

TUSTUMENA 200 SLED DOG RACE

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The 26th running of the T200, T100 and Junior T is set for Jan. 23, 2010, but there are a few changes...

- The start/finish line has moved to a safer location that launches teams right onto the trail system. (It eliminates a tricky highway crossing.)
- There is a minimum guaranteed purse of \$25,000 for the T200, and \$1,000 for the T100.
- Application and entry fee must **both** be submitted by the deadline; or else you will not be signed up.
- If you would like a musher packet mailed to you, please call with your request.
- We are adding the vet check form to the entry packet this year. Fill it out in advance. It's not mandatory to do that, but your vet check will go faster if you have it ready when you show up.

As usual, parking space forces the race to cap entries at 40. **Entries will be accepted starting Nov. 14.** Any entries over the 40-team limit will be placed on a waiting list in the order they are received. Entries will be accepted only when the application is complete with payment.

Teams must be at the Soldotna Sports Center between noon and 4:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22 for vet checks. If you wish to have your own veterinarian check your dogs, download a vet-check form from the Iditarod web site and have it completed by your vet. (Exams must be done after Jan. 18, if your vet does it.)

Several musher-friendly motels, inns and bed-and-breakfasts are open and offer reasonable rates. Here are a few where mushers stayed in the past:

Crooked Creek Retreat..... (907) 260-9014 or www.crookedcreekretreat.com
Tustumena Ridge Cabins..... (907) 262-7050
Clam Gulch Lodge..... (907) 260-3778
Mystic Adventures (907) 262-2552
Hooligan's (907) 262-9951
Decanter Inn (907) 262-5933
Alaska Riverview (907) 260-5432 or www.alaskariverview.com
Clam Shell Lodge (907) 262-4211
Soldotna Bed & Breakfast Lodge (907) 262-4779 or toll free (877) 262-4779

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Sincerely,

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