

Alaska Trails

2011 Biennial Trail Rondy[®]

Alaska Job Corps Center, Palmer • April 15-17, 2011

PROGRAM AGENDA

Release Date: March 18, 2011

Friday, April 15th

8:00am – 2:00pm - Registration

8:30am – 12:00pm - Training Track #1

- **Sustainable Trails 101 (3.5 hr course)**

Course instructed by Jack Mosby, Alaska Trails, Inc.

This class will emphasize sustainable design elements, trail planning, and management concepts for all trail enthusiasts. Target Audience – all trail enthusiasts, agencies, trail contractors, boroughs, etc.

- **Wilderness Survival Challenge – (3.5 hr course)**

Course instructed by the North American Outdoor Institute

The wilderness survival challenge is designed to teach basic survival skills and techniques to those who recreate on Alaska's trails. This safety education program incorporates navigation (maps, compass and GPS) wildlife, plants, water crossing, shelter building, knot-tying, leave-no-trace and wilderness medical in a fun, practical and valuable skills training course. Participants will have an opportunity to respond to simulated emergencies and challenges. Target Audience – all trail enthusiasts of all ages.

12:00pm – 1:30pm - **FREE TRAIL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LUNCHEON for participants**

Sponsored by Alaska Job Corps Center Culinary Arts Students

1:45pm – 4:45pm - Training Track #2

- **Grant Writing for Trails (3 hr course)**

Featured presenters will include representatives from the Rasmuson Foundation and the Alaska State Parks Trails Office

Experts in grant writing will present the basic steps, best practices, and tips for preparing and submitting grants for trail projects. Participants will learn what grants are available throughout Alaska and have the opportunity to engage in active dialogue and discussion regarding previous grant experience or upcoming grant projects. Target Audience – all trail enthusiasts, agencies, trail contractors, boroughs, etc.

- **Leadership & Volunteer Management (3 hr course)**

Course instructed by Jillian Morrissey, Alaska Trails, Inc.

This class introduces participants to effective crew leadership and volunteer management skills and practices. Participants will engage in active dialogue and discussion as material is presented to further explore their own leadership strengths and challenges. Target Audience – all trail enthusiasts, agencies, trail contractors, boroughs, etc.

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Saturday, April 16th**7:00am – 4:00pm** - Registration, Gear Swap, and Vendor Fair**8:45am- 9:00am** - Official Trail Rony Kick Off - AK Flag Song & Welcome**9:15am – 10:00am AND 10:15am - 11:00am** - Hands-On /Seminar Topics - Each Offered **TWICE** unless noted

- **How to Use a GPS**, instructed by Vic Stanculescu of Alaska State Parks
- **Winter Trail Grooming**, presentation by Bill Luth of the Willow Trail Committee
- **Trail Tools & Safety**, an overview provided by Jack Mosby of Alaska Trails, Inc.
- **How to Apply for Easements/Special Use Permits (9:15am-11am)**, instructed by Kyle Kidder of the Mining, Land and Water South Central Regional Office
- **How to Use a Map & Compass**, instructed by the North American Outdoor Institute
- **Trail Projects in AK – In the Works & Upcoming**, presentations by Janice Tower of Singletrack Advocates, Christine Reagan of the Anchorage Horse Council, and Deb Daisy presenting the Chenega Corporation Water Trail and Public Use Cabin project
- **An Introduction to the Interactive TrailMapper Website**, demonstration provided by software developer, Tom Clark, in partnership with Alaska Trails Inc.

11:30am – 12:15pm - **Program #1: Building Partnerships Between Trail Users & Land Managers**

A panel discussion in which participants will learn what's needed to build effective trail partnerships between users and agencies to meet common interests and achieve on-the-ground success. Topics will include how to clarify needs and build a common vision, how to improve communication, how to work with land management policy makers, etc.

Panelists: Joe Westfall - Moderator & founding member of Alaska Trails, Inc.
 Bruce Paulsen - Matanuska-Susitna Borough Land Manager
 Scott Lapiene - President of the Matanuska-Susitna Trails Council
 Holly Spoth-Torres - Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation Superintendent
 Jon Underwood - Private Contractor and Owner of Happy Trails, Inc.
 Erin McLarnon - Executive Director of Alaska Trails, Inc.

Program #2: What Recreational Activities are Allowed on State Land & Do I Need a Permit?

State agency representatives will talk about what recreational activities are allowed on state lands and how to obtain the correct permission/permits.

Speakers: Sandra Singer - Mining, Land and Water - South Central Regional Office Land Manager
 Clark Cox - Mining, Land and Water - South Central Regional Office Land Manager

12:15pm- 1:45pm - Lunch (*food available for purchase at venue - \$4 per person - all you can eat*), Break, Networking, Gear Swap, Vendors**2:00pm – 2:45pm** - **Program #1: Securing Trail Funding – Past Success Stories, Existing and Future Opportunities**

This panel of representatives from various agencies and organizations will focus on current and past trail funding opportunities. The group will talk about the status and continued viability of these opportunities, and present ideas for generating additional funds for trails.

