

# North To Alaska

*Prepare For Leadership Role By Attending Anchorage Forum*

The USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum was developed as an answer to individuals who want to enhance their leadership skills development.

The Forum, which will be held September 22-24 in Anchorage, Alaska, has 64 seminars, workshops and special interest programs planned.

Register for the Forum before June 15 and pay the discounted fee of \$260. The  
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*The USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum offers 64 seminars, workshops and special interest programs that Lions can attend.*

## Alaskan Airlines Offer Lions Discounted Fares

Alaska Airlines will offer a discount for Lions attending the 35th annual USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

The Seattle-based airline, along with its sister carrier Horizon Air, will offer attendees a 7 percent discount between any of the cities the airline serves in the United States and Canada; to its

**Alaska Airlines/Horizon Air Discount Program**  
[www.usacanadalionsforum.org](http://www.usacanadalionsforum.org)

designation at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport.

Alaska Airlines and Horizon Air serve more than 90 locations throughout the United States and Canada.

The discount is good for travel between September

19 and September 27.

To take advantage of the promotion, visit the airline's website at [www.alaskaair.com](http://www.alaskaair.com). Use the e-certificate code ECMA26 in the flights quick search box.

Or you can call the Alaska  
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### Anchorage, Alaska - September 22-24, 2011

#### Fishing

With some of the most incredible fishing in the world, Alaska is a dream come true for anglers. Alaska's oceans, rivers and lakes are teeming with huge runs of record-breaking Salmon, Rainbow Trout, Arctic Char, Halibut and many other challenging sport fish.



#### Speaker

Dan Bigley, a 25-year-old adventurer, was wrapping up a day of fishing with his dog and a buddy on the Russian River when a brown bear came at him and tackled him to the ground. The 2003 attack left him struggling to live and now blind. His story of survival will be heard during the closing banquet at the USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

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By Michael H. Schwartz

## USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Leadership is not solely an instinctive trait. Many individuals show leadership skills early in life and it seems to be part of their nature. Others learn leadership skills.

Organizations such as the International Association of Lions Clubs want to create a core of individuals who are capable of influencing and guiding others. They find leadership development training to be an effective tool in molding their present and future leaders.



Michael H. Schwartz

On September 22-24, 2011, the USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be held in Anchorage, Alaska. The Forum has planned 64 seminars, workshops and special interest programs that provide such leadership training.

Some Lions regularly attend the Forum because they want to improve their leadership skills. For all participants, good leadership development training can mean the difference between being able to lead when the situation demands it or being one of the followers. Individuals who feel

that they are able to fill a leadership role should consider attending the 35th annual Forum.

Why does an individual choose to invest time and money in leadership training? The Forum is first and foremost a framework for the participant to consider how he or she will motivate members in their clubs or districts by helping them define their individual goals and how they want to achieve them. A participant chooses to invest in leadership training because they realize that it is important to come to their organization with skills already in place so that they don't have to learn leadership skills "on the job."

The Forum is an answer to individuals who want to enhance their leadership skills development. Such as person is looking for ways to achieve the maximum results from the people whom they expect to guide and lead efficiently by example.

Lions sign up for the Forum because they are looking for creative ways which will allow them to build a unified vision for their team. Leadership development can help expand techniques and develop strategies which will allow a Lions' leader to activate and motivate others and to gain their cooperation.

A good leader needs solid skills in empowering the people who are working with them to deliver the results that will benefit their entire team. The Forum has proven to be an effective source of training for those Lions who want this to happen.

**I Believe In Lions Leadership**

## Forum Registration

**Early Registration** \$260  
If mailed before June 15, 2011

**Registration** \$280  
If mailed before August 1, 2011

**Registration** \$305  
If mailed August 1, 2011 or later

### Include Hotel Deposit Of \$125

Deposit Not Required If You Will Be Staying At Ship Creek RV Park

### Check or Money Order Payment

Mail Payment & Registration Form To  
USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum  
NW 7991  
P.O. Box 1450  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55485-7991

### Credit Card Payment

Mail Payment & Registration Form To  
USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum  
P.O. Box 697  
Belle Fourche, South Dakota 57717  
FAX 605-723-4008

