Friday, March 2, 2012 (Location: Millennium 3rd Floor)

8:00: Terrie Hanke: Take a virtual journey along the Iditarod Trail and look behind the scenes. Free session.

9:00 – 10:00: Remembering 40 Years of Iditarod: Katie Mangelsdorf, author *of "A Champion of Alaskan Huskies, Joe Redington Sr."*, Katie shares Joe's story and information about how the race was started and grew to be what brings us all together today. Celebrate Joe's life and the Last Great Race!

10:15 – 11:15: Remembering 40 Years: Meet the Mushers and individuals who have played a role during 40 years of Iditarod.... Remember with us, reflect, and get ready to

1:00 – 2:15: Dr. Stu Nelson, Iditarod Chief Veterinarian: A Behind the Scenes Look at Healthy Dogs of the Iditarod. Why do they Run? He's got the answer!

2:30 – 3:30: Iditarod Headquarters: Behind the Scenes! A Look at This Year's Race: Speakers/Presenters: Staff and Volunteers share the behind the scenes information about what is happening 'now' and will be happening over the next several days as the mushers race from Anchorage to Nome.

Additional Information:

<u>Friday speakers:</u> \$20 per speaker or \$60 to attend all speaker presentations. Call 605.228.6071 to purchase tickets. This event is a part of the 2012 Teacher Conference and open to the public. Proceeds raised cover event expenses and go to the race.

<u>Wednesday</u>, (Feb.29) Field Trip to Iditarod Headquarters, Lunch, and Martin Buser's Kennel. Call 605.228.6071 for reservations, Early Bird Rate: \$100 expires Feb.15, Feb.16 – 23- \$110, Feb. 24 – 29: \$125. Reserve your seat soon! Bus loads at the Downtown Hilton at 7:30 a.m. and departs at 7:45 a.m. from the Hilton. ONLY A FEW SEATS LEFT!