to interact with the public. An Eagle will be released back into the wild at 2PM, look for the designated area but don't be late! Saturday from 12-3 pm.

Pacific Salmon Game: Trinity Christian Center

Kids will learn the five types of Pacific salmon by playing a fun memorization game.

Bring the Farm to Town: Matti's Farm

Matti's Farm will share information on sound, environmentally friendly composting practices along with a few farm animals for everyone to interact with.

Teen Photo Challenge, Fish Need Land Too: Kachemak Heritage Land Trust

This contest is specifically designed to encourage teenagers to connect with nature through photography. Encourage teens to connect with nature and learn about salmon habitat by participating in a photo scavenger hunt. Checklist items will be important to salmon and nature in general. A Prize will be awarded - random drawing Sunday.

Plinko Fish Game: Aspen Hotels of Alaska

Learn how salmon eggs create salmon by playing this unique plinko game.

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 in time for Father's Day.

Fishing Vessel Sustainability: AK Department of Fish & Game/Commercial Fisheries

Come learn about all the amazing animals on the Kenai River with this fun scramble game.

Wild Salmon: UCIDA

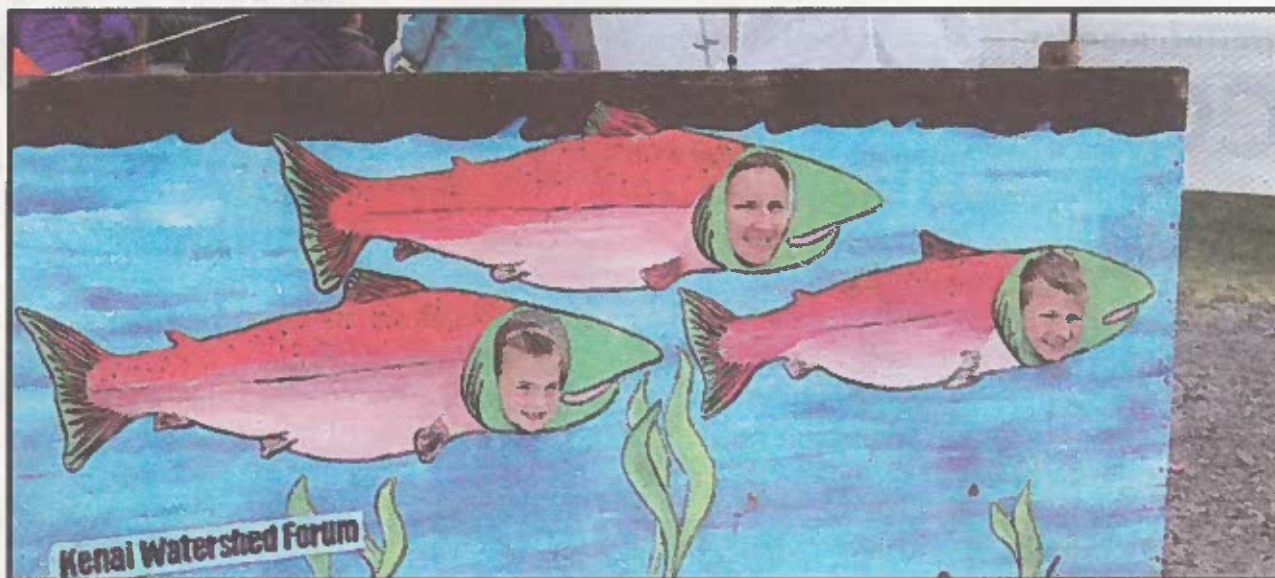
Learn how to prepare your wild caught salmon from some of our local commercial fisherman.

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

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

Hooked on Fishing: Kenai National Wildlife Refuge

Come learn about angler safety before trying out



fishing rods in the casting zone. There will also be an opportunity to create a salmon craft.

