

# Even the elders race in Napakiak holiday fete

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Every year, the village of Napakiak celebrates the day of freedom, July 4.

Local residents and surrounding nearby village people all gather to entertain themselves.

Kids, adults and even elders participate in foot races, sack races, and string races where they would tie a string around couples feet, and some even have vocal contests.

Donuts, Eskimo ice cream, and dried smoked salmon are usually sold.

We have Eskimo dances during the evening that's held in gymnasium.

It's sort of a traditional celebration compared to fireworks, cotton candies and many other ways that we see on bigger places.

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