



CACI 2008 Convention Anchorage – Big Wild Life

Join your CAC friends as we journey to the great state of Alaska for our exciting 2008 convention. Your adventure begins in Anchorage where you will view the majestic mountains and glaciers, explore the culture of the native people, savor the taste of Alaskan seafood, take a walk on the wild side and view wildlife in their natural habitat and experience the Land of the Midnight Sun.

There's a wealth of activities for you to enjoy during your stay in Alaska. Visit the Alaska Native Heritage Center, the Anchorage Museum of History and Art and Eklutna Historical Park, where you can view more than 80 "spirit houses" and St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church. Tour the Alaska Mint. Watch the salmon swim up stream in Ship Creek, located in the downtown area. Take a walking tour of downtown Anchorage and view the thousand of spectacular floral displays throughout the city. Discover Seward, Alaska's oldest seaside town, where you can explore the wildlife and glaciers of Kenai Fjords National Park.

We will be staying at the Millennium Alaska Hotel, located on the shore of Lake Spenard and one mile from the Anchorage International Airport. The hotel provides airport and downtown shuttle service. You can experience the late evening sunset from the hotel patio overlooking the lake.

Your package includes: Accommodations for 5 nights, 5 breakfasts, 4 dinners, religious activities, dances and parties, and a chance to meet new friends.

The cost of the package is \$799 based on double occupancy. Earlybird deadline is February 15, 2008. An additional charge of \$25 will be added to the cost until February 29, 2008 (\$824). Then the cost is \$849 for double occupancy until March 15, 2008.

Alaska calls you. Come and experience the rugged beauty of our 49th state. It's a vacation that will never leave you!

Your convention coordinators are: Barbara: 502-969-2277 (EST); Pat: 562-431-8761 (PST)

For videos and other information go to www.anchorage.net.



CACI Alaska Adventure
Sunday, June 29 – Friday, July 4, 2008

Please print information (prices quoted are per person). Your membership in a CAC chapter or as a Member-at-large will be verified.

Name _____ Name on Name Tag _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____
 Phone: Day _____ Night _____ Cell _____ Email: _____
 CAC of _____ Delegate [] (yes) 1st CACI Convention [] (yes)
 Current Office Held: _____ [] Local / [] / Regional / [] CACI
 [] Male [] Female [] Smoker [] Non-smoker Roommate: [] Smoker [] Non-smoker [] Don't Care
 Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: () _____
 Please check if any apply to you: [] Vegetarian [] Allergic to seafood, shellfish [] Gluten intolerance ADA Needs _____

Postmarked by:	February 15, 2008 – EARLY BIRD RATE	\$799.00	\$1215.00
	February 29, 2008	\$824.00	\$1240.00
	March 15, 2008	\$849.00	\$1265.00

Subtotal \$ _____

Extra nights - Double \$86.00 Single \$168.00 (Rate per night. Please indicate the days below.)
 _____ Thursday, June 26 _____ Friday, June 27 _____ Saturday, June 28
 _____ Friday, July 4 _____ Saturday, July 5 _____ Sunday, July 6 \$ _____

Chaplain's Fund Contribution \$ _____

ROOMMATES: If you and a friend have agreed to room together, please specify below. If you submit a reservation form at a double rate and do not specify a roommate, an attempt will be made to match you with one. However, a match cannot be guaranteed and additional costs may incur.

Tours Total \$ _____

Roommate's Name: _____ **Grand Total** \$ _____

Reservations accepted after March 15, 2008 will be based on space available.
Cancellation fee: \$100.00 No refunds will be made after March 30, 2008.

Payment Option: Pay 50% of the total cost before Feb. 15 and send the balance by March 30.
A \$100 cancellation fee applies.

Please make check payable to CACI. No post dated checks will be accepted.
ALL CHECKS MUST BE CASHABLE UPON RECEIPT.

ARRIVAL SCHEDULE: Date _____ Time _____

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

In consideration of my authorized attendance and participation in the CACI Convention June 29-July 4,2008, I, intending to be legally bound, do hereby, for myself, my heirs and executors, and administrators and assigns, waive, release, and forever discharge any and all rights and claims which I may have or which may hereafter accrue to me against Catholic Alumni Clubs International, Inc. and any officer or member of said organization participating in, conducting, or responsible for the conduct of said convention, for any and all injuries suffered by me while traveling to and from this event or participating in this event. In the event that I choose to change my room status, roommate, or any aspect of my reservation after confirmation and without prior approval by the Convention Staff, I will agree to pay all charges generated by my changes and I agree that CACI is not liable for said incurred costs.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SEND COMPLETED RESERVATION FORM TO: Bob Giardina 4905 Clearview Pkwy, Metairie, LA 70006
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NAME: _____ Club: _____

Anchorage, Alaska Tours 2008

**All of these tours are based on 35 people attending.*

If less than 35 attend a particular tour, then there will be an additional charge for that tour.