Finalist Educational Display: Caring for the Kenai

For almost three decades, Caring for the Kenai program has educated students in environmental issues as well as natural disaster preparedness. When asked how to better care for the Kenai Peninsula, the top contenders in the Caring for the Kenai competition stepped it up. Visit this display to learn more about the creative solutions our community youth have proposed to protect the health of our watershed and increase our safety.

Magical Wetlands Snow cones: Kenaitze Indian Tribe

Learn how wetlands filter groundwater and are nature's nursery with the use of a snow cone!

Salmon Education: The Study

Learn about salmon with some help from clay!

Wildlife Habitats: Alaska State Parks

Come by to learn what specific animals require for an ideal habitat. Kids will be fishing for habitat components to build the perfect habitat for some of our favorite creatures. What a fun way to learn about the environment!

Salvage Art Exhibit: ReGroup

Families will have the chance to engage with recycling experts on the local recycling options. This exhibit promotes artistic expression through recycled materials.

Salmon Dissections:

Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association

Two salmon dissection events will occur to show festival participants the internal anatomy of a salmon. Saturday only at 12pm & 1:30pm

Casting Competition:

Kenai Peninsula Trout Unlimited

Kids learn to cast! TU members will be on hand to teach a few casting techniques followed by a friendly casting completion.

Rod Give -A-Way: Kendall Chrysler

Stop by for a chance to win a new fishing pole! 30 plus poles will be given away, names drawn on Saturday night. Don't need to be present to win but you have to stop by to enter!

Smokey Bear! US Forest Service

Only you can prevent forest fires. Come hang out with Smokey Bear! Learn what it takes to properly put out a campfire. Learn about how you can prevent the next forest fire.

Photo Bank: Kenai Peninsula Reentry Coalition



Utilizing a mock river bank, we will provide props and produce a photo.

Alaskan Animal Scramble: IDEA Homeschool

Book giveaway, geometric cubes and animal scramble.



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Fill out your passport to win!



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Pick up your Passports at the information booths!



Winners Drawn at the Kenai River Festival

\$10 PER TICKET

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All proceeds benefit the Kenai Watershed Forum

Soldotna Creek Park Sat, June 9, 2018 at 8:45pm



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Kenai Watershed Forum Summer Camp
A RECREATIONAL DAY CAMP

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know there are six species of amphibians native to Alaska? Could you identify a hairy woodpecker from a downy? Can you name at least three physical characteristics that make moths different from butterflies? Your kids will be able to if they attend a session of the Kenai Watershed Forum's summer camp.

This year's camp theme is "Wilderness, Wildlife & Wonder" and will be offering several locally-focused, science and environmental-themed sessions, for kids aged 6-16. All sessions will involve fostering a connection to nature through a hands-on, immersion in the outdoors, allowing them to see, feel, smell and directly experience the flora and fauna of the Kenai Peninsula watershed for themselves.

Children must have completed Kindergarten to participate in this camp.

JOIN THE KENAI WATERSHED FORUM FOR A WEEK OF EXPLORING THE WONDERS OF NATURE ON THE KENAI PENINSULA. WE HAVE A NEW INSTRUCTOR THIS YEAR WITH LOTS OF NEW PROGRAMS!