### Registration Fee

The registration fee covers the cost of the seminars and four designated meals (Thursday evening banquet, Friday luncheon, Saturday luncheon and Saturday evening banquet). All attendees must pay the full registration fee to participate in any of the meals or seminars. Individual meal function tickets will not be available. Hotel rooms cannot be assigned until the registration fee and hotel deposit is received. All registration and hotel reservations are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

### Cancellation Policy

If you must cancel your registration and/or room, notification must be made in writing to the Forum registrar. Any cancellation received between June 30, 2011 and August 1, 2011 will be subject to a \$50 per person cancellation fee. After August 1, 2011 no refunds will be issued. Cancellation notification must be received on or before August 1, 2011. Please send cancellation notice to: USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum, P.O. Box 697, Belle Fourche, SD 57717-0697; or you can fax the notice to 605-723-4008 or email the notice to [forum@spe.midco.net](mailto:forum@spe.midco.net).

### Reservation Form

[www.usacanadalionsforum.org](http://www.usacanadalionsforum.org)

## Travel Service

The USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum has arranged with Suzi Davis Travel to handle the travel arrangements of thousands of Lions attending the event in Anchorage.

Visit the Suzi Davis Travel website to book flights or rail transportation or call them at 888-677-8728. Make sure to mention that you are attending the Forum.

If you use the Suzi Davis Travel on-line service, you will need to create an account. There is



a three-day waiting period before you can make reservations.

Suzi Davis Travel also can arrange for a rental car or ground transportation from the Ted Stevens International Airport, Merrill Field Airport or Alaska Railroad Depot to hotels in downtown Anchorage.

[www.suzidavis.com/lionsclub](http://www.suzidavis.com/lionsclub)  
888-677-8728

## Arrival Information

### Airport

Anchorage is served by the Ted Stevens International Airport. Most hotels offer shuttle service. You can also take a taxi, or use the city bus service during the day.

The USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum has entered into an arrangement with Alaska Premier Bus Service to provide attendees with round-trip transportation from the airport to local hotels for \$25 per person.

A reservation form can be obtained at the Forum website and must be mailed with payment. The deadline for reserving a space on the shuttle is September 11.

There are eight automobile rental companies represented at the airport. You can rent an automobile at the new Rental Car Center, which is located across from the South Terminal.

A free airport shuttle bus travels between the South Terminal, North Terminal and the Rental Car Center every 15 minutes, all day, every day.

Taxicabs are available at both terminals. The cost of a taxi ride from the airport to downtown Anchorage is approximately \$17 to \$22 and the ride takes around 15 to 20 minutes.

The taxicab waiting area in the South Terminal is located at the



ground transportation island, which may be reached via the underground transportation lobby or via the sidewalk outside baggage claim. In the North Terminal, the taxicab waiting area is located curbside directly outside the main lobby.

### Driving South

From the Glenn Highway, headed south into Anchorage, you will find yourself on a 4-lane and then 6-lane freeway that takes you straight into downtown Anchorage.

You should be able to find a place to park downtown, either on the street, or in one of several parking lots and garages. The main streets in downtown are 4th, 5th and 6th avenues, and most parking spaces are within a 10-minute walk to the Anchorage Visitors Information Center on 4th Avenue and F Street.

### Driving North

From the Kenai, headed north into Anchorage, you will take the Seward Highway, which turns into a 4-lane road just as you enter the outskirts of Anchorage. To reach downtown, stay on the Seward Highway and turn left on 5th Avenue.



USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum  
[www.usacanadalionsforum.org](http://www.usacanadalionsforum.org)

## Local Transportation

The USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum will provide transportation between most hotels and the Dena'ina Convention Center or the William A. Egan Center during the three-day event.

Bus service will start on September 22 and will operate continuously throughout the Forum.

Bus service will not be provided for the Marriott, Westmark and the Quality Suites Convention Center because of their proximity to the Dena'ina and Egan centers.

Bus service will be provided for Lions staying at the Anchorage, Captain Cook, Clarion Downtown Suites, Hilton, Ramada Inn

and Roadway Voyager.

No bus service will be provided to the Anchorage Ship Creek RV Park; however, the Anchorage Transit System does have a stop near the park.

More buses will be on the road during peak hours to assist participants as they travel to and from the site.

The Host Committee has also planned for several speciality vehicles to assist participants with special needs. You can check at the Forum office at the convention center or one of the welcome desks at the local hotels for more information.

