



Alyeska Resort - Signature Events

As part of Alyeska Resort's transformation to a year-round destination, there has been a focus on creating signature events that celebrate the great Alaskan outdoors and rich cultural heritage of the region. With an abundance of outdoor activities, Alyeska is the perfect backdrop for weekend festivities. From family-friendly events such as the Blueberry Festival to an outdoor concert series at the Daylodge, visitors can combine adventures inspired by Mother Nature with a full calendar of events.

Summer

Alyeska Summer Concerts (monthly) – Celebrating the great outdoors with great music just makes sense. Each month during the summer season features a diverse national artist. Past performers include Pato Banton & the NOW Generation, The Wailers and Lucero. The concerts are family-friendly and dancing is required.

Blueberry Festival (mid-August) – A celebration of the lush blueberry season, this family-oriented outdoors event features over two dozen arts & crafts booths in The Hotel Alyeska Pond Courtyard, as well as live music and all the blueberry concoctions you can try. Blueberry picking and eating is encouraged; find your own secret stash.

Fungus Fair (Labor Day Weekend) – Just in time for prime mushroom picking season, Fungus Fair is a multi-faceted weekend of forays, naturalist presentations, outdoor concert, culminating with a Fabulous Fungus Formal featuring multi-courses showcasing local fungus treasures. The event benefits the Girdwood Trails Committee.
(www.FungusFair.com)

North Face Climb-a-thon (mid-September) – For a show of Alaskan prowess, the Climb-a-thon & Vertical Challenge is designed for the toughest of the tough. Set on the new North Face Trail (2.2 miles top to bottom with 2,000 vertical elevation gain), racers head up the trail and download on the aerial tram for nine hours. The winner is the one who logs the most laps in the given timeframe. This year, the winner finished 11 laps – which equals the same elevation gain as climbing Denali in a day!

Oktoberfest (late-September) – Autumn would not be the same without a festive atmosphere celebrating the many attributes of beer. The evening includes authentic German fare, souvenir mugs, polka band and all.



Winter

Holidays at Alyeska (late-December) – Santa on skis, fireworks and torchlight parade mark the start of the new year. The holidays bustle at Alyeska with lights, vacationing guests and festive cheer.

National Learn-to-Ski & Ride Month (January) – In partnership with the National Ski Area Association, Alyeska promotes beginner skiing and snowboarding lessons through its expert instructors at the Mountain Learning Center. With a goal of fitness and love of winter adventures, this month features special offers for those who are new to snowsports.

National Skier Safety Week (mid-January) – Also supported by the National Ski Area Association, the resort hosts a variety of safety-oriented programs with local partner Orthopedic Physicians of Anchorage, helmet manufacturers and snow safety staff to educate guests on safe practices in and out of bounds.

Winterfest (early February) – This family-friendly event celebrates the heart of winter and the most hours of daylight in all of North America. Weekend activities include various freeride comps and clinics, snowshoe tours, kid's fun races and motorized sled rides.

North Face Vertical Challenge (late February) – The winter season companion to the North Face Climb-a-thon, this competitive race features skiers and snowboarders completing multiple laps of the North Face (2,200 vertical feet). Competitors attempt to log in the most skiable vertical feet during regular lift operations.

Alyeska Big Mountain Comp (late March) – The steep faces of Mt. Alyeska have proven to be a racer's inspiration, and nemesis. Expert competitors have always been drawn to the challenging terrain at Alyeska and the resort's open discipline format.

Spring Carnival (late April) – With one of the longest ski seasons in North America, Alyeska Resort embraces spring in typical Alaskan fashion. The Spring Carnival takes advantage of the long days with extended hours of lift operations, great spring-skiing conditions, and Alyeska's largest and most popular winter event, Slush Cup, where competitors dressed in zany costumes attempt to skim across a 90-foot long pool of freezing water. Other activities include a team tug-of-war, kid's fun races and pizza party, freeride comps, and live music.

Packages & Specials

The Hotel Alyeska is a 304-room luxury property with full-service amenities. On-site amenities include a variety of dining, room service,



shops, The Spa at Alyeska, saltwater pool, whirlpool, fitness center and concierge services. For event weekends, Alyeska Resort will offer special events packages bundling in event tickets, lodging and resort amenities. Please check online for more information.

Other Area Events

The Girdwood Forest Fair is the longest-standing festival in Girdwood Valley. Held over July 4th weekend and in its 35th year, Forest Fair is a local's favorite. The weekend includes outdoor concerts, parade down "Main Street", Alaska native arts booths, exotic food offerings, and other entertainment. (www.girdwoodforestfair.com)

Celebrations for the annual Iditarod dog-sled race, held in early March, are region-wide. This unique "man vs. mother nature" race starts from Anchorage, in south central Alaska, and takes competitors up to Nome on the western Bering Sea coast -- each team of 12 to 16 dogs and their musher cover over 1150 miles in 10 to 17 days. In Anchorage, the celebrations last a week-long – the Fur Rendezvous (www.furrondy.net) features a "run of the reindeer", street parties, all leading up to the ceremonial start of the race. The Iditarod Trail, now a National Historic Trail, had its beginnings as a mail and supply route from the coastal towns of Seward, including a section through Girdwood, onto mining camps that resided in the interior of Alaska. (www.iditarod.com)

About Alyeska Resort (www.alyeskaresort.com)

Alyeska Resort is Alaska's premier year-round destination featuring The Hotel Alyeska, an award-winning 304 room full-service property. Located just 40 miles from Anchorage and Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, Alyeska Resort is your base camp for summer and winter excursions. The resort is within close proximity of three national parks and the Kenai Peninsula, and is home to the northernmost coastal temperate rainforest, part of the Chugach Mountain Range. Alyeska Resort stands out during ski season with 650" of average snowfall annually and the longest-continuous double black diamond ski run in North America. Learn more about the resort and plan your Alaskan adventure at www.alyeskaresort.com or 800.880.3880.

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