Panelist: James King - Moderator & Matanuska-Susitna Borough Community Development Manager
 Deborah Lyons - Director of Sitka Trail Works, Inc.
 George Schaaf - Parks and Landscape Superintendent for the City and Borough of Juneau
 Jeff Clarke - Vice President of the Rasmuson Foundation
 Bill Luck - State Trails Coordinator for the Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation

Program #2: Maintenance – The Crux of Trail Work

This presentation will cover the necessity of trail maintenance and how to convince land managers, the public and our legislature of its importance with regard to proper land stewardship and resource protection. Speakers will discuss the cost benefit of completing routine maintenance, how to determine tasks and frequencies, what types of labor to utilize, and how to monitor the effectiveness of methods used.

Speakers: Mike Shields - Nationally recognized trail contractor and designer
 Kevin Meyer - National Park Service Trail Specialist and Soil Scientist

3:00pm – 3:45pm – Keynote Speaker: **Representative Don Young** – introduced by Ben Ellis, Director of State Parks

Saturday, April 16th (continued)**4:00pm - 5:00pm - Program #1: Shared Use and Separated Use: Providing for Different Trail Opportunities**

This session will be a facilitated panel and group discussion for all outdoor recreationists. Discussion will focus on how shared use and separated use trails are managed, where they work, and under what circumstances they work. The outcome will be the beginning of a process for all trail enthusiasts to work together and to create positive working relationships.

Panelists: David Griffin - Moderator & Special Project Coordinator for the Alaska State Parks
 Randy Goodwin - Bureau of Land Management Trails Coordinator
 Brian Okenok - Vice President of the Quiet Rights Coalition
 Steve Charles – Chair of the Willow Trails Committee
 Eric Troyer - Writer and Editor for the Alaska Trails, Inc. Newsletter
 Russ Ehnes – Executive Director of the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council

Program #2: Youth Trail Projects

This facilitated group discussion will focus on the use of youth in trail projects, including: who's out there; what types of projects are best geared toward youth; limitations; costs; successes, failures and lessons learned.

Panelists: Joe Parrish - Moderator & Founder/Executive Director of the Serve Alaska Youth Corps (SAYC)
 Laura Allen - Director of the YCC - Upper-Susitna Soil & Water Conservation District
 Brad Cooke - Coordinator for the Youth Employment in Parks Program (YEP)
 Amanda Smith – Regional Coordinator for the Student Conservation Association (SCA)
 Kelly Wolf - Chair and Project Coordinator for the Youth Restoration Corps (YRC)
 Kirk Desermia – Kenai Fjords National Park Facilities Maintenance Manager (NPS)

5:15pm - 6:15pm - Effective Advocacy, Working Together & Where Do We Go Now - Rondy Closing Remarks

This facilitated discussion will build on what we've learned by identifying strategies and actions for how we – as trail enthusiasts – can work together toward a mutual goal of creating the best trails for all Alaskans. In addition, a DVD presentation from **Senator Lisa Murkowski** will be shown to convey the importance of trails in her life, as well as an update on the future of trail funding at the federal level.

Panelists: Erin McLarnon - Moderator & Executive Director of Alaska Trails, Inc.
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Sunday, April 17th7:30am – 2:00pm - Registration

8:30am – 12:00pm - Training Track #3

- **Sustainable Trails 101 (3.5 hr course)**

Course instructed by the National Park Service - Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program

This class will emphasize sustainable design elements, trail planning, and management concepts for all trail enthusiasts. Target Audience – all trail enthusiasts, agencies, trail contractors, boroughs, etc.

- **Principles of OHV Recreational Management (3.5 hr course)**

Course instructed by the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council

Representatives from the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) will provide motorized trail enthusiasts with a basic overview of the engineering, education, enforcement and evaluation principles that apply to OHV recreation. With a concrete understanding of these principles, the trail user will be more likely to succeed in achieving their desired vision. Target Audience – motorized enthusiasts, agencies, boroughs, etc.

- **Turns: Design and Layout (4 hr course – this course starts at 8:00am)**

Course instructed by nationally recognized trail contractor and designer - Mike Shields

This advanced class is designed to acquaint the participant with constructed turns in trails as structural elements. At the end of this training, participants will be able to: identify the various types of turns and their proper function; select the appropriate turn type for a particular location and need; understand the layout and construction of turns; understand the limitations that terrain may impose on turns; and understand the limitations turns may impose on trail uses. Target Audience – all trail enthusiasts, agencies, trail contractors, boroughs, etc. with experience and/or interest in trail building.

12:00pm – 1:15pm - LUNCH (*food available for purchase at venue - \$4 per person - all you can eat*)

1:30pm – 5:00pm - Training Track #4

- **Planning for Sustainable Trails & Trail Maintenance & Rehabilitation (3.5 hr course)**

Courses instructed by the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council

Part 1: Planning for Sustainable Trail Systems: A hands-on training session, using tabletop contoured workspaces that will take participants through the process of determining how and where trails should be placed given the terrain and other site conditions.

