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MILLENNIUM ALASKAN HOTEL ANCHORAGE WELCOMES NORTHWOOD ABC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO MUSH TO THE MILLENNIUM

ANCHORAGE (February 26, 2013) – To kickoff this year’s Iditarod race, the [Millennium Alaskan Hotel Anchorage](#) is partnering with Northwood ABC Elementary School for the second year in a row in support of the hotel’s “Mush to the Millennium” events on February 28th and March 1st at 1:30 pm.

Third through fifth graders from the elementary school will pull the towlines of three sleds with celebrity Idita-riders onboard. This year’s celebrity mushers include Miss Alaska Debbe Ebben, Mayor Dan Sullivan, Hobo Jim, and Channel 2’s own Jackie Purcell. All three sleds were built by master sled builder, Bernie Willis, who recently contributed to a History Channel feature on the history of dog sleds.

The children will pull the sleds one mile from Northwood Elementary to the Millennium Alaskan Hotel Anchorage accompanied by the Anchorage Police Department to ensure their safety. At the hotel, the students will perform Alaskan and Iditarod themed songs followed by cookies and hot cocoa with guests and VIPs.

“We are so excited to host this annual event,” said Carol Fraser, general manager of the Millennium Alaskan Hotel Anchorage. “To us, this signifies the start of the Iditarod race. Seeing the joy on these children’s faces and hearing songs about Alaska’s history is what makes Alaska incredible. This project involves the whole community in a fun learning activity and is a great kick off for the Iditarod.”

The Iditarod’s race begins at 8:00 a.m. on March 2nd in downtown Anchorage. The Millennium Alaskan Hotel Anchorage is the official host hotel of the Iditarod.

For more information on the Iditarod, visit <http://iditarod.com/>.

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About the Millennium Alaskan Hotel Anchorage

The Millennium Alaskan Hotel Anchorage is located on the shores of scenic Lake Spenard, the world's busiest floatplane lake, and offers 248 guestrooms, including several suites and Club Rooms with additional services and amenities. Just one mile from Anchorage International Airport and 10 minutes from downtown, the hotel features two restaurants, a lounge, room service, concierge service, exercise room and complimentary airport shuttle. Don't miss the incredible exposition of Alaskan wildlife in the lobby. In summer or winter, the hotel is the perfect base for exploring the unspoiled splendor of Alaska's wildlife or outstanding salmon fishing. Flightseeing excursions are available from the hotel's private floatplane dock. <http://www.millenniumhotels.com/millenniumanchorage/>

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