In addition, the convention center and the main downtown roads are served by taxis and the Anchorage Transit Sys-



tem, which has more than 1,000 stops on 14 routes throughout the city.

Called People Movers, a regular passenger fee on a city bus costs \$1.75 for a one-way trip. Discounts apply for senior citizens and people with disabilities.

<http://www.muni.org/departments/transit/PeopleMover>  
 907-343-6543

## Accommodations

The USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum has arranged accommodations with the following hotels in Anchorage:

**The Anchorage** - \$99 per night; \$8 parking fee; and three blocks from the Forum site.

**Captain Cook** - \$135 per night; \$8 parking fee; and five blocks from the Forum site.

**Clarion Downtown Suites** - \$91 per night; free parking; and five blocks from the Forum site.

**Hilton** - \$135 per night; \$15 parking fee; and four blocks from the Forum site.

**Marriott** - \$135 per night; \$8 parking fee; and 1.5 blocks from the Forum site.

**Ramada Inn** - \$59 per night; free parking; and seven blocks



Photo Courtesy of Ken Graham/Anchorage Convention & Visitors Bureau

### The Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center

from the Forum site.

**Roadway Voyager** - \$91 per night; \$8 parking fee; and five blocks from the Forum site.

**Quality Suites Convention Center** - \$91 per

night; free parking; and four blocks from the Forum site.

**Westmark** - \$99 per night; free parking; and two blocks from the Forum site.

### Anchorage Ship Creek RV Park

For reservations call 800-323-5754 or visit [www.bestofalaskatravel.com](http://www.bestofalaskatravel.com). The park is 1.25 miles from the Forum site.

## Speakers



Dan Bigley

### Adventurer's Life Changes After Alaskan Bear Attack

On July 14, 2003, Dan Bigley's life changed forever. After a stellar day of salmon fishing on the Russian River he and a friend were leaving for the night when they saw a large bear.

Within sight of the parking lot, the two men turned around and headed the other direction to avoid it. But up ahead, they heard a rustling in the bushes. What they didn't realize, was that changing direction placed them in between the bear and her two cubs. The 800-pound grizzly came at Bigley at a dead run, hitting the 25-year-old before he could escape.

The sow sunk her teeth into his arms, legs, back and shoulders. Then it flipped Bigley over and clamped her jaws around his face, chomping down with enough force to turn facial bone to powder.

No one is sure how long the mauling continued, seconds or minutes. The bear

finally released Bigley and stomped off into the woods.

Fading in and out of consciousness, lying alone and mangled on the ground, Bigley fought the urge to let go. Before the paramedics and a helicopter arrived to airlift him to an Anchorage hospital, the backcountry adventurer made a contract with himself - to survive.

Bigley spent weeks in Providence Alaska Medical Center undergoing multiple surgeries as doctors tried to reconstruct his skull, rebuilding facial features with plates and titanium mesh, and wiring his jaw so his teeth would line up.

Bigley spent the next two years healing inside and out as he struggled to make

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**Closing Banquet  
Featured Speaker  
September 24, 2011  
6:00 P.M.**



Mary Kay Mueller

**Opening Session  
September 22, 2011  
6:00 P.M.**

International trainer and an author, M.K. Mueller began her professional life as a high school teacher when she hit rock bottom and found herself living in a domestic violence shelter. From the depths of despair, she experienced life-changing insights by discovering that victims have the power to change their own lives.



Martin Buser

**Luncheon Speaker  
September 23, 2011  
11:30 A.M.**

A four-time winner of the Iditarod Dog Race, Martin Buser began mushing at the age of 17. On 16 occasions, he has finished in the top 10 and holds the record for fastest finish time in Iditarod history. He entered his first Yukon Quest in 2009 and finished in fourth place, earning him "Rookie of the Year."



Wing-Kun Tam

**Luncheon Speaker  
September 24, 2011  
11:30 A.M.**

A 29-year member of the Mt. Cameron Lions Club in Hong Kong, Wing-Kun Tam will assume the presidency of the International Association of Lions Clubs in 2011. A Justice of the Peace in Hong Kong and active in many organizations in his homeland, Tam will present his international program for 2011-2012 at the Forum.

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You Must Be Registered To Attend All Meal Functions

## Dan Bigley

sense out of what had happened that night on the Russian River. The pain, the surgeries, the nightmares, the depression - all were part of the package.

