

Nuchalawoyya This Weekend at Tanana

The colorful Nuchalawoyya Indian celebration in Tanana will get underway this week on June 12-14. It is being coincided with the Tanana Chiefs Conference that is being held in Tanana on June 10-11.

Some of the main events will be authentic Indian dancing, ar-

chery contest, canoe race across the mighty Yukon River, cross country race, and some other interesting events.

"In the past, we have had excellent dance groups from the villages of Minto and Stevens Village and we would like to encourage the other villages to send their dance groups also," said Gerald Barker, president of the Nuchalawoyya festival.

A queen contest will also be held with different villages represented. The chosen queen later enters the Miss World Eskimo Olympics pageant to be held in Fairbanks.

Another event will be the dedication of the airfield in Tanana in honor of the late Ralph Calhoun who died in a plane crash. He was the owner of the Tanana Air Taxi.

The biggest money prize in the amount of \$100 will be given to a winning competitive native dancing group. There are numerous other prizes.

"Usually folks," Gerald Barker concluded, "have people stay with them during their visit here as we do not have a hotel or a roadhouse for our visitors. So with this in mind, we hope everyone will be able to come this year."