

# PRACTICAL INFORMATION – CAMPUS UAF AND FAIRBANKS

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## Recreational Facilities

The Student Recreation Center (SRC) is available to all registrants and their guests at a rate of \$8 per day, payable at entrance. Facilities include a running track, free weights and weight machines, and basketball and tennis courts. You will need to carry in an extra pair of sneakers to use the SRC facilities (474-6814). There is an ice skating rink and swimming pool adjacent to the SRC. For information on ice rink hours call 474-6888.

## UAF Bookstore And Post Office

The UAF Bookstore upstairs in Constitution Hall carries a wide selection of general reading books, UAF clothing and insignia, personal care items, and an assortment of food, drinks and over the counter medications. Hours are 0800–1700 Monday – Friday. The UAF Post Office is located in the lower level of Constitution Hall, hours are 1000–1600 weekdays.

## Smoking Policy

No smoking is allowed anywhere inside and outside of buildings on campus.

## SAFETY and SECURITY

UAF is a safe and comfortable environment, but be prudent. Call the Campus Police at 474-7721 if you become aware of a situation that concerns you from a security or safety standpoint.

DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR ROOM. NEITHER THE SUMMER SCHOOL ORGANIZERS,  
NOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS.

## Fairbanks Environment

Day length: There are about 20 hours of possible sunlight in mid-June (sun up at 0400 and down at midnight) and, if it is not cloudy, there will be daylight all night. You may find sleeping more comfortable if you have eyeshades.

Mosquitoes: Mosquitoes will probably be in good supply in late June, though not bad on campus. Elsewhere in Fairbanks, you may want to carry mosquito repellent with you. Wearing long sleeved shirts and long pants is recommended.

Aridity: Fairbanks, Alaska, is very dry. Make sure you drink plenty of water.

Temperature: Be prepared for a range of temperatures at this time of year. You can expect a range of about 45–75° F, (7-24 °C) but the record high was 91°F (33 °C) and record low was 30° F (-1 °C).

## HEALTH and MEDICAL NEEDS

There are two walk-in medical facilities in Fairbanks:

Fairbanks Urgent Care Center	452-2178	weekdays	0700–2100
1867 Airport Way, Suite 130B		weekends	1000–1900
Tanana Valley Clinic 1 <sup>st</sup> Care	458-2682	daily	0800–2000
1001 Noble Street			

## ATM Machines on Campus

Wood Center (available during Wood Center hours, 7:30 am – 7:00 pm Monday – Friday; 11:00 am – 6:00 pm Saturday)  
Hess Commons, near the Housing Office in the upper campus dorm complex (available 24 hours)

## Banking

Spirit of Alaska Federal Credit Union located in the Wood Center: Hours 1200–1600 weekdays. For full service banking needs, there is a Wells Fargo Bank on the corner of University Avenue and Geist Road.

## Local Food Shopping

There are two grocery stores nearby, Fred Meyers and Safeway, located on the corner of University Avenue and Airport Way (roughly half an hours walk; there is also a bus but not running often).

## Wireless Network Access

You will have access to the UAFnet wireless network on campus.

## **Local Restaurants**

### **Local area dining – Fairbanks and the outlying area within walking distance of UAF**

- Bun on the Run – Sandwiches and desserts (Trailer in the parking lot of Beaver Sports, 2480 College Road)
- College Coffee House – Espresso, light meals (3677 College Road) 374-0468
- College Town Pizzeria (3549 College Road) 457-2200
- Gulliver's Books & Second Story Café – Sandwiches, soups (3525 College Road) 474-9574
- Hot Licks – Homemade ice cream (3453 College Road) 479-7813
- Pad Thai – Thai (3400 College Road) 479-1251
- Azucar Fina - Cuban (3677 College Road) 456-2822
- Fuji Japanese Restaurant – (3535 College Road) 328-3228

### **Marginal walking distance from UAF**

- Alaska Coffee Roasting Company – Espresso, light meals (4001 Geist Road)
- McDonald's (3905 Geist Road) 474-2010
- Sam's Sourdough Café – Family style (3702 Cameron, off University Avenue) 479-0523
- Wolf Run – Light meals and desserts (3360 Wolf Run, off University Avenue) 458-0636

### **Need a car – fast food**

- Kentucky Fried Chicken (3428 Airport Way) 452-1010 or (62 College Road) 452-7546
- McDonald's (1930 Airport Way) 452-4600
- Pizza Hut (1991 Airport Way) 456-5656
- Quiznos (3598 Airport Way) 458-7849)
- Subway (3574 Airport Way) 479-8688
- Taco Bell (87 College Road) 452-3166 or (1453 University Avenue) 474-9526
- Wendy's (1859 Airport Way) 456-3663

### **Need a car – casual dining**

- The Bakery Restaurant – Family style (69 College Road) 456-8600
- Boston's Pizza – Family style (Old Steese Highway)
- Brewsters – Burgers, salads (3578 Airport Way) 456-2538
- Brueggers – Bagels, soups, salads, sandwiches (36 College Road) 452-3940
- The Chowder House – Chowder, soup, sandwiches (206 Eagle Avenue) 452-2882
- Cookie Jar – Family style (1006 Cadillac Court) 479-8319
- Denny's – Family style (1929 Airport Way) 451-8950
- Food Factory – Burgers, hot wings, cheese steak (44 College Road) 452-3313
- Ivory Jack's – 2nd best burger in Alaska, pizza (2581 Goldstream Road) 455-6665
- Alaska Salmon Bake – Salmon, halibut, prime rib (Pioneer Park) 452-7274
- El Sombrero – Mexican (1420 Cushman Street) 456-5269
- Geraldo's – Italian (3226 Airport Way) 474-0409 (701 College Road) 452-2299
- Lulu's Bagels – Bagels, soups, salads, sandwiches (364 Chena Pump Rd) 374-3804
- Lemon Grass – Thai (388 Old Chena Pump Road) 456-2200
- Thai House Restaurant – Thai (526 5th Avenue) 452-6123
- Sweet Basil Thai Restaurant – Thai (1448 South Cushman Street) 456-2170
- Taco Azteca – Mexican (3401 Airport Way) 455-8226