The one thing doctors could not save was Bigley's eyesight. The bear's attack had left him blind.

"I refused to let the darkness get in the way of who I am and all I am capable of being. One thing I heard over and over from the doctors and surgeons who pieced me back together is that it's a miracle I survived. But I'm not just a survivor. I am thriving," he said.

After being discharged from the hospital, Bigley went home to family in California for rehabilitation, to attend a school for the blind and to figure out what to do with his life.

Growing up, Bigley lived for the outdoors and everything it had to offer — skiing, fishing, kayaking, hiking — he has done it all. He grew up in California, Ohio and in Malaysia. He received his bachelor's degree in natural history from Prescott College in Arizona. But Bigley's says it was his passion for adventure and the outdoors that led him to Alaska.

He got his dream job of becoming a recreational therapist for emotionally disturbed kids.

But even with his sight intact and the world at his feet, Bigley is not so sure that his life was better before his accident. He says his priorities were all about recreation. "So when this happened, I realized that there was a new sense of what each day is worth, or a new sense of

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*Dan Bigley and his guide dog, Anderson.*

what each person in my life is worth. I really want to leave some footprints in the sand or really want to make a difference so it changed the way I pursued things like my dreams and goals," he said.

Since the attack, Bigley married, fathered a son and daughter, earned a Master's Degree in social work from the University of Alaska with a 4.0 GPA.

He became a counselor for children and families dealing with trauma of their own. He is now employed as a director of foster care services at Denali Family Services in Anchorage.

He also still finds time to fish, though now with his guide dog. He also returned to the spot on the Russian River where he came so close to dying "to remind myself how grateful I am to be alive," he said.

With the help of a professional writer, Bigley is also writing a book about what happened and the impact the bear's attack has had on his life.

Bigley will be the featured speaker at the closing banquet of the USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum on Saturday, September 24.

## Facilities Requests

### Space Available For Groups Wanting To Meet At Forum

The Planning Committee has arranged for meeting space for groups wanting to hold a reception, breakfast or other function during the USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

Meeting and event rooms are being held by the committee at the Captain Cook Hotel, which is located only five blocks from the convention center.

There is no charge for the space, and the committee will put groups in contact with a hotel contact to make

specific arrangements such as room setup, food and beverage service, audiovisual equipment, etc.

All expenses will be the responsibility of the sponsoring group and will require advance payment with the hotel.

**For Information & To Reserve Space**

**PID Douglas Lozier  
317-582-0562  
lozier@indy.rr.com**

### Prepare For Leadership Role

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discount is \$45 off the regular registration fee of \$305.

For 35 years, the USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum has been preparing Lions for leadership roles in their clubs, districts and multiple districts. It has been a valued training tool for Lions wishing to advance to international office too.

Lions Clubs International believes that current and future leaders can benefit from training, and the Forum

is the right place to develop or improve your leadership skills. It also provides a forum for an exchange of information and discussion of service activities, including opportunities for cooperative service projects.

The Planning Committee has secured some of the top Lion leaders from around the U.S. and Canada to lead the seminars and workshops, including staff from international headquarters.

**Register On-Line  
[www.usaandcanadalionsforum.org](http://www.usaandcanadalionsforum.org)**

### Alaskan Airlines

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Airlines Group and Meetings Desk at 800-445-4435, or your travel agent and reference ID number MA26.

There is no booking fee

when making a reservation on-line; however, a \$15 ticketing fee will apply for bookings made by calling the Group Desk.

## Seminars & Workshops

There are 64 seminars, workshops and special interest programs planned at the Forum. Attendees are asked to choose seven when registering.