SESSION DATES AND TIMES

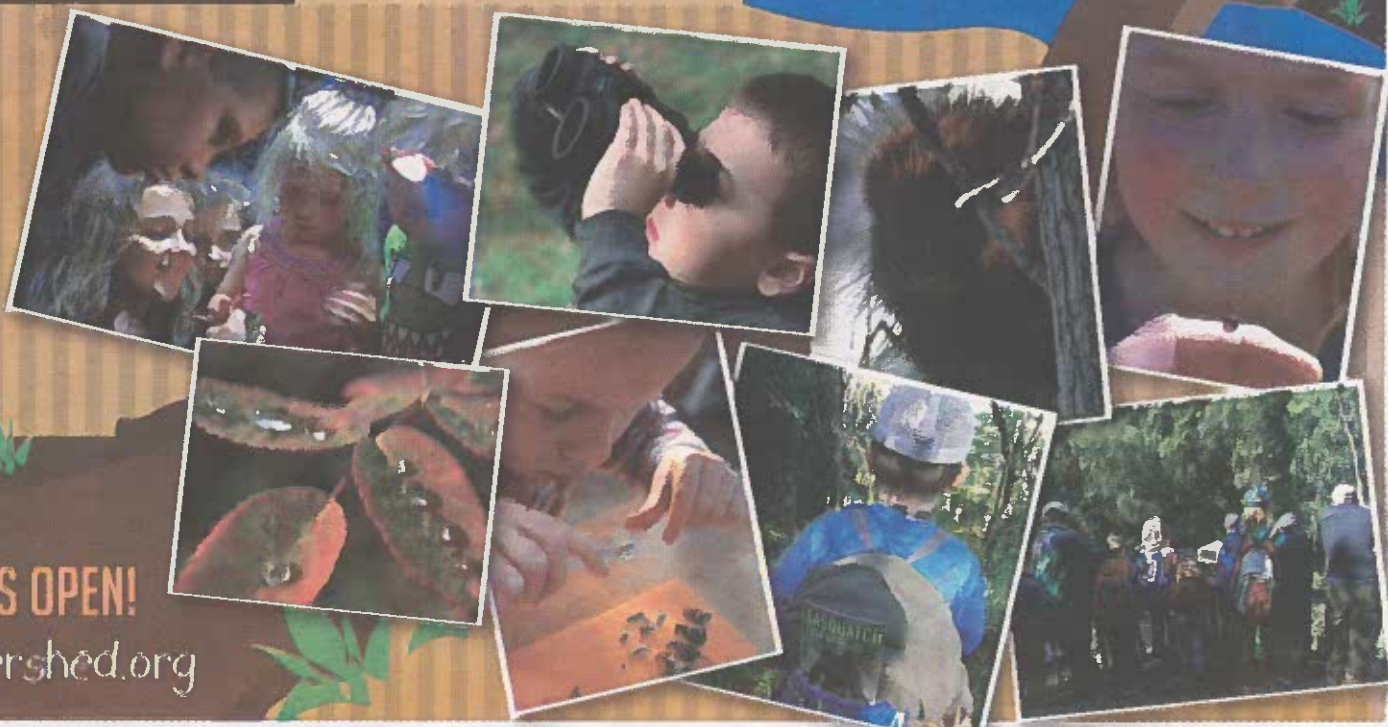
June 11 - 15	Novice Naturalists - Ages 6-8
June 18 - 22	Intermediate Ecologists - Ages 9-12
June 25 - 29	Novice Naturalists - Ages 6-8
July 2 - 13	Novice Naturalists - Ages 6-8
July 16 - 20	Intermediate Ecologists - Ages 9-12
July 2 - 13	Novice Naturalists - Ages 6-8
July 23-27	Art of Wondering - Ages 13-16
July 30 - Aug 3	Novice Naturalists - Ages 6-8

SPACE IS LIMITED!



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

www.kenaiwatershed.org



Run For the River:

A Fun, Family Friendly Race for Our River!!!



Run for the River is an annual 5k and 10mile run to benefit the Kenai River, the Kenai River Festival & the Kenai Watershed Forum. The Run for the River route takes you along parts of the Kenai River and offers a time of reflection on the world famous river that soothes our soul, feeds our families and fuels our economy.

Both Competitive runners and casual walkers will enjoy this multiple- turn, looped course routed along the Kenai River. Medals will be awarded to the top three 5k and 10 mile runners for men & women. Run for the River is generously sponsored by the Central Peninsula Hospital and Crowley Fuels. Strollers are welcome but please leave your dogs at home.

Register Today!

Go online to kenaiwatershed.org or in person on race day.

Please call 907-260-5449 for more information.

June 8 5PM-7PM

Bib pick-up and feed at Race Central in Soldotna Creek Park.

