Test kitchen open house scheduled March 5

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Fairbanks, Alaska—The University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service invites the public to visit its test kitchen and to discuss their small business ideas at a March 5 open house.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Extension’s state office, at 308 Tanana Loop, on the UAF campus. Experts from Extension, the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Alaska Small Business Development Center will be on hand to talk to individuals about their food-based business ideas and state regulations that could affect them. Extension develops nutrition fact labels, and provides assistance with label and logo design and with navigating the obstacles to becoming a small, food-based business.

Extension announced last fall that it had made its Department of Environmental Conservation-certified kitchen available to the public for an hourly fee. The idea was to help entrepreneurs who are trying to get their businesses going but do not have access to a certified facility.

Kate Idzorek, who coordinates use of the kitchen, said she hopes the open house will spur interest in the test kitchen and also help entrepreneurs with their business ideas.

Light refreshments will be available at the open house. Parking is free on weekends. For more information, call Idzorek at 474-5391.

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