

Hot Dog! Weekend's festivities promise something for everyone in Alfred

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ALFRED Fun and games; movies, plays and music; and, of course, hot dogs will be served up in Alfred during the annual Hot Dog Day weekend, April 25-27. Alfred University and neighbor Alfred State College will host a variety of activities during Hot Dog Day weekend, one of the most popular events of the year for students from both campuses as well as the local community. Festivities on the Alfred University campus kick off Friday at 5 p.m. when AU hosts the sixth annual Pine Hill Derby, sponsored by the AU student chapter of the Society of Automotive Engineers. Participants will operate non-motorized cars (which run solely on gravity) down a course that will take them from Upper Pine Hill Drive to Ade Dining Hall. Crowds of spectators that typically number in the hundreds line the winding street to cheer on the racers. Other events scheduled for Friday include: a community Ice Cream Bash at 6 p.m. at the Alfred Fire Department; a play, "Latins Anonymous," at 7 p.m. at Miller Performing Arts Center; the motion picture, "Catch Me If You Can," at 8 p.m. in Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center; a performance by the AU Concert Band, 8 p.m., Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall; a second performance of the play, "Latins Anonymous," at 9 p.m. at Miller Performing Arts Center; a performance by comedian Ray Ellin, 10 p.m., Knight Club, Powell Campus Center; and a second showing of "Catch Me If You Can," 11 p.m., Nevins Theater. Saturday is Hot Dog Day. The day's events begin with the annual Hot Dog Day Parade at noon on Main Street. The Hot Dog Day Carnival, held on Main Street, will also begin at noon. A variety of foods (including, of course, hot dogs) will be available downtown. Other events scheduled for Saturday include: a men's tennis match between Alfred University and St. John Fisher College at noon on the AU courts; the Mud Olympics, 1 p.m. at Tucker Field on the AU campus; live music at the bandstand on Main Street, 1 p.m.; a men's lacrosse game between Alfred University and Elmira College, 1 p.m. at Merrill Field; the motion picture, "Catch Me If You Can," at 2 p.m. in Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center; a faculty vs. student basketball game at Alfred University's McLane Center, 6:30 p.m.; the play, "Latins Anonymous," at 7 p.m. at Miller Performing Arts Center; the motion picture, "Skin of Man, Heart of Beast," at 8 p.m. in Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center; an outdoor movie at Alfred University's Tucker Field, 8:30 p.m.; and a performance by the band, "Dub Narcotic Sound System," 10 p.m., Knight Club, Powell Campus Center. On Sunday, the public is invited to meet at 8 a.m. in the Community Bank parking lot on Main Street to participate in a volunteer clean up. Alfred State College will host the 53rd Annual Choir Concert at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Orvis Activities Center auditorium. =