



## A RICH TAPESTRY OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

Alaska continues to be home to a diverse group of aboriginal people who first called the Last Frontier their home many thousands of years prior to the miners and merchants of the Gold Rush. The two Alaska Native groups indigenous to the Interior and the Far North are the Athabascan Indians and the Iñupiaq Eskimos. These cultures come alive in art, dancing, drumming, singing, storytelling and games of skill. We hope you'll consider enriching your meeting or event with one of these Native Cultural Programs.

For more help planning your Fairbanks meeting or event, contact the Fairbanks Convention & Visitors Bureau Meetings and Conventions Department at (907) 459-3768.



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### **Native Cultural Programs:**

#### **Hoop Dance Entertainer**

Ben Boyd – (907) 322-3483, [info@alaskanorthernlights.net](mailto:info@alaskanorthernlights.net)

- *Hoop Dance or Fancy Dance*—Descendant of the “Trail of Tears” Indians of the southeast United States, Ben Boyd demonstrates traditional forms of Inter-Tribal dance (10 minutes) — \$80
- *Native Culture Discussion* (30 minutes) — \$80

#### **Tanana Chiefs Conference Cultural Programs**

Dixie Alexander – (907) 459-3740, [dixie.alexander@tananachiefs.org](mailto:dixie.alexander@tananachiefs.org)

- *A Taste of Alaska*—Traditional Alaska Native food and guided tour of the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center exhibits — Snacks \$25/person or Dinner \$35/person
- *Porcupine Quill Earrings Class* — \$10/person (minimum of 10 people)
- *Iñupiaq Dancers* (45 minutes) — \$200
- *Bill Stevens, Gwich'in Fiddlers* (1 hour) — \$150
- *Alaska Flag Song Performed by Arctic Fox Singers* (Iñupiaq) — \$100
- *Honorary Athabascan Elder Blessing* — \$100
- *Travis Cole, Athabascan Singer & Drummer* (30 minutes) — \$200
- *Poldine Carlo, Athabascan Elder Story-Teller* (length varies) — \$100

#### **World Eskimo-Indian Olympics**

Alex McDonald, (907) 452-6646 or (907) 978-8098

- *Various Demonstrations and Athletes* — Price and length vary

Erica Meckel – (907) 687-6999, [ericameckel@gmail.com](mailto:ericameckel@gmail.com)

- *Demonstration and Discussion with Two Athletes* (30 minutes) — \$150

#### **Young Native Fiddlers**

Maryanne Allen – (907) 590-1711, [ynfiddlers@gmail.com](mailto:ynfiddlers@gmail.com)

- *Cultural Expression, Background Music or Entertainment*—Beginner, intermediate and advanced youth players share the 150-year old Athabascan tradition of fiddling (limited availability due to school-aged performers) — Price and performance length negotiable

\*Prices are as of March 2013 and are subject to change. Minimum or maximum attendee numbers may apply for some activities.