



## *C-SPAN Bus visits Alaska June 18-27 in partnership with GCI*

*Public affairs network making stops in Juneau, Haines, Fairbanks and Anchorage*

WASHINGTON — C-SPAN, the Washington, D.C.-based public affairs network, in coordination with GCI, is heading to Alaska June 18-27, the network's first extended visit to the state in 22 years, as part of the network's 14-month 50 Capitals Tour. The two companies are working together to bring the 45-foot C-SPAN Bus to Juneau, Haines, Fairbanks and Anchorage, where, in addition to hosting community events, C-SPAN will produce public affairs programming, including segments for its ongoing [C-SPAN Cities Tour](#). That programming, showcasing a variety of Alaska venues, public officials, non-fiction authors and local historians, will be featured on all three C-SPAN networks during the July 21-22 weekend.

Moving the [C-SPAN Bus](#) around Alaska requires a great deal of logistical planning. C-SPAN will ship its motor coach by boat from Bellingham, Washington, on June 15, arriving in Juneau on June 18. Following events in Juneau, the Bus will depart by boat for Haines and will travel overland through Canada, Fairbanks and then Anchorage before its June 28 return voyage to Tacoma, Washington.

"We are excited to have this extended opportunity to introduce more Alaskans to C-SPAN programming, particularly young Alaskans, and to create content that will introduce our viewers around the rest of the country to some of Alaska's rich political, historical and literary culture," said C-SPAN co-CEO Susan Swain. "Our thanks to GCI for their longtime support of C-SPAN's public service mission and for hosting us throughout our visit to our nation's largest state."

Paul Landes, GCI senior vice president of Consumer Services, said, "It's great to partner with C-SPAN so they can experience our state's unique culture and ways of life and tell authentic Alaska stories to audiences across the nation whose only exposure to Alaska comes through reality TV shows. GCI is excited to continue its support of C-SPAN and its informative, mission-driven work."

The C-SPAN Bus, which is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, embarked on the 50 Capitals Tour in September 2017 to engage students, community members and elected officials in every state — through on-board interactive tablets and stations and by talking with residents about issues important to them for C-SPAN's social media campaign, [Voices from the States](#). The C-SPAN Bus visit to the state Capitol in Juneau is the 38<sup>th</sup> capital city visit along the tour.

In Alaska, C-SPAN programming is provided by GCI as a commercial-free public service and can be seen on channel 16; C-SPAN2, featuring Book TV, on channel 17 and on the web at [C-SPAN.org](#). All funding for C-SPAN operations, including Bus and Cities Tour visits, are provided by cable and satellite television providers.

**The C-SPAN Bus and C-SPAN Cities Tour will hold the following events (all events open to press):**

**JUNEAU**

<b>Monday, June 18</b>		
8 a.m.	Interview w/architect Wayne Jenson at the Alaska State Capitol	This event is not open to the public, MEDIA ONLY.
9-10:30 a.m. <i>*Bus event</i>	Alaska State Capitol	123 Fourth St. (in front of Dimond Courthouse)
12-2 p.m. <i>*Bus event</i>	GCI Customer Appreciation Day - press conference announcing community and programming partnership at 12:30 p.m. <b>with remarks from Juneau Mayor Ken Koelsch.</b>  <i>Note: Gov. Bill Walker will be interviewed aboard the Bus at 1:30 p.m.</i>	8390 Airport Blvd.
1 p.m.	Interview w/Steve Henrikson, curator of collections, Alaska State Museum – The Colonial Era in Alaska	This event is not open to the public, MEDIA ONLY.
3:30-5 p.m. <i>*Bus event</i>	University of Alaska Southeast	11066 Auke Lake Way
4 p.m.	Interview w/author Ernestine Hayes, <i>Blonde Indian: An Alaska Native Memoir</i>	This event is not open to the public, MEDIA ONLY.
<b>Tuesday, June 19</b>		
8 a.m.	Interview w/author Sarah Isto, <i>The Fur Farms of Alaska: Two Centuries of History and a Forgotten Stampede</i>	This event is not open to the public, MEDIA ONLY.
8:30-10:30 a.m. <i>*Bus event</i>	City and Borough of Juneau Docks	510 S. Franklin St.
10 a.m.	Interview w/Rosita Worl, president of the Sealaska Heritage Institute and author of <i>Celebration: Tlingit, Haida, Tsimshian Dancing on the Land</i>	This event is not open to the public, MEDIA ONLY.
12-1:45 p.m. <i>*Bus event</i>	Juneau Rotary – Westmark Baranof Hotel	Bus will be parked at 105 S. Seward St. in front of Sealaska Heritage Institute
3-4:30 p.m. <i>*Bus event</i>	Andrew P. Kashevaroff State Library, Archives and Museum	395 Whittier St.
TBD	Interview on the history of Alaska seafood industry/sustainable fisheries	This event is not open to the public, MEDIA ONLY.