RACE DAY INFORMATION:

JUNE 9TH

8:00AM Registration

8:30AM 10 Mile race starts

9:00AM 5K Race Starts

STARTING LINE:

Soldotna Creek Park Pavilion
(next to children's playground)

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2018 Kenai Watershed Forum



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Run Presenting Sponsor

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Good Music & Good Times Good Memories!

Bring your lawn chairs and your dancing shoes and rock out for the river!

The Kenai Watershed Forum presents free live music June 8 through the 10 in Soldotna Creek Park.

This year's line-up brings us our time-honored favorites as well as new acts to fall in love with and dance to. Headlining Friday night are Alaska Favorites Big Fat Buddha and the Denali Cooks.



Big Fat Buddha is an Alaskan based rock/funk band that has their roots deep in the groove. The Buddha's formed in 2010 bassist Brad Fidel, singer/songwriter Matt Brenna, percussionist Jeff Arms and drummer Matt Slodo make up the Buddha Family. When not climbing, skiing, or fishing, the guys are playing music together. Their debut self-titled album captures the excitement and energy of their live shows.



Feel good Alaskan rock, that describes the **Denali Cooks**. One of Alaska's favorite bands Woody, Larry, Jimmy, and Andy combine original music, fresh lyrics, amazing musicianship and magical harmonies. Every Cooks show is worthy of a road trip to go and listen and dance!



With 12 hours of music on Saturday there is surely something for everyone. Saturday night headliners are Super Saturated Sugar Strings and Hope Social Club.



Hope Social Club is an Alaskan band, made up of 5 great friends Melissa Mitchell, Sean "Spiff" Chambers, Aaron Benolkin, Tim Haren, Tony Restivo have been entertaining audiences in Alaska for years. Original songs and harmonies are the cornerstones of HSC, although they are led by two acor: "ic guitars, the rest of the band adds plenty of oomph so that what started out as folk songs easily evolves into groove laced tunes that get people on their feet.



The **Super Saturated Sugar Strings** is a tornado of sounds melding folk, rock, blues, and all things roots, into a beautiful, melodic, and powerful performance. They are, collectively, Carlyle Watt (guitar, banjo, vocals, bass drum) Kathryn Moore (piano, vocals, percussion) Miriah Phelps (fiddle, vocals, small percussion) Theresa Watt (cello, vocals, omnichord) and Logan Bean (trumpet, flugelhorn, electric bass.) Their live shows are an intense come out for a listen and leave with a dance and a smile!

Sunday is yet another great day for music at the Kenai River Festival. Special thanks to Conway Seavey, Jack Hester and the On-Air Talent at KDLL Public Broadcasting for emceeing!

LIVE MUSIC SCHEDULE

Friday, June 8

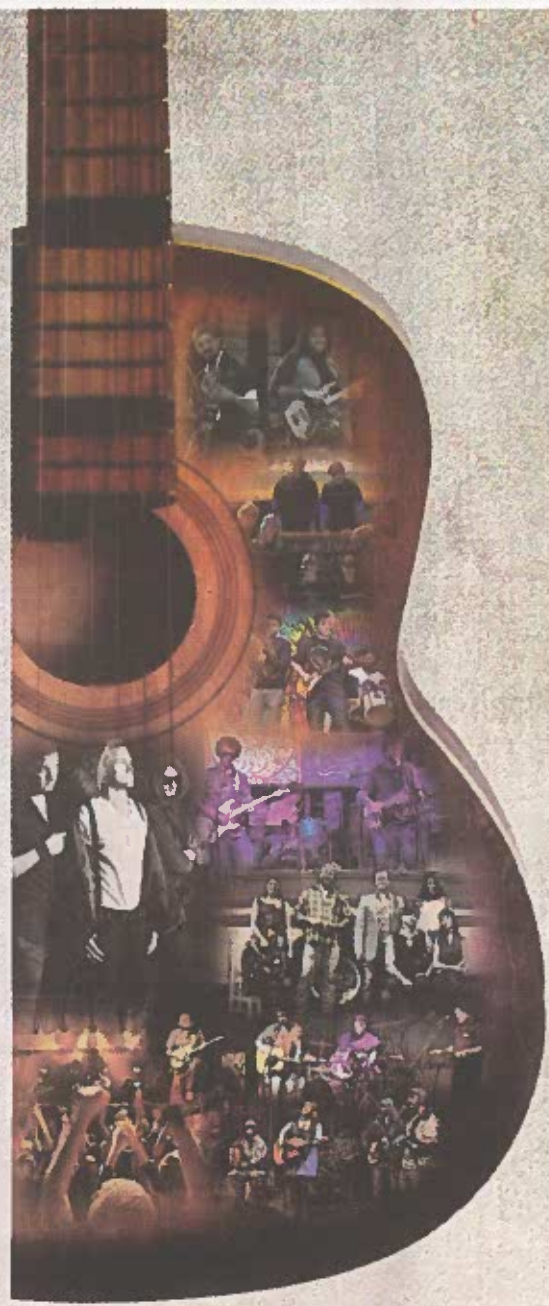
5:00-6:00	The Ledgers
6:30-8:00	Big Fat Buddha
8:30-10:00	The Denali Cooks