Since the tours do not include gratuities, a collection will be taken up on each tour.

Deadline for tours is MARCH 20, 2008

NO REFUNDS OR CHANGES AFTER APRIL 20, 2008

Please make check payable to CACI. No post dated checks will be accepted.

Please send tour reservations with your convention reservation form,

INCLUDE TOUR TOTAL ON THE CONVENTION FORM.

**City Tour – Anchorage City Tour/Alaska Native Heritage Center June 29, 2008 and
Cost: \$47.00 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM June 30, 2008**

Anchorage City tour features the downtown and rail districts, Ship Creek (original site of Anchorage), Lake Hood/Lake Spenard (the busiest float plane base in the world) and the Ulu Factory. Afterwards, enjoy the **Alaska Native Heritage Center**, a multi-media interactive facility. Experience Alaska native culture firsthand through engaging storytelling, authentic native song and dance, artist demonstrations, native games demonstrations and more. Time is available for on own dining in their deli. Return to the Millennium Hotel approximately 2:00 PM.

_____ **Sunday, June 29, 2008**



Price \$47

_____ **Monday, June 30, 2008**

_____ **Price \$47** _____

Seward and the Kenai Fjords National Park Cruise

July 1st (FREE DAY)

Cost: \$195 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM

Pick up from at the Millennium Hotel and tour south along the scenic Seward Highway to the coastal community of Seward. Be sure to keep an eye out for Dall sheep, whale, moose, bear and eagle along the drive. Upon arriving in Seward, board your vessel for the day, as you cruise into the **Kenai Fjords National Park** viewing possible marine wildlife life. Watch for Humpback whales, Steller sea lions, sheep, porpoise, Orca (killer whales), harbor seals, bald eagles, puffins and many other types of marine birds, and the massive Aialik or Holgate Glaciers. Enjoy lunch board. Every tour is fully narrated by our experienced captains and a National Park Ranger. The friendly crew is also available to answer questions and point out local sights. A free wildlife guide is available for each reservation. Lunch is included.



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Complimentary beverages include coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Additional snacks and beverages are available for purchase. Return to the Millennium Hotel approximately 8:30 PM. Meals: Lunch

Weather is unpredictable in Alaska's coastal region, so be sure to dress in layers, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring along light rainwear so that you can fully enjoy your day. Be sure to remember your camera.

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Tuesday, July 1, 2008

Price \$195 _____

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Mt. Alyeska Tram Ride and Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center July 2nd

Cost: \$ 68.00 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM



Travel south along the Seward Highway for a visit to the **Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center*** to see Alaska Critters up close. Located in scenic portage valley, this center is an integral part of rehabilitation for injured and orphaned wildlife in our state. Continue to the community of **Girdwood**. Enjoy a **tram ride** and **deli style lunch** at the top of Mt. Alyeska, where you see commanding views (weather permitting) of the Chugach, Kenai Mountains and the Alaska Range. Enjoy the views or hike around the top. Keep an eye out for wildlife and glaciers. Return to Anchorage.

Meals: Deli-style lunch

Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center

Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center opened to the public in 1993. It is located on 140 southern edge of Turnagain Arm and the entrance to Portage Valley. AWCC's mission is care and rehabilitation for injured and orphaned wildlife and to provide wildlife and awareness. The center is open everyday, year-round.

Animals that are unable to be released or survive in the wild are given refuge in the center's spacious habitats. Here people can safely get close, observe and photograph some of Alaska's largest land animals, including moose, bison, elk, deer, caribou, bears, musk ox, small mammals, and birds of prey. During summer, visitors can often witness the rehabilitation of orphaned baby animals of various species.



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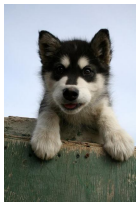
July 2, 2008

Price \$ 68.00 \$ _____

Iditarod Champion Martin Buser's Happy Trails Kennels

July 3rd

Cost: \$75.00 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM



Travel north along the George Parks Highway. Hear tales of farmers in this region who were sent here to homestead in the 1930s. A visit to the **Palmer visitor Center** set in the scenic region of the Matanuska-Susitna Valley.

Views of mountains will surround you (Chugach, Talkeetna and Alaska Range). This area is where the Great Alaska State Fair takes place annually, where monster sized vegetables are grown during the summer months. Continue to **Happy Trails Kennels**, the home of four time Iditarod winner, Martin Buser. Visit with champion sled dogs and learn more about *The Last Great Race*. Also, include today is a visit to the community of **Eklutna** to view the Russian Orthodox influence in this part of Alaska.