**HAINES**

<b>Wednesday, June 20</b>		
2:30-3:45 p.m. <b>*Bus event</b>	Haines Borough Admin. Building	103 Third Avenue S.

**FAIRBANKS**

<b>Thursday, June 21</b>		
9 a.m.	Interview w/author Dermot Cole, <i>Amazing Pipeline Stories: How Building the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Transformed Life in America's Last Frontier</i>	This event is not open to the public, MEDIA ONLY.
TBD	Interview on the history of Ladd Army Airfield & WWII operations at Fort Wainwright U.S. Army Base	This event is not open to the public, MEDIA ONLY.
<b>Friday, June 22</b>		
7 a.m. <b>*Bus event</b>	Sunrisers Rotary at Carlson Center	2010 Second Ave.
9 a.m.	Interview w/Jayson Kowalchuk, vice president of Gold Dredge 8 – history of mining in Alaska	This event is not open to the public, MEDIA ONLY.
11:30 a.m.- 2 p.m. <b>*Bus event</b>	GCI Customer Appreciation Day - press conference announcing community and programming partnership at 12 p.m.	510 Merhar Ave.
2 p.m.	Interview w/Betsy Haines, vice president of Rick and Technical, Alyeska Pipeline Company – history of the Trans-Alaska Oil Pipeline	This event is not open to the public, MEDIA ONLY.
3-4:30 p.m. <b>*Bus event</b>	Boys and Girls Club	645 Eighth Ave.
<b>Saturday, June 23</b>		
9:30-11 a.m. <b>*Bus event</b>	UAF Museum of the North	1962 Yukon Dr.
10 a.m.	Interview w/author Dan O'Neill, <i>The Firecracker Boys: H-Bombs, Inupiat Eskimos, and the Roots of the Environmental Movement</i>	This event is not open to the public, MEDIA ONLY.

**ANCHORAGE**

<b>Monday, June 25</b>		
10-11 a.m. <b>*Bus event</b>	GCI Customer Appreciation Day - press conference announcing community and programming partnership at 10:30 a.m. <b>with remarks from Anchorage Mayor Ethan Berkowitz.</b>	2800 C St.
12-1:30 p.m. <b>*Bus event</b>	Anchorage Chamber of Commerce	Dena'ina Center, 600 W. Seventh Ave., Second Floor
1 p.m.	Interview on the Alaska Native Heritage Center	This event is not open to the public, MEDIA ONLY.
TBD	Interview w/author Helen Hegener, <i>A Mighty Nice Place: The 1935 Matanuska Colony</i>	This event is not open to the public, MEDIA ONLY.
<b>Tuesday, June 26</b>		
11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. <b>*Bus event</b>	Lunch on the Lawn – Anchorage Museum	625 C St.
12-1:30 p.m. <b>*Bus event</b>	Downtown Anchorage Rotary Club – Dena'ina Center	600 W. Seventh Ave. (Presentation at 11:30 a.m., Bus tours at 1 p.m.)
4-5:30 p.m. <b>*Bus event</b>	Anchorage City Council – Assembly Chambers	Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St., Room 108
TBD	Interview w/Dr. Aron Crowell, Arctic Studies Center director at the Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center – <i>The First Peoples of Alaska</i> Exhibit	This event is not open to the public, MEDIA ONLY.
TBD	Interview w/Adam Baldwin, director of Community Partnerships and Outreach at Anchorage Museum – <i>Murmur, Arctic Realities</i> Exhibit	This event is not open to the public, MEDIA ONLY.
TBD	University of Alaska Anchorage Special Collections – Interviews on the 1964 Alaska earthquake and 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill	This event is not open to the public, MEDIA ONLY.
<b>Wednesday, June 27</b>		
10 a.m.-12 p.m. <b>*Bus event</b>	University of Alaska Anchorage	3211 Providence Dr.
10 a.m.	Interview w/Karina Waller, executive director, Ted Stevens Foundation – Ted Stevens Papers Project	This event is not open to the public, MEDIA ONLY.
12:30-2 p.m. <b>*Bus event</b>	English Language Learner Summer Enrichment Program at Chugach Optional Elementary	1205 E St.

**About C-SPAN:** Created by the cable TV industry and now in nearly 100 million TV households, C-SPAN programs three commercial-free public affairs television networks; C-SPAN Radio, heard in Washington, D.C., at 90.1 FM and available as an App; and C-SPAN.org, a video-rich website offering live coverage of government events and access to the vast archive of C-SPAN programming.

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