

Calendar of Events

April 2024

Please refer to the “Ongoing Events” section for recurring activities during the festival.

The community is invited to all Whale Fest events. All events are free of charge, donations are welcome.

Friday April 5

5:00-7:00 pm. First Friday Art Walk Local artists feature their work throughout our community. Visit the Kodiak Art Council page for details.

www.kodiakarts.org

Saturday April 6

10:30am. Audubon Whale Watching Hike (Narrow Cape). See gray whales. Bring lunch and water. Wear warm clothes & hiking boots. Meet at the Pasagshak State Recreational Area restroom for interpretive lecture and caravan to Fossil Beach. Contact: Stacy Studebaker 907.654.4881.

Wednesday April 17

6:30pm. “Whale Rider” Rated PG. A movie about New Zealand’s Whangara people who believe their ancient ancestor arrived on the back of a whale. Location: Kodiak Public Library. Contact: 907.486.8686.

Thursday April 18

12:00pm. “Imaken Ima’ut: From the Past to the Future” Book launch. Join the Alutiiq Museum to celebrate their latest publication—a history of Kodiak’s Alutiiq/Sugpiaq people written by local scholars. Location: Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. 907.487.2626.

Thursday April 18 cont.

4:00pm. “Kodiak Marine Mammal Stranding Update” What do you do when you find a stranded whale? The Sun’aq Tribe of Kodiak will provide an update on their stranding program efforts. Location: Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. Contact: Matt Van Daele. 907.531.5009.

Friday April 19

3:00pm. “Free Willy” Rated PG. A movie about a troubled boy’s efforts to save a captive orca. Location: Kodiak Public Library. Contact: 907.486.8686.

Sunday April 21

8:30-11:30am. COASST Lite Level 1 online training for beached bird surveys. Location: Zoom online. Contact: coasst@uw.edu or call 206-221-6893.

Tuesday April 23 to Thursday April 25

Kodiak Area Marine Science Symposium (KAMSS)

Apr 23 6:00-8:00pm, Keynote Speaker & reception.

Apr 24 9:00am-8:00pm Daily oral presentations and evening Poster session with youth activities.

Apr 25 9:00am-8:00pm Daily oral presentations and evening film showing. Location: Kodiak Marketplace. Contact: Julie Matweyou 907.486.1514. alaskaseagrant.org/events/kodiak-area-marine-science-symposium-2024/

Wednesday April 24

5:30-6:00pm and 6:00-6:30pm. NOAA ship Oscar Dyson ship tours. 30 min tours onboard the ship. Sign-up preferred. See KAMSS event page (url above). Location: Pier 2. Contact: Julie Matweyou 907.486-514.

Thursday April 25

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1:00 pm. Salmon Shark Dissection. John Malloy will lead a detailed dissection, exploring the anatomy and physiology of these amazing animals. Adults must accompany children under 10 years of age. Location: Kodiak High School (outside). Julie Matweyou 907.250.9512.

3:00 pm. “Crafternoon” Join us for undersea collage making, featuring the story of Swimmy by Leo Lionni. For ages 3 and up. Adults must accompany children under 10 years of age. Location: Kodiak Public Library. Contact: 907.486.8686.

Tuesday April 30

12:00pm “HABs Through the Food Web” Learn how harmful algal toxins move through the food web to higher trophic organisms like seabirds and marine mammals. Location: Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center on Near Island. Contact: Julie Matweyou 907.486.1514.

PHOTOS & WHALE ALERTS

Visit the [Whale Fest Kodiak facebook page: facebook.com/groups/WhalefestKodiak](#) and watch for whale sightings from Fort Abercrombie, Chiniak, Narrow Cape, and more!

ONGOING EVENTS

Whale Skeleton Displays:

- **Gray Whale** (Kodiak Refuge Visitor Center).
- **Dall's Porpoise** (Fort Abercrombie Visitor Center).
- **Cuvier's Beaked Whale** (Fisheries Research Center on Near Island).

Alutiiq/Sugpiaq Traditional Whaling Panels (Kodiak Refuge Visitor Center).

Whale Viewing Station with whale identification aids
(Miller Point in Fort Abercrombie).

Ocean Book Display on the April bookshelf at the
Kodiak Public Library

Ocean Puzzle Corner in the Kid's Room at the
Kodiak Public Library

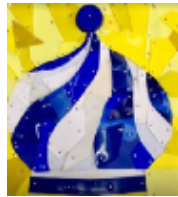
Ocean Scavenger Hunt in the Kid's Room at the
Kodiak Public Library

We are re-organizing

2024 is the first year we have regrouped in a small way since the COVID shutdown in 2020. This year Whale Fest is working with the Alaska Sea Grant, the Audubon Society, The Kodiak Public Library, the Alutiiq Museum, the Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak, NOAA ship Oscar Dyson, KIBSD, and the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center to share local activities related to whales and ocean science literacy. We welcome old and new partners and volunteers as we begin planning for our 30th anniversary celebration in 2025. Please contact organizers at whalefestkodiak@gmail.com if you would like to be part of the planning team.



Whale Fest Kodiak was started in 1996 by Susan Payne with the help of many enthusiastic supports. As a member of the Kodiak Arts Council, Whale Fest Kodiak is a grassroots community organization fueled entirely by volunteers and donations.



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Whale Fest Kodiak & KAMSS 2024



Whale Fest Kodiak has been a proud supporter of the Kodiak Area Marine Science Symposium since its inception in 2011. We are again happy to partner with Alaska Sea Grant to promote marine science literacy in our community.

Whale Fest Kodiak, P.O. Box 8915 , Kodiak, AK 99615
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