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JULY 2011 NEWSLETTER

HAPPENING NOW:

The Dog Days of Summer are underway – that time from late June to late August when the Romans believed that summer's most intense warmth came from the prominent presence of the star Sirius high in the night sky. Sirius is the brightest of stars in the constellation Canis Major – the 'Large Dog'. This is when caching 'heats up' for many in the Northern Hemisphere as well, thanks to long hours of daylight. Take advantage of the extra daylight!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

July 9 – **Kenai River Meet & Greet Picnic - GC2XD0Z**

Hosted by SSO JOAT and sponsored by **Geocache Alaska!** Noon Saturday, July 9th under the Picnic Pavilion at Soldotna Creek Park in "downtown" Soldotna on the bank of the World Famous Kenai River. New products from GeocacheAlaska will be featured!

July 16 - **The Land of Aahhs – GC2Z988**

A 5/5 caching event hosted by Frost Giant along / in SixMile Creek & above Hope... if you dare.

August 6 - **Valdez Gold Rush Days Cache for Cash Event – sponsored by the City of Valdez**

and hosted by dennifer – fun, games, caches & CASH from 10:30am to 6:00pm in Valdez!

LAND ACCESS HIGHLIGHTS:

A blanket permit for caches within **Mat-Su State Park** – managed state lands has been issued to GeocacheAlaska! Inc, for use by its members. This permit and its usage details will be posted online at the link below very soon. The **2011 Chugach State Park (CSP)** Geocaching Permit Number is 11-007. It must appear on your CSP cache container and on your cache listing page. Thanks to the Advocacy Committee members for working hard and complying with all the information requests to secure the permits which allow geocaching in Chugach State Park and in Mat-Su State Park units!

See GeocacheAlaska! Inc's Land Access data at the [Land Managers](#) link on our geocachealaska.org website.

CITO EVENT:

GeocacheAlaska!, Inc. has adopted the first two miles 'northbound' out of Girdwood, on the Seward Highway. In exchange for two signs announcing our stewardship, the State DOT expects us to complete a cleanup activity along our area three times a year. In 2010 we had 3 terrific CITO events and removed hundreds of pounds of trash from the highway corridor. This year's first event on Saturday May 21st was a terrific success. **Our next CITO Event along the scenic Seward Highway is tentatively scheduled for July 30th – watch the events listings for more information.**



TIME to JOIN – or INVITE a FRIEND!

Visit geocachealaska.org today and sign up for an annual subscription Premium Membership! Help underwrite our land use advocacy outreach efforts and the annual website hosting costs. Each member makes a difference!

EDUCATE YOURSELF:

The GeocacheAlaska! Inc. website's EDUCATION page has PDF presentations from our entire Eduvent Series. To date, we've seen Geocaching basics, SWAG, Earthcaching, Benchmarking, Cache Placements, Cache Submittals and the role of the Groundspeak Reviewer covered. Download them online from the [EDUCATION](#) page on our website and power-up your geocaching skills! (<http://geocachealaska.org/education.htm>)

THE 2012 CALENDAR CONTEST IS UNDERWAY! Posted in the online forums and you can read about it here too – enter now!

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ENTRY DEADLINE: JULY 10, 2011

This year we have increased the number of photo categories, which are:

People
Places/Locations
Containers
Flora

Wildlife/Fauna
Adventure/Extreme
Whimsy/Fun
Caching Children

Visit the GeocacheAlaska! Forums and enter your photographs in the Calendar Thread (found in the 2012 GeocacheAlaska! Bling portion of the Geocoin/Trackables section). Entry rules are found there too, and are summarized below.

You may submit up to 3 photos in each category. Photos *must* be taken in Alaska.

Each photo entry *must* include at time of entry:

Category of submission
GC number & cache name where photo is taken
Photographer's name
Photo title (if any)

Photos may be downsized for submission, but be certain to save your original full-resolution photo where you can find it because that's the version we'll need to produce the calendar.

Thirteen photos will be displayed full-size on the calendar with at least one picture chosen from each category. The photo garnering the most overall votes will be placed on the cover.

By submitting your photo to this contest you grant GeocacheAlaska! Inc. the right to use and reprint the image on the calendar and the GeocacheAlaska! website. Photo credit will be given to the photographer. There is no compensation awarded to the contest winners. Winners get the honor of having their picture grace a monthly page or the cover of the calendar and the knowledge and happiness in knowing that their photograph was chosen to receive this honor.

Photos can be submitted to the contest until July 10 at midnight. On July 20 voting will be opened and will be open until August 7. Voting will be for your favorites in each category.

Encourage all your friends to submit pictures and visit the forums often to see the new submissions.

INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO POST PHOTOGRAPHS ARE SHOWN IN THE THREAD!

Please direct questions to Tomanoble at tomanoble@rocketmail.com

Good luck to each and everyone.

Preview Photos of new products to be unveiled at the July 9 Kenai River Meet & Greet Picnic - GC2XD0Z

Products include trackable GeocacheAlaska! Nomads (below left), and sig-marked
bisons, 'Mega' cache containers, whistles, and carabiners. All will be available for sale
at events and the online store, following their rollout at the July 9th event.



**Visit GeocacheAlaska!'s online store at the
geocachealaska.org website to see all the
products available. GeocacheAlaska!, Inc. is a
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