

## **Alfred University, Alfred State ready to welcome community to 38th annual Hot Dog Day(s) activities**

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Tradition is set to continue as Alfred University and Alfred State College prepare to welcome students and residents from the village and surrounding region to the 38th annual Hot Dog Day(s) events, Friday-Saturday, April 23-24 in the village of Alfred. The celebration, organized by AU and ASC students, is a fundraising event for local charities in Allegany County. Hot Dog Day features foot-racing and walking, arts and crafts, magic and music, carnival games, and of course, hot dogs! It all began in 1972, the brainchild of two students. Thirty-eight years later, what has become the traditional beginning of spring in Alfred is still a student-run event. The action begins Friday with the Pine Hill Derby beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Pine Hill Suites at the north end of the Alfred University campus. Watch your favorite engineers race their hand-created "vehicles" then head downtown for an ice cream bash at 6 p.m. in the Alfred Village Fire Hall, Main Street. At 8, the Alfred University Concert Band will play in Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall on the Alfred University campus. Back on Main Street, the tribute band "Fleetwood Macked" will perform at 9 p.m. at the Village Bandstand, while the film "Avatar" (\$) will also be shown from 8 to 10 p.m. at Alfred University's Nevins Theater in the Powell Campus Center. Saturday's events will start early with a Fun Bun Run/Walk at 10 a.m., starting at the Village Bandstand. Participants may register now using the form found at: <http://www.alfred.edu/pre...>. Cost is \$5 for students and \$10 for all others. There will also be registration on the day of the event beginning at 9:15 a.m. Groups for both the walk and run will be broken down into 12-14 years, 15-17, 17-24, 25-30, 31-40, and 41 and up. Headquarters are at the Alfred Village Bandstand. The annual Hot Dog Day Parade will begin marching at noon on Main Street, which will be closed to traffic until 5 p.m. Participants should line up at 11:30 a.m. The Hot Dog Day Carnival and Arts and Crafts Fair will run from noon-5 p.m. on Main Street where there will be art vendors, food trucks, carnival games, and amusement park rides. There will also be a bandstand concert during the same hours at the Village Bandstand featuring a number of student and local bands. At 1:30 p.m. there will be the hot dog launch on Tucker Field on the Alfred University campus where student teams will see who can launch a hot dog the furthest using home-made devices. The team with the hot dog landing the greatest distance from the launch site wins a trophy. A Hot Dog Day tradition, Mud Olympics, is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Tucker Field. Student teams get down and dirty in the mud playing volleyball, tug-of-war, and racing wheelbarrows. The winning team is awarded t-shirts. Teams can sign up at the Powell Campus Center Information Desk on the AU campus. Saturday's activities will conclude with Wade Live! a magician who will perform at 9 p.m. in Holmes Auditorium on the Alfred University campus. Wade Live! is a dynamite magic show that uses a combination of music, live animals, comedy, and theatrics. Admission is free.