Part 2: Trail Maintenance and Rehabilitation: An overview of techniques and equipment that can be used to provide maintenance and rehabilitation of motorized trails. Target Audience – motorized enthusiasts, agencies, boroughs, etc.

- **Grant Writing for Trails (3 hr course)**

Featured presenters will include representatives from the Mat-SU Health Foundation and the Alaska State Parks Trails Office

Experts in grant writing will present the basic steps, best practices, and tips for preparing and submitting grants for trail projects. Participants will learn what grants are available throughout Alaska and have the opportunity to engage in active dialogue and discussion regarding previous grant experience or upcoming grant projects. Target Audience – all trail enthusiasts, agencies, trail contractors, boroughs, etc.

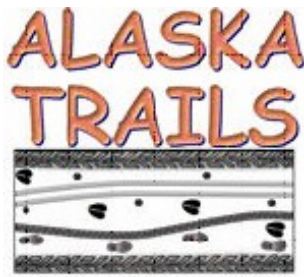
- **Tread Lightly!® Course (3.5 hr course)**

Course instructed by certified instructor Justin Lily

This will be a “crash course” on outdoor ethics focusing on non-motorized, motorized and mechanized recreation. Participants will be taught about the role outdoor ethics play in the recreation community and about Tread Lightly! principles designed to minimize impacts on roads, trails and the wildlands they access. Participants will be provided with tips and tools for promoting the message of responsible recreation to others. Target audience – all trail enthusiasts, agencies, trail contractors, boroughs, etc.

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Advanced Registration – Save time and money by registering early. Forms due by April 1st.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Would you like your email address added to Alaska Trails email database? Yes No

Other Attendees (full names):

#2: _____ #3: _____

Information

Advanced Registration – due by April 1st.
After April 1st add \$25 per item at the door.

*Friday's trainings include a FREE Trail Industry Luncheon sponsored by Alaska Job Corps Center!

Student Scholarships Available – for more information, contact Jack Mosby at jack.mosby@alaska-trails.org

Membership - SPECIAL – You can join either Alaska Trails OR Mat Su Trails Council - For this event you can either join Alaska Trails OR Mat Su Trails Council to obtain member pricing for this event. This is a one and only time to take advantage of this offer. Other levels available, please contact Erin @ 907-334-8049.

Event Housing – See Alaska Trails website for list of housing options.
www.alaska-trails.org

Refunds – given minus a 10% handling fee if notified by April 1st.

Gear Swap –All booths are outside & you supply your own tables/chairs.

Vendor Booths – Booth spaces inside include 6' table and 2 chairs. Booths outside supply own tables/chairs.

Information – for more information, or for additional registration forms:
www.alaska-trails.org

To register on-line (will be charged a fee):
<http://trailrondy.eventbrite.com>

Or contact:

Erin McLarnon: 907-334-8049

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If you join Alaska Trails/Mat Su Trails Council for 2011 you pay Member prices.

Please make checks payable to:

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and mail this form & payment by April 1st:

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ADVANCED Registration Prices: (After April 1st, add \$25/item at door)	Alaska Trails/Mat Su Trails Council Members (includes non-profits)	Non-Members Agencies/Boroughs For-Profits	# Attendees- Qty	Subtotal
Friday Trainings* – ALL DAY Choose ONE AM & ONE PM Training	\$20	\$50		
Friday Trainings* – HALF DAY Choose ONE AM OR ONE PM Training	\$15	\$45		
AM Training Choices (circle one): Sustainable Trails 101 OR Wilderness Survival Challenge (only 25 seats available for each course)				
PM Training Choices (circle one): Grant Writing for Trails OR Leadership & Volunteer Mgmt (only 25 seats available for each course)				
Saturday Trail Rony Hands-On /Seminars & Programs:	\$10 Under 18- \$5	\$35 Under 18-\$5		
Saturday Gear Swap Space:	FREE	\$10		
Saturday Vendor Booth Inside: (Only 25 spots available)	\$25 (Includes ONE Trail Rony entry)	\$75 (Includes ONE Trail Rony entry)		
Saturday Vendor Booth Outside: (Supply Own Table/Chairs)	\$15 (Includes ONE Trail Rony entry)	\$50 (Includes ONE Trail Rony entry)		
Sunday Trainings – ALL DAY Choose ONE AM & ONE PM Training	\$20	\$50		
Sunday Trainings – HALF DAY Choose ONE AM OR ONE PM Training	\$15	\$45		
AM Training Choices (circle one): Sustainable Trails 101 OR Turns: Design & Layout OR Principles of OHV Management (only 25 seats available for each course)				
PM Training Choices (circle one): Grant Writing for Trails OR Planning for Sustainable Trails & Trail Maint/Rehab OR Tread Lightly Course (only 25 seats available for each course)				
2011 Alaska Trails OR Mat-Su Trails Council Individual Membership: (circle one)		\$25 Individual		
2011 Alaska Trails OR Mat-Su Trails Council Family Membership: (circle one)		\$35 Family		
TOTAL:				