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Discovery Channel stars to appear at Great Vacations Travel EXPO Eivin and Eve Kilcher of *Alaska: The Last Frontier* take the stage Feb. 9 and 10

COLUMBUS, OHIO – Eivin and Eve Kilcher, co-stars of Discovery Channel’s *Alaska: The Last Frontier*, will bring tales of their homesteading lifestyle in Alaska to the 2019 Great Vacations Travel EXPO, presented by AAA. At 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 and 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10 the pair will take the AAA Travel Stage, presented by Royal Caribbean, to share stories from Alaska and their family’s incredible self-sufficiency, as well as how visitors can tap their rustic values – no matter where home is.

The Kilcher family’s pioneering spirit and challenging life in a secluded Alaska town catapulted the endearing couple to fame, thanks to their popular Discovery Channel show. *Alaska: The Last Frontier* shows the Kilchers foraging for a free and simple existence by hunting, growing and canning everything they need in the Alaskan wilderness. EXPO guests will hear extraordinary behind-the-scenes tales as the duo unveils their secrets to life off the grid. The pair will pose for pictures as they meet one-on-one with EXPO guests and sign autographs following each appearance.

A third-generation homesteader, Eivin Kilcher was raised by parents and surrounded by family who demonstrated the ultimate in self-reliance and resourcefulness. As a result, Eivin learned the vital skills needed to survive and thrive on the remote land his grandfather carved out of the Alaskan wilderness. A problem solving guru, he has become a master at fashioning homestead necessities from virtually nothing. He’ll share advice on how to create what you need from whatever is on hand.

Wife Eve also grew up in rural Alaska with its wilderness at her doorstep. She inherently shares Eivin’s values of self-reliance and practicality, along with an enduring respect for nature. A massive force, whether tending her garden, preserving food for the family, prepping healthy meals, planning adventures or solving problems with her husband, Eve works alongside Eivin teaching their two children to love and respect their uncommon lifestyle.

The AAA Travel Stage, presented by Royal Caribbean, will feature round-the-clock activities, presentations and entertainment, making the EXPO a destination in itself. Favorite travel spots come alive with engaging, educational and interactive experiences. The EXPO also offers different zones highlighting regional destinations, allowing visitors to quickly find the ideal getaway for their interests, lifestyle and budget. Guests also have the rare opportunity to meet face-to-face with the world’s top travel pros, getting expert advice, answers to questions and insider secrets about destinations that most appeal to them. Exclusive access to EXPO-only deals means travelers are encouraged to bring a calendar and form of payment and be ready to book on the spot.

The Great Vacations Travel EXPO, presented by AAA, opens Friday, Feb. 8 and runs through Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Ohio Expo Center. Hours are Friday: Noon to 7 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$8 at the door or at any AAA Ohio Auto Club store. AAA members who show their AAA card receive 50 percent off admission. Children ages 16 and under are admitted at no charge. Additional event details are available at AAAGreatVacations.com.

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