



## **Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race**

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **UPCOMING IDITAROD EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2 – MARCH 20, 2013**

**Wasilla, Alaska** – January 24, 2013 - All events below are open to the media to cover. These are great opportunities to see mushers and volunteers preparing for the 2013 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

- **Dog Handler Training** – Saturday, February 2, 9 AM, Iditarod Headquarters, Wasilla, Mile 2.1 Knik-Goose Bay Road, Wasilla
- **Straw Packaging** - Thursday, February 7, 9 AM – 3 PM, Airland Transport, Anchorage
- **Fairbanks Musher Food Drops** – Monday, February 11, 9 AM, Airland Transport, Fairbanks
- **Bloodwork, ECG, & Micro-chipping of Iditarod Teams in Soldotna** – Friday, February 8 – Sunday, February 10, 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM, Various Kennels – Contact Erin for schedule
- **Bloodwork, ECG, & Micro-chipping of Iditarod Teams in Wasilla** – February 11-13, 15-22-26, 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM, Iditarod Headquarters & Wasilla Vet Clinic, Wasilla – Contact Erin for schedule
- **Bloodwork, ECG, & Micro-chipping of Iditarod Teams in Fairbanks** – February 17 – 20, 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM, Various Kennels – Contact Erin for schedule
- **Anchorage Musher Food Drops** – Wednesday, February 13, 10:30 AM – 3 PM AND Thursday, February 14, 9 AM – 3 PM, Airland Transport, Anchorage
- **People Food Sorting** – Friday, February 15, 9 AM – 3 PM, Airland Transport, Anchorage
- **Jr. Iditarod Race Start** – Saturday, February 23, 10 AM, Knik Lake, Mile 13 Knik Goose Bay Road, Wasilla
- **Jr. Iditarod Race Finish** – Sunday, February 24, approx. 10-11 AM, Willow Lake, Willow Community Center, Willow
- **Jr. Iditarod Banquet** – Sunday, February 26, 6 PM, Willow Community Center, Willow

- **2013 Iditarod Winter Conference for Educators** – begins Tuesday, February 26 – contact Diane Johnson at [djohnson@iditarod.com](mailto:djohnson@iditarod.com) for more information
- **Media Briefing** – Wednesday, February 27, 3 PM, Millennium Alaskan Hotel, Anchorage
- **Iditarod Vet Checks** – Wednesday, February 27, 8 AM – 4 PM, Iditarod Headquarters, Wasilla, Mile 2.1 Knik-Goose Bay Road, Wasilla
- **Mandatory Musher Meeting** – Thursday, February 28, 8:00 – 10:00 AM, Millennium Alaskan Hotel, Anchorage
- **IditaRider Lunch with Musher** - Thursday, February 28, Noon, Millennium Alaskan Hotel, Anchorage
- **Start/Re-Start Meeting with Out of Town Volunteers** - Thursday, February 28, 2 PM, Millennium Alaskan Hotel, Anchorage
- **Mushers' Banquet** – Thursday, February 28, 5:30 PM, Dena'ina Center, Anchorage  
*(either need pre-approved media credentials or purchased ticket)*
- **Dog Handler Training** – Friday, March 1, 10 AM & 12:30 PM, Millennium Alaskan Hotel, Anchorage
- **Iditarod Speaker Event** - Friday, March 1, Millennium Alaskan Hotel, Anchorage - – contact Diane Johnson at [djohnson@iditarod.com](mailto:djohnson@iditarod.com) for more information
- **2013 Race Start** – Saturday, March 2, 10 AM, 4<sup>th</sup> and D, Anchorage
- **2013 Race Re-Start** – Sunday, March 3, 2 PM, Willow Lake/Willow Community Center, Willow
- **Musher Bib Auction Begins** – Monday, March 4, [www.iditarod.com](http://www.iditarod.com)
- **Nome Awards Banquet** – Sunday, March 17, 3 PM, Nome Recreation Center  
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- **Volunteer Potluck** – Wednesday, March 20, 6 PM, Millennium Alaskan Hotel, Anchorage

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