

Joniko and the Kush-ta-ta

(aka: "Joniko"; "Alaska Boy"; "Frontier Alaska")

US ? : 1969 : dir. Ford Beebe :

: 94 min

prod: : scr: : dir.ph.:

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Tony Tucker Williams; Jimmy Cane

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Blockbuster Video Guide to Movies & Videos
(CD Rom) review:

"Family action. After finding a geologist with a broken leg, an Alaskan boy overcomes his terror of the Kush Ta Ta (a Native American spirit of fear) to get help. Beautiful scenery marks this good children's adventure. (aka: "JONIKO", "ALASKA BOY" and "FRONTIER ALASKA"). ***1/2 "

[no listing in "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "Speelfilm Encyclopedie", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "The Moving Picture Boy", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "The Time Out Film Guide", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

No further information currently available. It doesn't appear in any of these sources under any of the alternative titles, so possibly it's a TV film, or else a small independent film made for children. It does sound very similar to "**LASSIE AND NEEKA**", and picture postcard scenery does not a movie make, but we mustn't prejudge.

See subject index under [ARCTIC / ANTARCTICA / ALASKA](#) for eskimo (inuit indian) boys, or under [WESTERNS](#) for a sub-section on indian boys of warmer climes. The term "eskimo", incidentally, has been rejected by the priesthood of political correctness because it originated as an indian term of contempt meaning "raw fish eaters". The fact it does not have any such connotation in the English language, and never did have, seems to have been deemed irrelevant.