January Jamboree starts Wednesday

UNALAKLEET — The Fifth Annual January Jamboree will be Wednesday through Saturday with almost non-stop basketball action in four divisions.

There will be a Men's A and B, along with a Women's A and B. Spaces are limited and will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

The registration fee is \$75 and should be accompanied by a tentative roster list.

For a second year, the Jamboree will host a crafts-trade fair. Craftsmen and artists from throughout Western and Northwestern Alaska are invited to exhibit and sell their wares.

This year's Jamboree has added several new items, according to sponsors. A volleyball tournament will be open on a first come, first served basis. Plans are to have men's, women's and co-ed divisions with four teams allowed in each division. The registration fee is \$25 per team.

A dogteam sprint race will be run on Friday, with the course mostly visible from town. An ice-fishing contest on Thursday afternoon also will be new.

Nightly dances at the Igloo will highlight entertainment. A live music coffeehouse and Eskimo dancers are tentatively scheduled as part of the Jamboree entertainment.

A photo contest is open to Western and Northwestern Alaska residents for public display. Photos are required to be framed and ready to hang. Photos must be received by Wednesday along with proof of residence. A fee of \$5 for each photo is required along with return postage for the photo.