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Eskimo Indian Olympics

Approximately three weeks from today, Natives from all over Alaska will converge on Fairbanks to participate in the World Eskimo Indian Olympics.

The Olympics are to be held at the Patty Gymnasium on the University of Alaska campus in Fairbanks on July 29, 30, 31, at 6 pm daily.

There will be muktuk eating contest, one and two foot high kick, knuckle hop, ear weight, drop the bomb, greased pole walking, Indian and Eskimo dancing competition both from Alaska and the lower '48, baby contest, fish cutting, seal skinning, Native sewing, and the queen contest.

The Olympics, which began in 1961 and has been held each year since then. Years ago it was held outdoors but now it has moved indoors which is better for both contestants and spectators.

This year the Olympics will be named the "Howard Rock Memorial Olympics" in honor of Howard Rock, former editor and publisher of the Tundra Times.

A Howard Rock memorial trophy has been established and will be given to the outstanding athlete at the Olympics based on competition spirit and sportsmanship. This way it is felt that Howard shall always be at the Olympics as in the earlier years, not in body, but at least in spirit and name.

All those who are considering entering and competing in the Olympics are urged to do so and as space is limited at the U of A. Contact the Olympics committee c/o the Tundra Times as soon as possible.

All villages, Native organizations, or Regional corporations who are going to, or contemplating on submitting a representative to compete in the queen contest do so immediately as the queens must be in Fairbanks before the 20th of July to be tutored on what is to be expected of them.

The days are fleeting and before we know it, July 29 will be upon us. If there are any questions on events contact Tundra Times or the Chamber of Commerce. Any one wishing to help, W.E.I.O. meetings are held at Careage North on Wednesday at 7:30. The dates are July 7, 14, 21, and you can contact the chairman, John Heffle or the co-chairman George Bele, c/o the Tundra Times.

Tom Richards Jr. and Alfred Grant are to M.C. the festivities this year. Senators Mike Gravel and Ted Stevens have been invited as well as Representative Don Young.

Hopefully, with the bi-centennial year our Olympics will be a huge success in attendance but what will really be accomplished this year will only depend on a hard working committee that donates its valuable time to organize and follow through with its work on the Olympics.

Advance tickets will be on sale at the Tundra Times, Chamber of Commerce and at other places to be announced later. Don't forget the Olympic dates, July 29, 30, 31, 1976. Hope to see you there.

John Heffle, Chairman W.E.I.O. Committee