

# Come Learn How to Snowkite at the 5th Annual Thompson Pass Snowkite Festival near Valdez, Alaska

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Learn how to snowkite at Thompson Pass

**Alaska Kite Adventures will be hosting the 5th annual 2013 Thompson Pass Snowkite festival April 5,6 and 7. The location of the Festival is mile 27 of the Richardson Hwy - 27 miles outside of the city of Valdez, Alaska.**

(Newswire.net -- April 3, 2013) Valdez, Alaska -- Alaska Kite Advetures teaches how to kite board both on snow (snow kiting in the winter and early spring) and in the water (kiteboarding in the late spring and summer). For kites that are only familiar with the watersport, their main trainer Tom Fredericks offers kite boarding lessons and will help the

transition into how to snowkite. They also offer kite boarding gear and private expedition snowkite and kiteboard packages all year round.

This year at the Thompson Pass Snowkite Festival, Alaska Kite Adventures will offer demos of some of the latest in performance kites, both inflatable and foil kites, from Ozone Kitesports.

The 5th annual 2013 Thompson Pass Snowkite festival is April 5,6 and 7. The location of the Festival is mile 27 of the Richardson Hwy 27 miles outside of the city of Valdez, Alaska. The festival parking area is on Odyssey Lake under the power lines cross the Highway near the DOT station buildings. Overflow parking is 300 meters North of main parking area on the opposite side of the Hwy. Driving from Anchorage to Thompson pass takes about 5 hours. There are several ways to get to Thompson Pass. Rent an RV, drive your own car, fly into Valdez, or take the Ferry from several ports around Alaska.

People will be camping in RV's and tents in Thompson Pass at our parking area. Other people will drive the 30 minutes to Valdez and stay in a hotel. Almost all restaurants close by 9 or 10pm in Valdez, so get to town early if you want hot food!

Says Tom Fredericks of Alaska Kite Adventures: "This years Thompson Pass Snowkite Festival will focus on freeriding, instruction and a lot of Stoke! We will also be hosting a party on Friday and Saturday night to celebrate another great year of kiteboarding." There will be an announcement about the competitions to be held at the event. Additionally there will be a raffle and cool new AKA T-shirts for sale.

Tom Fredericks was part of a feature story in the New York Times recently when they did an expose called "Extreme Alaska". Fredericks says of the experience that the Times reporter picked the wrong day on the snow for a [kite boarding lesson](#). Strong winds with very little snow, on the other hand, is not what we expect at Thompson Pass this weekend!

During the Day, there will be a freeride at several snowkiting locations around camp. Individual and group Lessons will be offered for those new and interested in the sport so [come learn to snowkite](#). Over the last couple of years they have had some interesting competitions. It will all depend on the wind conditions, snow conditions and weather for the day. This will help us determine the type of competition and location for the events.

The Friday night festival kickoff party will be at the historical Tsaina lodge bar. An Iconic Thompson Pass bar that has been renovated along with their A+ accommodations at the Tsaina Lodge. Bring your thirst and appetite. There will be food available at the bar for the Festival Attendees. Most likely they will have a BBQ and keg beer on the deck. Inside there will be a gourmet appetizer menu, live music, pool table and plenty to drink.

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