



LIFE SCIENCE NEWS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Get a close-up look at caribou, reindeer and muskoxen calves and their mothers at the Robert G. White Large Animal Research Station's annual Summer Soiree Open House **Saturday, May 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** The event is hosted by the Institute of Arctic Biology at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

IAB invites the public to get a sneak peak and celebrate LARS' newest spring residents before the station officially opens for the summer. Faculty and students from the Institute of Arctic Biology will host interactive and educational displays and share their research on Alaska's iconic animals. LARS' interpretive guides and research staff will also be on hand to share the history of LARS.

LARS is located at 2220 Yankovich Road between Miller Hill and Ballaine roads. Parking at LARS is limited. Two free shuttles will run between UAF's Taku parking lot and LARS beginning at 10:45 a.m. The last shuttle will leave LARS for the Taku lot at 3:15 p.m.

CONTACT: Lindsey Blaine, tour coordinator, Large Animal Research Station, Institute of Arctic Biology, University of Alaska Fairbanks, at 907-474-5724 or Marie Gilbert, information officer, Institute of Arctic Biology, University of Alaska Fairbanks, 907-474-7412.

MONDAY, MAY 26

University offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day

TUESDAY, MAY 27

9:00 a.m. - Reichardt Building Auditorium

Ecology & Ecosystem Graduate Thesis Defense

"Perspectives on the Dynamic Human-Walrus Relationship"
Martin Robards

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

10:00 a.m. - 201 Irving I

Physiology Graduate Thesis Defense

"Investigation of Respiratory Rhythm Generators and Ventilatory Pattern in the Bullfrog"

Brittany Davies

NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Jack R. Luick Memorial Travel Fund

Deadline: May 31, 2007

for travel through November 30, 2008

Applications are being accepted from students seeking limited support (generally \$500 - \$1,000) for travel to upcoming scientific conferences in 2008.

Qualifications:

- Enrolled as a graduate student at UAF.
- In good academic standing.
- Pursuing a course of study in nutritional or physiological ecology of ungulates.

More information in the IAB Director's Office, or call 474-6464.

TRAVEL

- **Brian Barnes**, 5/25-6/1, Toolik Field Station, AON Arctic Science Field Course
- **Emily Benson**, 5/25-30, Salt Lake City, UT, attend North American Benthological Society annual meeting
- **Andrea Bersamin**, 5/22-23, Y-K region, research project
- **Travis Booms**, various locations in Alaska returning on 5/31, Ph.D. research
- **Donie Bret-Harte** and **Peter Ray**, 5/27-6/13, Toolik Field Station, fieldwork
- **Joanne Clapcott**, 5/30-6/19, invited guest from Nelson, New Zealand, conduct workshop
- **Elaine Drew**, 5/22-23, Y-K region, research project
- **Anna Goropashnaya**, 5/26-6/6, Philadelphia, PA, collaborative research in hibernation genomics
- **Falk Huettman**, 5/25-6/29, San Jose, Costa Rica and Nicaragua, fieldwork
- **Jill Johnstone**, 5/31-6/15, to Fairbanks from Saskatoon, Canada, field research
- **Jeremy Jones**, 5/24-30, Salt Lake City, UT, attend North American Benthological Society annual meeting
- **Anja Kade**, 5/23-6/13, Toolik Field Station, instruct Arctic Science Field Course

NO LIFE SCIENCES SEMINAR

Malin Aronsson Gregory Parrish
Anthony Dalisio Melanie Richter
Lisa-Marie Leclerc Jill Stockbridge
Julie Leieux Jason Stuckey
Caitlin McDermott Elisabeth Wrublik
Joel Mercado Julee Shamhart

- **Elizabeth Markely**, 5/24-30, Salt Lake City, UT, attend North American Benthological Society annual meeting
- **Chanda Meek**, 5/26-5/29, Anchorage, AK, research and interviews
- **Micah Meyer**, 5/29-6/21, various locations, fieldwork with V. Steen
- **Jessica Miller**, 5/26-6/10, various locations, fieldwork with V. Steen
- **Angela Miner**, 5/29-6/21, various locations, fieldwork with V. Steen
- **Aleya Nelson**, 5/12-10/22, Hollis, Prince of Wales, fieldwork
- **Rocky Nelson**, 5/22-6/14, Hollis, Prince of Wales, fieldwork
- **Andrea Saari**, 5/30-6/20, various locations, fieldwork with V. Steen
- **Valerie Steen**, 5/15-7/6, fieldwork
- **Mark Wipfli**, 5/26-30, Salt Lake City, UT, attend North American Benthological Society annual meeting

Discount for Summer 2008 Special Legislative Session

Alaska Airlines and the Alaska committee have once again teamed up to offer Alaska residents an exclusive discounted round-trip airfare to Alaska's capital - this time during the Summer 2008 special legislative session.

You can redeem this discount as a Discount Code at alaskaair.com and save 40 percent off three-day advance purchase fares on travel to Juneau. These discounts are valid for travel May 31 through July 7, 2008. To take advantage of this offer, enter the unique, single-use Discount Code **ECO3808DQN143985** into the Discount Code box at alaskaair.com by July 7, 2008.

Quote of the week:

I find that it is not the circumstances in which we are placed, but the spirit in which we face them, that constitutes our comfort.

~Dr. Patrick Gentempo