

Publisher's Notes

SPIRIT DAYS IS FOR EVERYONE

Spirit Days, a summer celebration of Alaska Native cultures, may become to Anchorage what the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics is to Fairbanks. This is the second year for the Cook Inlet Native Association-sponsored event, and it is promising to be a major success in many ways.

The idea behind Spirit Days is upbeat and positive; that is, an attempt to bring about a better understanding and appreciation of Alaska's Native cultures. It is not a tourist or spectator type event, but rather a participatory one. That, in itself, is positive and may prove to be the most beneficial aspect of all.

There has long been a need for a celebration like Spirit Days in the Anchorage area. Anchorage has had an array of different events throughout the years, such as the Renaissance Faire to the Fur Rendezvous carnival, and of course the Alaska State Fair in Palmer, but until now nothing like Spirit Days.