

"International Meat of Mystery" is Theme of '99 Hot Dog Day Weekend

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Alfred, NY -- In other places, spring means daffodils, swimsuits, plowing the fields, and preparations for graduation, but in Alfred, spring means Hot Dog Day. Hot Dog Day -- actually Hot Dog Weekend, a four-day festival of fun to raise funds for local charities -- continues Thursday (April 22) with a lip sync competition. Friday's activities include a go-cart race, an ice cream bash, and the opportunity to make your own music video. Saturday is the fullest day, starting with a fun run, parade, and carnival and winding up with an open-mic talent night. Saturday's highlights also include inflatable games, a hot dog eating contest, and mud olympics. The hot dog festival -- co-sponsored by Alfred University and Alfred State College -- winds up with the 21st annual Alfred Outdoor Light Exhibition, which runs from 8-11 p.m. Saturday night and features more than 50 artists working in neon and incandescent light, video, and firelight. The schedule: Thursday (April 22) 9 p.m., Lip Sync Championship, Knight Club, Powell Campus Center, at Alfred University. Friday (April 23) 5:30 p.m., Pine Hill Derby go-cart race, Pine Hill Suites, Alfred University. 6 p.m., AU's Davis Gym, ice cream bash and "Make Your Own Music Video," \$2 for children and \$3 for adults. 8 p.m., Knight Club, AU, Casino Night; Alfred State College's Orvis gym, laser tag; Davis Gym at AU, music video studio. 8 p.m. and 11 p.m., movie, "You've Got Mail!" Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center, Alfred University; general admission \$3. 10:30 p.m., Pirate Theater, Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall, Alfred University. Saturday (April 24) 10 a.m., Alfred bandstand, fun run. Noon, Hot Dog Day parade, Main Street. Noon to 5 p.m., Hot Dog Day carnival Main Street (including inflatable games and hot dog eating contest); live entertainment, village bandstand; arts and crafts fair, Carnegie lawn. 1 p.m., Tucker Field, mud Olympics. 2 p.m., "You've Got Mail!" movie at Nevins Theater, AU, \$3 general admission. 4-6 p.m., Union University Church, Alpha Phi Omega spaghetti supper. 6 p.m., Alfred State College, Orange Crush, 80s Retro-Band, The Main Attraction. 8 p.m., Nevins Theater, AU, "Frankly Speaking," multi-media presentation from the directors of the independent film "Footlong: The Impact of the Hot Dog on American Culture." 10 p.m., Knight Club, Powell Campus Center, AU, Open-Mic Talent Night. 8-11 p.m., Harder Hall parking lot, Alfred University, outdoor light exhibition.