- Presenters and Moderators Orientation
- First Timers Orientation
- District Governors - "I Believe"
- 1st Vice District Governors-A Year of Planning and Preparation
- 2nd Vice District Governors-Orientation
- What does it take to Serve as a Future International Candidate
- Past District Governors-Succession Planning
- Zone/Regional Chairperson-Facilitating Your Zone's Success
- Club Presidents-The Backbone of LCI Success
- Club Vice President-The Countdown Begins
- Club Secretary-An Integral Part of the Lions' Team
- Club Treasurer-Show Me the Money!
- 2012 Tampa and What do you expect from Future Forums
- LCI Headquarters-The Hub of Support for Lions
- Families Serving Together in Lions
- The Art of Public Speaking
- Tail Twisting-A Way to Fun and Stronger Clubs
- Lions and the Law
- It's not a Community Service-It's Serving Your Community
- Leadership-Lessons from the Iditarod
- Fundraising
- Using Social Networks
- Effective Protocol Techniques for a Successful Lions Event
- Membership and Retention: The Horse and Carriage of Lions Leading Through Service
- GLT-Global Leadership Team
- Give Your Club a Facelift
- Successful Club Dynamics
- Facilitating Effective Problem Solving
- Special Interest- Lions Eye Glass Recycling and Missions
- Take the Lead in Growing Your Club
- Effective Techniques for Presenting Information to Adults
- Why Are Lions Leaving Their Clubs?
- Lions' Mentoring Program
- Build the Best Club Ever! CEP
- Lions Leadership Tools-Sharing of Success Stories and What's Available
- Attracting and Keeping Younger Members Involved in Lionism
- Find Your Way Through LCI's Information Technology
- Get a Grip on LCI Grants-Resources Available
- LCIF-Our Lions' Foundation
- Vision Screening Project
- I Believe in Our Youth: Forming and Mentoring Leos
- Building Youth in Your Community Through Lions Quest
- Youth Exchange
- Fostering a Spirit of Peace and Understanding Among the Peoples of the World
- It's Not Easy Being Green
- Partnering with the Blind
- Developing a Signature Project
- Effective Club Meetings
- So You Want to be a District Governor
- Project Management
- Organizational Communication
- Professional Speaker: MK Mueller
- How to Bid on a Forum
- Club Public Relations Strategies
- I Believe in Service Extension
- Special Interest-Project New Hope
- Special Interest-Digital Photography/Promoting Lions Service
- Special Interest-Knitting Afghans/Shawls to Warm Those Less Fortunate
- Special Interest-Lions Quest Orientation
- Leadership and Service Opportunities for PIPs and PIDs
- Special Interest-Adult Companion of PIPs and PIDs
- Special Interest-Responding to the Demands of Diabetes in Today's Society
- Special Interest-Furs and the Fur Industry

## Seminar

# LCIF To Sponsor Seminar On Lions Quest Program

Lions Quest, a K-12 program, offers positive youth development and prevention curricula that unite the home, school and community to cultivate capable and healthy young people of strong character.

Lions Quest and Lions Clubs International Foundation invite attendees to the 2011 USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum to participate in the Lions Quest Pre-Forum Seminar.

The annual informative and interactive seminar will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursday, September 22, immediately prior to the opening of the Forum. It will be held in the Mid Deck Room, located on the first floor of the Captain Cook Hotel, 939 W. 5th Street.

After 26 years, Lions Quest is benefiting youth in 60 countries and 35 languages. Lions Quest is a school-based curriculum taught by classroom teachers and program leaders. The curriculum includes educator handbooks and student materials that can also be used in after-school and out-of-school settings.

More than 500,000 educators have been trained to implement the programs, providing 12 million youth worldwide with essential life skills that support character development, social and emotional learning, civic values, violence and substance abuse prevention, and service-learning.

A registration form is available on the Lions Quest website. Please note that all hotel reservations and Forum registrations need to be made directly through the Forum.

If you have questions, please contact Sandy O'Lear at 630-468-6960 or email her at [sandy.olear@lionsclubs.org](mailto:sandy.olear@lionsclubs.org).

To register for the Lions Quest Pre-Forum Seminar visit [www.lions-quest.org](http://www.lions-quest.org)

# Fishing In Alaska Can Be An Angler's Dream

Alaska fishing is the angler's dream come true with some of the most incredible fishing in the world.

Alaska's oceans, rivers and lakes are teeming with huge runs of record-breaking salmon, rainbow trout, beautiful Arctic char, halibut and many other challenging sport fish.

In fact, according to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, there are more than 600 species of fish in the waters around Alaska.

Fishing in Alaska is unlike anywhere else - you will throw back fish here that would be trophies elsewhere. It is easy, affordable and takes only a few hours.

Good sport fishing is not hard to find in Alaska. In fact, in this land of 3,000 rivers, three million lakes and 6,640 miles of coastline, a fisherman's greatest challenge can be deciding where to get started.

