

MEDIA RELEASE

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RE: Upcoming Race to the Sky

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Montana's Race to the Sky Sled Dog Race, our premier winter event is schedule to start Friday, February 7. Festivities will include on Friday afternoon, the vet check for the 300 mile racers at 1:00-3:30. In the morning several teams will visiting both middle schools in Helena for musher school visits.

The pre-race banquet will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 7, at the Lincoln Community Hall. Everyone is invited. Chef Barbie Nelson will be preparing an amazing banquet with food donated from Sysco and Safeway of Helena.

Saturday morning, February 8th (Race Day) starts at 10:00 with the 100 mile vet check. The public is invited to come and watch the dogs get their physicals before the race. This year, the race's head vet is Kathy Topham, DVM. She is from Manta, Ohio and she and her husband Phil Topham, DVM have been coming to Race to the Sky for 9 years as veterinarians. They are International Sled Dog Veterinary Association members so they are fully acquainted with sled dogs and the special needs of these athlete dogs.

The race start is at 2:00 p.m. with the 300 teams going out first followed by the 100 teams. Finishers of the 100 mile race could finish as soon as 3:00 on Sunday morning with the awards ceremony at 1:00 at Seeley Lake Community Hall.

The 300 mile race continues through White Tail Ranch, near Ovando, to Seeley Lake Community Hall, on to Owl Creek Primitive Checkpoint near Condon, back through Seeley Lake and White Tail Ranch and on to the finish. The finish of the 300 is expected to be sometime Monday evening at Hi-Country Trading Post under the big archway.

The public is invited to all the events to help us cheer on the teams and celebrate our 35th anniversary!

Please check www.racetothsky.org for all press releases. We will update as soon as the information is available and also like Montana's Race to the Sky on Facebook and check out Instagram this year. You can also follow the teams on the GPS tracking

system that is also on the race website. If you have questions, you can email: info@racetothsky.org or call 406-881-2909.

If you are a media and can't get online, please email us and we can send copies of the race updates by email to you.

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