Saturday, June 9

11:00-11:35am	Bunny Swan & Ray Mabrey
11:45-12:10pm	Kelsey Shields
12:15-12:45	Recess Duty
1:00-1:45	CrOwShoEs
2:00-2:45	Hot Mess
3:00-4:15	Up A Mountain
4:30-6:00	Conway Seavey Band
6:30-8:30	Hope Social Club
9:00-11:00	Super Saturated Sugar Strings

Sunday, June 10

12:00 -12:30	Joe Ray Skhra
1:00 -2:30	Shamwari Marimba
2:45- 4:00	Superfrequency
4:15-5:00	The Spirit Daddies



Beer & Wine Garden *Let the good times flow!*

The Kenai River Festival is pleased to bring local 100% Alaska grown wine in to the mix at the venue formerly known as just "the Beer Garden". Alaska Berries is the only winery in the state that grows its own fruit & berries and produces its own well-balanced, delicious wines. As always, our top-notch, award-winning local breweries will be well represented at the Festival. There will be a selection of your favorite refreshing local beers. Kenai River Brewing Company, our favorite neighbor, compliments any adventure with their handcrafted ales. St. Elias Brewing Company specializes in innovative high quality beer and our friends in north Kenai, Kassik's Brewery, displays a passion about brewing that is evident in the quality of their ales.

Proceeds from the Beer & Wine Garden go towards the mission of the Kenai Watershed Forum: Working together for healthy watersheds on the Kenai Peninsula.

Adults 21 years or older, with ID, will be allowed to enter the Beer & Wine Garden. Please drink responsibly.

Beer Garden Hours:

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



Special Thanks to our Stage Sponsors that Make the Music Happen!



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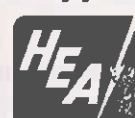
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Festival Green-Up Recycling and Composting are a BIG part of the Festival!

Our festival food vendors, Matti's Farm and Regroup help us to divert waste generated at the festival away from the landfill and convert it back to a reusable form!

All food vendors are required to use compostable items such as cups, napkins and service ware, they even strive to offer menu items that don't need utensils.

What does that mean? It means that you will be able to place all of their compostable cups, utensils,

plates, bowls, and napkins along with any food waste into our **COMPOSTABLES BINS**, located at all of the recycle stations throughout the festival grounds!

Regroup, the peninsula's leading organization in recycling, reusing and reducing waste, provides the recycling bins throughout the festival grounds to divert additional waste from the landfill!

Matti's Farm will be collecting the contents of the compost bins to bring to their composting plant where it will rapidly degrade into nutrient-rich soil!

Alaska Waste provides large recycling containers and transports to the recycling station.

Please help reduce our impact on the landfill and place your waste in the appropriate bins. Also, take a moment and thank the vendors, and the representatives of Regroup, Matti's Farm and Alaska Waste for their help with this year's Kenai River Festival!

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