

Pitbull Appearance Midday Monday at Nemetz Gazebo

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Details and specifics about the Monday visit to Kodiak by singer Pitbull are emerging. According to a promoter, his main public appearance will be at the Coast Guard's Lake Louise housing area at the Nemetz Gazebo from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday Era Aviation announced they will be participating by setting up large tents at the event to shield the public in case it rains.

To the disappointment of many, Pitbull, whose real name is Armando Perez, will not be putting on a concert, or likely even singing at all. But he will be available to pose for pictures with the public, and will help when Walmart gives two local charities donation at the appearance.

Pitbull is visiting the Kodiak following an online social media campaign with Walmart and Sheets Energy Strips that awarded a visit by the entertainer to the Walmart store that got the most "likes" on its Facebook page. The Walmart in Kodiak won with more than 70,000 "likes," but most were cast at the urging of a Boston columnist who started his own media campaign to Exile Pitbull to the farthest-flung Walmart in America, which happened to be Kodiak. Despite the attempt at high-jacking the contest, writer David Thorpe of the Boston Phoenix will be joining Pitbull in town at the singer's request.

Era Aviation is also offering a special \$305 round-trip airfare between Anchorage and Kodiak as part of the promotion. The price comes from the name of Pitbull's record label, "Mr. 305." The special tickets are only available Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

There's no word if Pitbull, known as the jet-setting "Mr. Worldwide," will be flying to town on Era's Dash-8, or the even smaller Beechcraft 1900.