From an angler's perspective, Alaska is enormous; fishing it all would require one to cast across a million square acres of streams, lakes and water-lapped shorelines every day for a full year.

Think of it as the old anglers' quandary - so much water, so many fish, so little time - but on a wilder, grander scale.

Fishing in Alaska comes in multiple flavors. Tens of thousands of people harvest and feast on salmon, halibut, crab, trout, and other varieties of finfish and shellfish. Connoisseurs of the art of angling try their skills in wilderness and urban settings.



Photo By Alaska Department of Fish and Game

*With more than 3,000 rivers, three million lakes and more than 6,600 miles of coastlines, Alaska fishing is something you can fit in anywhere on your itinerary.*

Guides, lodges and charter operations provide residents and visitors with memorable fishing experiences and contribute significantly to the state's tourism industry and economy.

The Department of Fish and Game estimates that fishing brings in more than \$7.4 billion to the state's economy.

Depending on the season, you can fish for steelhead, Pacific salmon and coastal cutthroat streams in the Southeast Panhandle; in Southwest Alaska's remote Bristol Bay, salmon and trophy rainbow trout can be found; in Southcentral's briny Prince William Sound, there is shrimp, salmon, halibut and more.

The Interior's winding Yukon River drainage is home of northern pike and sail-finned grayling; and in the high Arctic, where mysterious sport fish such as fiery-bellied Arctic char and

inconnu - better known as sheefish, or Arctic tarpon - run in unfished rivers.

The Anchorage area includes all lakes and streams from Eklutna River in the north to Ingram Creek in the south.

Anchorage is unique in the sport fishing world. Anglers catch 20- to 30-pound king salmon and 8- to 10-pound silver salmon inside the city limits.

There's also excellent fishing for rainbow trout, Dolly Vardin char, and Arctic grayling in area lakes and streams.

There are 26 lakes in and around Anchorage that are stocked with rainbow trout, Arctic grayling, and land-locked Chinook salmon.

Area fishing options range widely from remote back-

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## Suzi Davis Travel Agency

# Amazing Alaskan Tours For 2011

There isn't a better time to take advantage of America's most majestic destinations

[www.usacanadalionsforum.org](http://www.usacanadalionsforum.org)  
Exclusive Travel Packages

Denali Explorer Tour  
Princess Cruise Tour  
Holland America Cruise Tour

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### Fishing In Alaska

country lakes in Chugach State Park that are stocked with Arctic grayling to small neighborhood lakes in city parks stocked with rainbow trout.

The majority of Anchorage-area sport fishing is the result of hatchery stockings. Though many streams within the Anchorage area support natural runs of one or all of the five Pacific salmon species.

Alaska offers four types of fishing. Sports fishing is open to anyone in virtually all of Alaska, while commercial, subsistence, and personal use fishing are limited to certain areas, certain types of gear, or just to residents of Alaska.

A licence is required to fish. A number of different licenses are available at different prices for residents, nonresidents, members of

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the military, and residents who are disabled veterans or who are age 60 or older.

Most licenses, as well as King Salmon stamps, can be purchased online or via mail. You can also purchase a license from local outdoor retailers, fishing guides, air taxi and outfitters.

For nonresidents, the cost of a fishing license range from \$20 for one day to \$80 for a 14-day license. Add \$10 to \$50 for a King Salmon stamp.

In Anchorage, many of the piers, docks, platforms, and pathways are wheelchair accessible, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.



Photo By Alaska Department of Fish and Game

*Visitors to Alaska can obtain a fishing license through the Department of Fish and Game for one to 14 days. If you plan to fish while attending the USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum, it is recommended that you familiar yourself with the state's regulations before you arrive.*



Photo By Alaska Department of Fish and Game

*Alaska is known as "bear country" with black and brown bears found almost everywhere, especially around salmon streams.*

### Fishing In Bear Country

Just about anywhere outside a building is "bear country" in Alaska. Both brown bears and black bears are abundant in the Anchorage area, especially along the salmon streams.

Be prepared for a bear encounter whenever you are enjoying the outdoors in Alaska, but especially while you are fishing.

Never let a bear associate people with food. Keep all food in your vehicle. If you take food with you, keep it in your backpack and wear your backpack at all times.

Don't let bears get your stringer of fish, and chop up your filleted fish carcasses into small pieces and throw the small pieces into deep, fast-moving water. The small pieces won't pile up on the bank and attract bears.

