

# Colorful Nuchalawoyya Slated for Performance at Tanana June 14-16

The colorful Nuchalawoyya celebration in Tanana will take place on June 14-15-16 this year.

Nuchalawoyya which means, the place where two rivers meet, is the annual gala event put on by the Athabas-

can Indians of the town of Tanana on the confluence of the Tanana and Yukon Rivers.

Based on the traditional gathering place of the Indians in the old days, the Tanana

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people revived the impressive event in 1961.

Ever since that time, Nuchalawoyya has steadily improved in color and excitement.

Village delegations throughout interior Alaska are invited and they converge to the town of Tanana and they are made welcome in the traditional manner of the old days.

The town will stomp to rhythmic Indian chants and dances which will be very evident throughout the Nuchalawoyya culminating in the picking of the best dancing performers.

There will be bow and arrow contests, boat and canoe races on the mighty Yukon River, foot races, beauty queen contest and many other colorful events.

All these events will be climaxed by a huge potlatch with plenty of traditional Indian foods and special tidbits for everyone.

"We want this year's celebration to be the biggest and the best," writes Steven Matthews of Tanana. "We will encourage and welcome all visitors."