No meal, but you can bring snacks.

July 3, 2008

Price \$ 75.00 \$ _____

TOTAL COST OF TOURS

\$ _____

INCLUDE TOUR TOTAL ON THE CONVENTION FORM.

CACI POST CONVENTION

July 4-6, 2008

Denali National Park



*If you are not ready to go home on July 4th join us on our trip to
Denali and Talkeetna, Alaska.*

Denali National Park & Preserve is most famous for being the home of Mt. McKinley, North America's highest peak at 20,320 feet. The rocks and ice of the Alaska Range are complemented by wild boreal forest, tundra and numerous lakes and rivers; all included in the park's 6 million acres.

The abundant wildlife of Denali National Park & Preserve is represented by 39 species of mammals, 167 species of birds, 10 species of fish, and one species of amphibian - the wood frog. Mammals include grizzly bear, wolves, moose and the arctic ground squirrel, as well as fox, lynx and beaver. Some frequently-seen birds are gyrfalcon, ptarmigan and boreal chickadees. Fish populations also abound.

Talkeetna

Talkeetna is located in the shadow of Denali, at the junction of three rivers, offering scenic vistas, flightseeing to Mt. McKinley, world-class salmon fishing, rafting and boating excursions, and a wide variety of other Alaskan adventures. It provides the traveler a look at the real Alaska as well as the best view of McKinley and the Alaska Range. Talkeetna is a unique village that has been almost untouched by commercialism.



This small distinctive community of less than 500 is often said to be the inspiration behind the television series "Northern Exposure". The town is also the main staging area for climbers waiting to start their Mt. McKinley ascents, and the Talkeetna area is probably the best location on the highway or rail system to view "the Mountain". The area also offers visitors the chance to experience some true Alaskan small-town flavor.

Alaska Railroad

You'll know from the very moment you climb aboard the Alaska Railroad you're riding on the best train in the world.

The charm and scenic appeal of this great and vast land is amplified through panoramic windows and underscored by historical narratives of lifelong Alaskan conductors.



RESERVATION FORM FOR POST-CONVENTION

Denali and Talkeetna, Alaska

July 4 – July 6, 2008

Cost is based on 35 attendees. If less than 35 attend there will be an additional charge.



Your Post Convention package includes round trip transportation from the Millennium Hotel in Anchorage. Package price includes bus transportation to Talkeetna and Denali, the dinner at the Cabin Dinner Theatre on Friday night, the Park Tour on Saturday morning, and two nights's lodging in Denali, and transportation on the Alaska Railroad. Package price does not include meals unless already mentioned. You can book your flight for Sunday night or stay another night at the Millennium Hotel (for an additional charge) and leave Monday morning, July 7, 2008.

July 4 – Meet your Premier Alaska Tours (PAT) Alaskan guide at your hotel and tour north to the community of Talkeetna. **Talkeetna** began as a trading post in 1896 and the town flourished as a riverboat supply base after the 1910 gold rush of the Susitna River. Time for lunch on your own. Continue your journey as you travel to Denali National Park. This evening, enjoy dinner and a show at the **Denali Dinner Theater (8:30pm)**. Overnight in Denali.
Meals: Denali Dinner Theater

July 5– Your morning is at you leisure. Breakfast is not included. This afternoon, travel deep into **Denali National Park** on the included seven hour **Tundra Wilderness Tour** looking for moose, sheep, caribou or grizzly bear. Included is a snack box meal on the tour. Overnight in Denali.
Meals: Snack Box Meal

July 6- Your morning is at leisure to explore on your own. This morning, ride the world famous **Alaska Railroad** from Denali to Anchorage. Be sure to keep an eye out for views of Mt. McKinley (weather permitting). Transfer from the rail depot to the Millennium Hotel (cost depends on number of attendees). Bid farewell to your Alaskan Guide. You can then catch the "red eye" back to your home or overnight in Anchorage. (Additional cost.) Train arrives in Anchorage at 8:00 PM

**RESERVATION FORM FOR POST-CONVENTION
DENALI AND TALKEETNA, ALASKA
JULY 4 – JULY 6, 2008**

NAME: _____ CLUB _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ Roommate _____

PRICE: Double \$755 Single \$945 PRICE: _____

Roommates: If you and a friend agreed to room together, please specify above. If you submit a _____ Sunday, July 6, 2008

reservation form at a double rate and do not specify a roommate; an attempt will be made to _____ Double \$86.00 _____ Single \$168.00
match you with one. However a match cannot be guaranteed.

EXTRA NIGHT: _____

TOTAL: _____

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