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Stephen Lay said it is tour time at the University of Alaska. For the third summer the university is offering a variety of tours for their visitors. The mornings are dedicated to a guided walking tour of the campus. In the afternoon there are a series of specialized tours featuring different aspects of the campus and the significant activities in the various units. UAF sophomore Helena Mygesy, a business administration major, is guiding the tours.

Mygesy said the guided walking tour of the campus and its facilities. She informs the people what the institutes do and what there is to offer educationally for students and non-students. Lay said the walking tours start every day at 9:00 in front of the University of Alaska Museum. The tour lasts about ninety minutes and is about a mile and a half long. Participants should dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes. The tours are conducted Monday through Friday except in severe weather. The morning walking tours will cover the same area daily. Mygesy said at 2:00 p.m. they offer special tours. Monday they have the Elmer E. Rasmuson tour. On Tuesdays they visit the musk ox farm. On Wednesdays they feature a golden mineral tour. On Thursdays they visit the Geophysical Institute. On Fridays the tour the Agricultural Experiment Station. Lay said for the afternoon tours the participants will go directly to the site. There is considerable variety for the visitors to see. Mygesy said on Mondays they are given a tour of the library and she talks about the computer system, volumes in the library and what the library has to offer including the books and archives. The musk ox farm tour shows visitors what goes on at the farm and research activities. The golden mineral tour has a short video about research projects. The Geophysical Institute has different tours on the different sections of the Institute. The Agricultural Experimental Station tour shows visitors what goes on at the farm. Lay said professionals in their field conduct the afternoon tours.