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Alaska's Calendar of Events -- traditionally a potpourri of various and varied activities -- holds to that tradition in the folder's 1969 edition. Into the pot, Alaskans have poured listings that begin in January with ski meets and snowmobile races (the world's longest and richest); include in March such diverse events as sled dog racing championships and arts and crafts exhibits; cover salmon derbies and frontier festivals all summer and fall; and finish off the year with traditional Eskimo games in December.

A few examples include:

The Anchorage Fur Rendezvous, February 14-23. Alaska's biggest winter celebration, the annual "Rondy" boasts parades, dances, sled dog races, Eskimo and Indian exhibits, art shows, and the Miss Alaska Beauty Pageant.

Alaskaland, at Fairbanks. Memorial Day will be the opening date this summer of the state's 40-acre showcase of fun and games, north country history, and industrial exhibits.

Alaska Festival of Music, at Anchorage June 12-26. This is Alaska's major cultural offering of concerts, recitals and seminars and will once again feature the talented baton, in major concert, of Robert Shaw.

Independence Day. July Fourth sees blow-outs at cities and villages throughout the state.

Eskimo Olympics, at Fairbanks. Not once but twice this year Eskimo athletes gather to compete in Eskimo games of strength and skill, March 21-22 and August 8-9.

Alaska Day. Sitka annually sets aside October 18 to commemorate the Alaska Purchase on that date in 1867. Activities include parade, re-enactment of the transfer of Alaska from Russia to the U.S., grand ball, and Indian dancing.

The folder, complete with more than 150 listings, is available from the Alaska Travel Division, Pouch E, Juneau 99801.

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