

YAKUTAT NATURE SOCIETY & THE YAKUTAT TERN FESTIVAL



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THE 13TH ANNUAL TERN FESTIVAL

We're thrilled to announce the 13th Annual Tern Festival, set to take place from May 30th to June 2nd! Prepare to be captivated by the enchanting world of terns as we embark on an unforgettable journey celebrating these magnificent seabirds.

We will be offering a series of captivating field trips and activities designed to inspire and educate this year. From hikes to awe-inspiring glacier tours, the Tern Festival promises an array of adventures for nature enthusiasts of all ages. Unwind with bird yoga sessions amidst the serene sounds of nature, or delve into fascinating workshops.

Whether you're a seasoned birdwatcher or simply eager to discover something new, the Tern Festival welcomes you with open arms. Our registration is now open, with more updates to come! Together, let's spread our wings and soar into the 13th Annual Tern Festival!



FIELD TRIPS

Explore the breathtaking landscapes of the Hubbard Glacier with our guided glacier tours. Led by knowledgeable captains, these excursions offer unparalleled opportunities to witness the wonders of nature up close. Or elevate your festival experience with our unique bird yoga classes. Led by an experienced instructor, these sessions blend the mindfulness of yoga with the tranquility of birdwatching, allowing you to connect with nature on a deeper level.

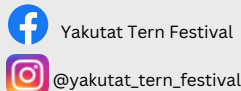
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Join the 2nd Annual Tongass Trails Scavenger Hunt, ! Hike the trails of Yakutat, collect the stamps, and keep your eyes open for prizes and birds! Stamp you passports at the end of each trail to be entered to win a cash prize at the end of the 13th Annual Yakutat Tern Festival!



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DENNY OLSON

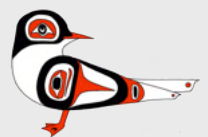
Denny Olson is our keynote speaker for this year's festival. Denny is a renowned naturalist and educator with an impressive repertoire of storytelling techniques. He has captivated audiences nationwide with his humorous alter-egos, performing over 3500 times for more than 2 million people! Denny's passion for conservation and birding is truly inspiring, and we are excited to hear his insights at the festival.



CANNON BEACH MARINE DEBRIS CLEANUP

Biz Wallace (left) is a multimedia artist and current fellow with Alaska Sea Grant working on expanding the Alaska Clean Harbors program. But that's not all - in addition to the cleanup, Biz will be offering digital and watercolor art workshops!

Kristina Tirman (right) works as the Arctic Marine Debris Manager for Ocean Conservancy. These ladies will be joining forces to make a positive impact on our local marine environment.



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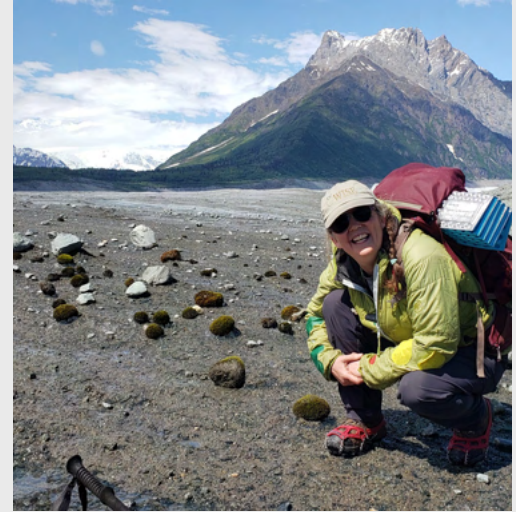
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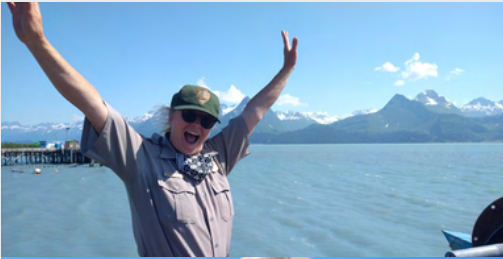
WRANGELL INSTITUTE FOR SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT (WISE)

Wise provides science and environmental education and supports scientific research. Robin Mayo, the executive director of WISE, will be coming to help the festival from the Copper River basin! Dive into hands-on experiences, workshops, and educational programs covering a variety of scientific disciplines, from wildlife observation to environmental conservation.



WRANGEL ST. ELIAS NATIONAL PARK

Diane Ellsworth (top) and Chelsea Hernandez (bottom) work with the Wrangell St. Elias National Park Service, and will be flying in for our event! They will have engaging workshops this year for all ages! Diane is an Education Technician, and Chelsea is a Supervisory Park Ranger.



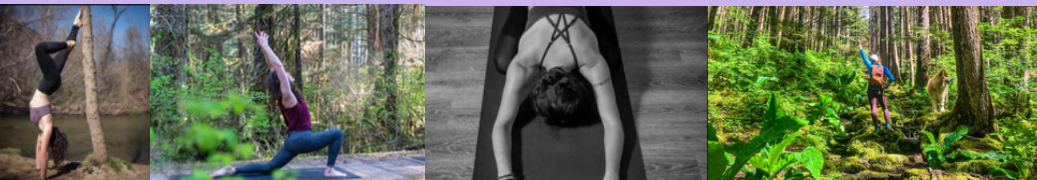
WILDMAN RACE

The 2024 Wildman Race will Start and end at the School on Forest Highway 10. Make your way through the beautiful coastal town of Yakutat on an approximately 3.5 mile walk or run. On a clear day you'll be running toward Mt. St. Elias in the distance, the second highest mountain in the US and Canada standing at 18,008 ft. You'll explore the lagoon and the Totem trail before heading back to the finish at the school for snacks and yoga!



BAILEY WILLIAMS: REWILDING YOGA

We co-evolved with the living world. Our nervous systems are listening for balance and connection, poised to respond to anything with grace and grounding. Bailey's practice will gently call on our innate bodily wisdom to feel grounded and connected. You'll leave this practice feeling spacious and gathered. Expect meditative, breath-based movement and awareness exercises to connect with your own inner rhythms. *No experience required.*



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