

Crab Fest This Week

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The 51st annual Kodiak Crab Festival kicks off this week, featuring an extensive lineup of events and activities spread over five days.

In addition to the usual assortment of booths, featuring a variety of foods, as well as groups and businesses peddling information and selling their wares, there are also carnival rides and special events planned throughout the weekend. Pam Foreman of the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce, which organizes the festival, said there will be some differences between this year's event and those of previous years.

For more information about Crab Fest and a complete schedule of events, visit the Chamber's website.

-- (Crab Fest 1 25 sec. "One of the different things ... from noon until 4 p.m.")

She said the parade will be held on Saturday and will follow the usual route along Mill Bay Road, starting at the intersection of Mill Bay and Powell Avenue at 9 a.m. and culminating at Bartel Avenue. Noting that Crab Fest began in 1958, a year before Alaska statehood, Foreman said this year's parade has a not-so-surprising special theme.

-- (Crab Fest 2 34 sec. "The theme of the parade ... to sign up for the parade.")

Foreman highlighted another Crab Fest event intended to celebrate statehood, this one sponsored by the Rasmuson Foundation and the Alaska Humanities Forum.

-- (Crab

Fest 3 25 sec. "This
is an event called ... and the admission
is free.")

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Crab Festival 2009 begins Thursday and runs through Memorial Day and promises fun for the entire family. Saturday and Sunday are the festival's busiest days for special events. The parade, a survival suit race, a kayak race and more will take place Saturday. A Pasagshak to Kodiak bike ride, a full marathon from Silver Beach to Marine Way and a Pillar Mountain race all happen Sunday. Also on Sunday is the "Wild About Kodiak Seafood Cook-Off 2009," which takes place at the new Kodiak Harbor Convention Center. Those interested in signing up for the cook-off can pick up a form at the Chamber through Thursday.

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