### **Need a car – fine dining**

- Bear 'n' Seal Grill & Bar (813 Noble Street, in the Westmark Hotel) 459-7725
- Gambardella's Pasta Bella – Italian (706 2nd Avenue) 456-3417
- Lavelle's Bistro (575 1st Avenue, in the Spring Hill Suites Marriott Hotel) 451-0765
- Pike's Landing Fine Dining & Sports Lounge – Fish, steak, seafood (4438 Airport Way) 479-6500
- Pump House Restaurant & Saloon – Fish, steak, seafood (Mile 1.3 Chena Pump Road) 479-8452
- River's Edge Restaurant & Cocktails (4200 Boat Street) 474-3601
- Turtle Club –Prime rib and crab (Mile 10 Old Steese Highway) 457-3883
- Two Rivers Lodge Fine Dining – Everything from alligator to steak (Mile 16 Chena Hot Springs Road) 488-6815
- The Vallata – Italian (2190 Goldstream Road) 455-6600
- Zach's – Steak, seafood, pasta (1717 University Avenue) 479-3650

## **Things to do in Fairbanks and the surrounding area**

### **Activities on campus**

- Check out the campus calendar <http://www.uaf.edu/calendars/events/>
- Cold Climate Housing Research Center – Call 457-3454 for tour times.
- Georgeson Botanical Garden – Numerous varieties of flowers and vegetables cultivated for Alaska's climate. Open for viewing daily. 474-1944
- Robert G. White Large Animal Research Station – View muskox, caribou, and reindeer. Tours daily. 474-7207
- University of Alaska Museum of the North – Discover fascinating stories about Alaska's people, places, and wildlife. Audio guide available. Museum store. 0900–1900. 474-7581

### **Activities around town**

- Alaskan Tails of the Trail with Mary Shields – Learn about Mary's adventures in mushing the Iditarod and through the Alaska wilderness. 455-6469
- Chena Bend Golf Course – Beautiful golf course located on Fort Wainwright. 353-6223
- Chena Hot Springs Resort – Soak in the hot springs and visit the ice museum. 451-8104
- Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge. 452-5162
- El Dorado Goldmine/Gold Dredge No. 8 – Ride the Tanana Valley Railroad and pan for gold. 479-6673
- Fairbanks Convention and Visitors Bureau, 101 Dunkel Street, Suite 111, 456-5774
- Fairbanks Golf and Country Club – Play a game of golf under the midnight sun. 479-6555
- Greatland River Tours (Tanana Chief) dinner & Sunday brunch cruises. 452-8687
- Ice Museum – Ice sculptures on display. Downtown on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. 451-8222
- North Star Golf Club – Northern-most USGA golf course. 457-4653
- Pioneer Park – Visit this historic park for Fairbanks history, train rides, miniature golf, picnic grounds, and many gift shops housed in historic log cabins. 459-1087
- Palace Theatre and Saloon – Musical comedy about early Fairbanks. 452-7274
- Riverboat Discovery – Enjoy a boat cruise on the Chena and Tanana Rivers, including a guided walking tour of an Indian Village. 479-6673
- Tanana Valley Farmers Market – View items produced by Fairbanks area farmers and artisans. College Road, Wednesdays & Saturdays.
- Trans-Alaska Pipeline – Information and viewing, on the Steese Highway.

### **Art galleries and shops**

- Fairbanks Arts Association – Bear Gallery in the Pioneer Park Civic Center. 456-6485
- Alaska House – 1003 Cushman Street. 456-6449
- Well Street Art Company – 1304 Well Street. 452-6169
- Knotty Shop – Wood crafts, burl carving and 30-foot totem pole. 488-3014
- Santa Claus House – North Pole. 488-2200

### **Be adventurous**

- Rent a canoe and paddle the Chena River – canoe/kayak rentals available at Pioneer Park dock, 457-2453.
- Hike one of the many trails located throughout the Tanana Valley, such as Angel Rocks or Granite Tors.
- Visit Denali National Park, travel by rail or car; activities include: white-water rafting, flight-seeing, hiking, bus tours.
- Relax at one of the numerous lakes for a camping and fishing trip.
- Alaska Public Lands Information Center – 101 Dunkel Street, Suite 110, 8 am – 6p m daily, 459-3730.

### **Shopping near campus**

- Beaver Sports – Sporting goods, clothing (3480 College Road) 479-2494
- Date Line Copies – Copying, office supplies (3677 College Road) 479-3831
- Fred Meyer – Groceries, housewares, clothing (3755 Airport Way) 474-1400
- Gulliver's Books – Books, gifts (3525 College Road) 474-9574
- INUA Wool Shoppe – Yarns and knitting supplies (3677 College Road) 479-5830
- Safeway – Groceries (3627 Airport Way) 374-4000