

UAF to host Athabaskan conference

The forty or more Athabaskan languages are spoken over a larger area of North America than any other North American native language. On May 24-27, 1983, the Alaska Native Language Center is hosting an Athabaskan Languages Conferences to be held at the University of Alaska Fairbanks campus.

This meeting, the first of its kind to be held in Alaska, will bring together Athabaskan people from various parts of the Athabaskan language area. Participants at the conference will be from language groups such as Jicarilla Apache, White Mountain Apache, Navajo, in the Southwest; Hupa and Tolowa in Northern California; Dogrib, Sarcee, Tutchone, Hare, and Chilcotin in Canada, as well as most of the eleven Alaskan Athabaskan languages.

The meeting will also attract a number of linguists who have been active in the documentation and analysis of Athabaskan languages.

The schedule for the conference will include presentations by Athabaskan people on topics such as storytelling, songs, geography, as well as technical sessions on teaching Athabaskan languages, the analysis of Athabaskan grammar and dictionary making.

Persons who are interested in attending the conference, or in being on the program are invited to write or call Ruth Ridley or Jim Kari, conference chairpersons, at the Alaska Native Language Center, University of Alaska, Fairbanks (907) 479-7874. Registration fee for the conference is \$25. Some housing for conference participants will be available at University dormitories.