



Olympics co-chairpersons Mike and Vikki Irwin admire parky to be raffled at the games.

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Eskimo-Indian Olympics begin July 26 in Fairbanks

Natives from throughout Alaska and Canada will gather in Fairbanks for the Eighteenth Annual World Eskimo-Indian Olympics July 26 through July 28.

The three days of friendly competition will be held at the Patty Gymnasium at the University of Alaska. The program includes such games of skill and endurance as the ear pull, high kick, knuckle hop, blanket toss, stick pull, greased pole walk, as well as Native dancing competition.

Other events include muskrat and seal skinning, parka contest, baby contests, and muktuk eating. For the first time this year, there will be a story telling competition,

with awards for the best story as well as the best story teller.

And, the queen contest, one of the most popular of the events, will be held as usual.

Rooms and meals are provided for all contestants. However, transportation to and from Fairbanks is the responsibility of the persons competing or their sponsor.

Anyone desiring more information should call 479-6943 or 452-2088. Those who plan to participate in the Olympics should let the Olympics Committee know the number of persons planning to participate and the scheduled time of arrival in Fairbanks.