

FNA Potlatch to Feature Beaver Tail Soup, Muktuk, Caribou, Etc.

The Fairbanks Native Association's annual potlatch is approaching once again and it promises to be another highly unusual event even to include beaver tail soup in the cuisine as one of the specials on the menu.

Muktuk, much relished black outer skin of bowhead whales by the Eskimos, is expected to be procured from the Arctic Slope community of Barrow to add to a variety of fish, beaver, moose, caribou, reindeer and Indian and Eskimo icecreams.

About 2,000 people paid their admissions to last year's potlatch at the Lathrop High School facility and the like number, or even more, of people are expected to attend this year.

The potlatch will take place on March 21. The meal will be served from 5:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. The admission price will be \$3.00 per person, Lathrop High School will again be the place of the potlatch.

After the feast is over, a program of dancing will be put on in the Lathrop gymnasium.

"Last year, the people wanted to stop and look at the food and this took time," said Sam Kito,

president of the FNA. "This year we're adding two more feeding lines so we can serve the people in the shortest time possible."

Al Adams, chairman of the potlatch committee, has sent out letters to the northwest and north slope communities inviting

them to participate in the dance programs.

Also, invitations have been sent to the congressional delegation, the governor, local area representatives, borough chairman Fairbanks mayor, President Emil

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Notti of the Alaska Federation of Natives and John Borbridge, president of the Tlingit and Haida Central Council. Other area dignitaries have also been invited.

Cooking will be done by the members of the FNA and volunteers from other sources. Chicken and ham will be cooked by the Universal Services of the University of Alaska.

Sam Kito said that FNA members will be approaching local merchants for donations toward the potlatch.

The annual FNA feast is held to coincide with the annual North American Championship Sled Dog Races in Fairbanks when heavy influx of people come to the city.