

2010
Western Alaska Conference
Basketball Championships
Unalaska, Alaska
March 2 – 6, 2010

Unalaska City School is very excited to be hosting this year's Western Alaska 3A Basketball Tournament, March 2 – 6, 2010. Unalaska City School and the communities of Unalaska/Dutch Harbor are working together to ensure a first-class experience for all involved. I am at this time requesting to know if your school intends to attend this year's Conference Tournament in Unalaska. It is our sincere desire that all eligible schools within our conference will be in attendance. **If you have not already done so, please let me know as soon as possible of your school's intentions.**

It is anticipated that teams will be arriving in Unalaska on Tuesday March 2nd, and departing on Sunday the 6th of March. Those teams wishing or needing to arrive early or possibly depart later are welcome; just let us know in advance as to your arrival and departure times.

Schools Invited: All Region 1 Schools participating in 3A Girls' and Boys', Basketball.

Notification of Attendance to Date:

Barrow	Bethel	Dillingham	Nome
Kotzebue	Hooper Bay	Unalaska	

Western Alaska Conference Cheerleading Competition:

Schools Invited: All Region 1 Schools participating in ASAA sanctioned Cheerleading.

Notification of Attendance to Date: None at this time

While Unalaska City School would be proud to host the 2010 Western Alaska Cheerleading Competition in conjunction with the 2010 Western Alaska Conference Basketball Tournament, we feel strongly that this competition stay unified and not split between select teams choosing the Conference Cheerleading Competition and others choosing to participate directly in the State Cheerleading Competition. As the potential host of this event, it is imperative that notification is made as to your participation no later than January 15, 2010. Please contact me directly at 907-581-1222 with any questions in this matter.

Air Transportation:

Transportation to and from Unalaska / Dutch Harbor is by airplane. The Dutch Harbor airport is served by an Alaska Air / Pen Air partnership. This partnership includes four daily flights between the Anchorage and Dutch Harbor airports. Further information may be accessed through Alaska Air Group Desk (1-800-503-0101) or through Pen Air (907-581-1383). Other options for flights in and out of Dutch Harbor are by Air Charter Services. Such companies as Bering Air (800-478-5422), Frontier Airways (800-337-3131), Era Aviation (800-866-8394), and Hageland Aviation (907-245-0119) may be capable of serving your needs. If you should require any further assistance with flight information, please contact me at (907-581-1222) or by email at gcole@ucsd.net.

Local Transportation:

Unalaska is abundant with local transportation options! There are numerous regulated cab companies in which one can choose for travel around Dutch Harbor / Unalaska. In addition there are two vehicle rental agencies located at the Dutch Harbor airport, B.C. Vehicle Rental (907-581-6777), and North Port Rentals (907-581-3880). Fifteen Passenger Van rental prices have been reduced to \$80.00 - \$90.00 per day specifically for visiting schools during this tournament. Being that there are significant distances (2-3 miles) between the school and the majority of shopping/eating establishments, it is recommended that teams consider renting a vehicle during their stay. If necessary, Unalaska City School has a Suburban available for limited travel.

Housing:

All participating schools are welcome to stay at Unalaska City School. Select rooms will be set-aside for students' entertainment, relaxation, and study time during the school day!

Please share the following: Individuals attending this year's Western Conference Tournament can find the comforts of home at the Grand Aleutian Hotel or the Unisea Inn in Dutch Harbor, Alaska. Special rates have been set up for those individuals attending the Western Conference Basketball Tournament. Reservations at the Grand Aleutian Hotel or the Unisea Inn can be made by calling 866-581-3844 (toll-free) or emailing: reservations@unisea.com

Meals:

Unalaska City School and the community of Unalaska / Dutch Harbor will be providing meals for all participants, coaches, and chaperones! In addition, Unalaska / Dutch Harbor has a wide selection good quality eating establishments to choose from if one should desire. Eating and shopping opportunities will be highlighted in your coach's packet.

Team Rosters and Photos:

Please take the time to fill out the attached **TEAM ROSTER** form and email or fax back on or before **February 10, 2009**. In addition, a digital **TEAM PHOTO** will be required on or before this date for publication in this year's Western Conference Tournament program. It is critical that these two items are submitted in a timely manner!

Bracketing:

Attached is an example of the proposed tournament bracket. If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 907-581-1222 or by email at gcole@ucsd.net as soon as possible.

Referee Cost:

Seven certified referees will be utilized during this tournament. As per the Region 1 Manual, any Western Alaska Conference 3A site may choose to bring a referee with them to the tournament. If you have a quality, certified referee whom you feel would be a great addition to this year's cast of referees, please send me all necessary information on or before **Wednesday, February 10, 2009**. Any additional referees needed to fill the estimated seven will be selected by the host site. Each school is responsible for an equal share of the officials' cost. There is expected to be a combined total of 25 games in this year's boys' and girls' Western Alaska Conference Tournament making each site's officials cost **\$668.57**. Please make checks payable to Unalaska City School.

Skills Competitions:

Included in the schedule of this year's tournament is time set aside to highlight the outstanding abilities of many of the tournament participants. Below is a listing of the planned skills competitions for the 2010 Western Alaska Conference Tournament:

- Crab Pot Basketball Game (low intensity basketball game designed for those who may not get the opportunity to play extended minutes)
- Three Point Competition
- Last-Man-Standing Competition
- Hot Shot Competition

Governing Rules:

2009 – 2010 National Federation Basketball Rules
Region 1 Tournament Manual
Alaska Student Activities Association Manual

Entertainment:

Student participants will have access to the Unalaska Community Recreation center as well as a special game room set aside within Unalaska City School. This will allow students many options of entertainment, including but not limited to the following:

- a.) Swimming – **Remember your swim suits!**
- b.) Gym Facilities / Weight Room

- c.) Running Facilities
- d.) Game Room

In addition, students will have access to the City and School Library, Internet connectivity, and various multimedia devices.

T-Shirts:

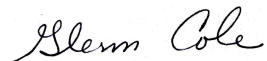
Conference T-shirts will be sold on a first-come first-serve basis! If your team is interested in purchasing conference T-shirts, please let me know as soon as possible. After the start of the tournament, it will be impossible to guarantee the quantity and size/s of T-shirts needed. The price and design of this year's Western Alaska Conference T-shirts has not yet been determined. This information should be available on or before January 11, 2010.

Educational Excursions:

It can be arranged for those teams wishing to experience the significant and unique history of Unalaska and the Aleutians Islands to visit our renowned World War II and community Museums. In addition, sightseeing excursions will be arranged for those wishing to more closely exam Amaknak and Unalaska Island, community facilities, and the many World War II icons long since forgotten.

Contact Information: Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns!

Thanks,



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