If you encounter a bear while fishing, give the bear plenty of room, and move to another fishing spot.

Keep yourself, your belongings, and your fishing opportunities safe by following these simple steps to avoid food-conditioning bears.

## Premier Alaska Tours Land Tours Of Alaska

**5-Day Alaska Pre-Forum Land Tour  
September 18-22**

*Includes the Alaska Native Heritage Center, Happy Trails Kennel, Denali National Park, Murie Science and Learning Center, Seward with a cruise of Resurrection Bay, and Girdwood*

**4-Day Alaska Post-Forum Land Tour  
September 25-28**

*Includes the Alaska Native Heritage Center, Happy Trails Kennel, Denali National Park, Murie Science and Learning Center, Whittier with a Glacier Cruise of Prince William Sound, and Girdwood*

**www.PremierAlaskaTours.com  
907-279-0001**

For Questions, Contact Laura Welsh  
Lionsclubs2011@touralaska.net

**For A Brochure On Premier Alaska Tour Packages  
www.usaandcanadalionsforum.org**

# Airport Shuttle Reservation Form



## AIRPORT SHUTTLE RESERVATION FORM

Reservations for your airport transportation may be made with this form submitted to the Forum office. We will be using Premier Bus for the transportation at a cost of \$25 per person round trip. A one-way trip will be at a cost of \$15. Please complete the entire form below so that your reservations can be completed.

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL DATE \_\_\_\_\_ ARRIVAL TIME \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL AIRLINE \_\_\_\_\_

STAYING AT \_\_\_\_\_  
(Hotel Name)

Contact information while in Anchorage (cell phone) \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTURE DATE \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE TIME \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTURE AIRLINE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Total Due**

**Make Check payable (US\$): USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum**

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(MasterCard, Visa, Discover, American Express)

Sec Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Send to:  
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Belle Fourche, SD 57717  
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Fax: (605) 723-4008

## Forum Briefs

### Attendees Will Have To Provide Mobility Equipment In Alaska

The Planning Committee has learned that there is no mobility equipment available in Anchorage for disabled Lions or guests attending the USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

Because of its remote location, powered mobility equipment was scarce; so if Lions requiring such equipment plan to attend the Forum they will need to make their own arrangements or bring their own equipment.

When making hotel accommodations, attendees



needing powered mobility equipment should consider staying at a hotel close to the Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center.

### Peace Posters To Be Displayed

The 2010-2011 Peace Poster Exhibit will be on display in the Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center at the USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Anchorage.

Each year, Lions clubs around the world proudly

sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups.

The contest encourages young people worldwide to artistically express their visions of peace.

### Volunteers Needed For Store

Past International Director Darley Travers, chairperson of the Forum Store, is looking for volunteers to help staff the store during the USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

The store will be located in the Tikahtnu Hall of the

Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center. Hours will vary to give volunteers time to sightsee around Anchorage and attend Forum functions.

If you are interested in being a volunteer, contact Travers by emailing him at [dctravers@comcast.net](mailto:dctravers@comcast.net).

## Exhibition



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*The USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum is a great place to promote your business or nonprofit organization.*

### Vendors, Nonprofits Sought For 2011 Forum Exhibition

Exhibiting at the USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Anchorage, Alaska, offers vendors and nonprofit organizations one of the best ways to get in front of a lot of customers and prospects in a relatively short amount of time.

The Forum gives the opportunity to not only showcase products or describe services, but also create that all important first impression.

According to a Simmons Market Research Bureau study, 91 percent of respondents ranked exhibitions as "extremely useful" as a source for product purchasing information. This was higher than any other source, including on-site visits.

At a typical exhibition, with more than 2,000 attendees and 40 booths, a vendor can realistically have 500 or more visitors per day. If you were making sales calls, you could not even approach that number. Granted, you

do not always have the opportunity to go into as much detail in your presentation as you would like, but it opens the door for future communications or business - a door that sometimes is very difficult to get your foot into.

For most businesses or nonprofit organizations, participating in the exhibition at the USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum is worth the effort.

The exhibition will be held in the 6,900-square foot Tikahtnu Hall of the Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center, a world-class convention facility in Alaska's largest city. The center is the site of most daily activities of the Forum.

**USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum**  
**\$260 Registration Fee**

If Mailed Before June 15

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