



WELCOME TO THE 56TH ANNUAL  
**WILLOW STATE WINTER CARNIVAL**  
 “YEAR OF THE FIREWEED”

JANUARY 27TH-29TH AND FEBRUARY 3RD-5TH, 2017  
 WILLOW COMMUNITY CENTER, MP 69.5, PARKS HIGHWAY

WILLOW AREA COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION, P.O. BOX 1027, WILLOW, AK 99688 495-6633



**SATURDAY, JAN. 28**

10-3 Bloodbank/Bloodmobile  
 10:00 Earl Norris Sled Dog Race 1st Day  
 10:00 Geo-Cache Mass Event  
 11:00 Frostbite 5k Run  
 Registration Begins at 10 am in hallway  
 11:00 On Stage: Paws and Taws Square Dance  
 Dog Pull  
 Noon On Stage: Alaska Celtic Pipe and Drums  
 Noon Kids Games  
 1:00 Outhouse Race  
 1:00 On Stage: Teeland Middle Jazz Band  
 1:30 Kids Sled Dog Races (1,2,3 dog)  
 Registration begins at noon at WACO table  
 2:00 On Stage: Gaia Tribal Belly Dancers  
 2:30 Stampede Race

**SUNDAY, JAN. 29**

10:00 Earl Norris Sled Dog Race 2nd Day  
 11:00 5K Ski Races  
 11:00 On Stage: 9th Army Band - Grooving Grizzlies  
 12:30 On Stage: Borealis Dancers  
 1:00 Lead Dog Race  
 1:00 Snowshoe Softball  
 2:00 Ladies 5 mile Sled Dog Race  
 2:00 Earl Norris Awards

**NIGHT EVENTS.....**

**FRIDAY, JAN. 27 - Kick Off Dinner**

5:00 pm Quick Draw Artists Begin  
 6:30 pm Dinner  
 6:30-7:15 pm Quick Draw Silent Auction  
 7:00 pm Gold Pan Awards  
 7:30 pm Sign Up for Earl Norris Open Sled Dog Challenge  
 8:00 pm Fireworks Display - Sponsored by Gorilla Fireworks & Matanuska Valley Federal Credit Union

**SATURDAY, JAN. 28 - BINGO NIGHT, 7pm**

6:30 pm Doors Re-Open  
 7:00 pm Pick-Up Hockey at School

**FRIDAY, FEB. 3 - BINGO NIGHT, 7 pm**

**SATURDAY, FEB. 4**

7:00 pm Country Karaoke & All Ages Dance  
 7:00pm Pick-Up Hockey at School

**QUESTIONS ABOUT EVENTS?**

- [waco-ak.org/Carnival](http://waco-ak.org/Carnival)
- **WACO Booth at the Carnival**

**BOTH WEEKENDS.....**

- **Gates Open - 9:30 am** (\$1.00/car parking fee)
- **Carnival Kitchen** open from 10am to 4pm
- **WACO Booth: Event Registration, T-Shirts, Pin Raffle Tickets, & Mini raffle** 9:30 - Close
- **Trade Fair** 10-4
- **A-1 Midway Carnival Rides & Games** 10-?
- **PTA Pancake Breakfast** 8-11 Willow Elementary School

**FRIDAY, FEB. 3**

Noon Start of Willow 300 Sled Dog Race

**SATURDAY, FEB. 4**

11-3 Vintage Snow Machine Race  
 11:00 On Stage: Houston High Band  
 Noon Kids Games  
 12:00-3:00 Poker Run  
 1:00 On Stage: Alaska Button Box Gang  
 1:30 Cribbage Tournament  
 2:00 On Stage: Ziggy and Friends  
 2:30 Homesteader Events  
 3:00 MTA Telephone Toss Sponsored by MTA

**SUNDAY, FEB. 5**

10:30 Sven Eriksson 25K Tour/ Bike, Ski or Run  
 12:00 Most Abused Carharts & Best Beards  
 12:00 On Stage: Matanuska Beat  
 12:30 Homesteader Events  
 1:00 On Stage: Whee Duet  
 1:30 Homesteader Awards  
 2:00 Pie & Dessert Auction  
 2:30 Tug Of War Contest  
 3:00 Raffle Drawings