



VALDEZ ANNUAL EVENTS

Winter

Ice Climbing Festival: The stunning waterfalls of Keystone canyon serve as just a few of the fabulous climbing venues for this event. World class instructors teach clinics for all ages and levels, including specialty classes for youth, women only, and physical adaptation. *February*

Mayor's Cup Snowmachine Race: A 150-mile cross-country snowmachine race set on a 25-mile loop around Hogback Glacier and the Valdez Glacier Flats. *March*

Fat Bike Bash: This event has something for everyone. Individual races are cross-country and extreme downhill. First, second, and third place trophies are awarded for women's and men's categories. Team races include the triathlon (bike, kayak, and run) and the biathlon (ski and bike). *April*

Mountain Man Hill Climb: This event takes place every April in Thompson Pass, just north of Valdez on the Richardson Highway. Snowmachiners attempt to cruise their machines up a 1,700-foot slope to successfully reach the top and claim a winning time. This is a spectator-oriented event with high-stakes action. *April*

Alaska Kite Festival: Held in Thompson Pass every April, speed-gliding and paragliding athletes from around the world demonstrate acrobatic skills and compete for prizes in the Alaska Kite Festival. *April*

Summer

Fly In and Air Show: This premier bush plane competition in the Western United States features the world-famous STOL competition, beach landing, balloon bust, flour bombing, aerobatics show, and pilot round tables. There is a wide array of events for the whole family. *May*

Last Frontier Theatre Conference: Hundreds of national and international playwrights, actors, and readers flock to Valdez for this conference. The play lab is the highlight of the week, along with the evening performances. *June*

Kids Pink Salmon Derby: Introduce your kids to Alaska salmon fishing with the Kids Pink Salmon Derby Day, a one-day event that takes place during the Valdez Fish Derbies. The pinks are plentiful and easy to catch, and the kids can win great prizes! *July*

Gold Rush Days: Experience the annual five-day celebration of the Gold Rush era of Valdez. Join in the festivities, like the famous Wine Walk, and don't miss the can-can girls, a parade, the local market, live music, and more! *July-August*

Women's Silver Salmon Derby: This event draws more than 5,000 women anglers to Valdez. Join the Silver Salmon Sisterhood, and win great prizes. *August*



DISCOVER MORE

Events Organizations

- City of Valdez: www.ValdezAK.gov/119/City-Events
- Last Frontier Theatre Conference: www.TheatreConference.org
- Valdez Adventure Alliance: www.ValdezAdventureAlliance.com
- Valdez Fish Derbies: www.ValdezFishDerbies.com
- Valdez Fly-In: www.ValdezFlyIn.com
- Valdez Gold Rush Days: www.ValdezGoldRushDays.com

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