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Inn at Pocono Manor Features the Poconos Only Authentic Iditarod Musher for the 2012 Season

Dog Sled Ride with Kim Darst

Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania, January 2012 ... The Inn at Pocono Manor offers something no other resort in the Poconos has this season -- a **genuine Iditarod Musher** in the form of Kim Darst - 2009 NJ Iditarod Rookie Musher and participant in the Alaskan Iditarod! The Inn partners with Arctic Paws Dog Sled Tours for rides like none other in the storied Pocono Mountains.

A dog sled ride with Musher Kim Darst takes approximately one hour with passengers in the basket of the dog sled and Kim mushing. Guests glide along the pristine trails of the Inn at Pocono Manor's picturesque West Course with veteran Iditarod huskies pulling the sled, driven by Kim.

Guest don't have to mush – they're just along for an amazing ride while Kim and her team of Alaskan huskies do all the work. Guest also have a one-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hear first hand from Kim about running and mushing in the legendary Alaskan Iditarod, which Kim participated in, and which is known as The Last Great Race!

Dog sled rides at The Inn at Pocono Manor are from \$160 for an hour-long ride for two people (up to 2 guests in the sled). For those who want to spend the night at the beautifully renovated Inn, guestroom rates are from \$95 per room per night plus tax.

The Inn at Pocono Manor offers a host of on-site winter resort activities in addition to dog sledding, including ski packages, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, snowmobiling and ice skating. Additionally, nearby are Mount Airy Casino and The Crossings Premium Outlets.

For example, The Inn's "**Ski Camelback overnight Package**" (from \$230* for two adults) includes:

- All-day Lift Ticket for the slopes of Camelback Mountain, the Pocono's largest ski area, just 5 miles from the Inn (*Snow-tubing and Snowboarding also available at Camelback*)
- Guestroom accommodations at the newly renovated Inn at Pocono Manor
- Full breakfast buffet
- Discount Ski Rental Vouchers also available
- Access to The Inn's health, fitness and spa facilities, game room, table tennis, hiking and cross-country ski trails
- All taxes and gratuities

The historic Inn at Pocono Manor, which opened in 1902 and is a National Registry of Historic Places property, is the longest continuously operating resort in the Poconos and one of the oldest in North America. The Inn's Exchange at Pocono Manor Restaurant welcomes guests for dinner each evening. The Old Lamplighter Lounge serves specialty beverages and pub fare throughout the day. The Laurel Spa offers state-of-the-art treatments designed to sooth skier's muscles, enhance guests' healthy lifestyles and contribute to a sense of well being.

For more information on ""Dog Sled Rides with Kim Darst" and the "Ski Camelback Package" at The Inn at Pocono Manor and for reservations, contact 800-233-8150 / 570-839-7111, or visit www.poconomanor.com.

For more information on Kim Darst, visit: www.huskyhavenraceteam.com .

For more information on Arctic Paws Dog Sled visit: www.arcticpawdogsledtours.com

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* *Based on weather conditions, Sundays on holiday weekends are at the weekend rate*

About The Inn at Pocono Manor

The Inn at Pocono Resort blends a century of hospitality with the demands of 21st Century travelers. Lovingly referred to as the "The Grand Lady of the Mountains" and a National Registry of Historic Places property, The Inn at Pocono Manor opened in 1902 as a country retreat for Philadelphia Quakers. Today it is the oldest continuously running Resort in the Poconos and one of the oldest in North America.

The Inn's main lodge and event space were comprehensively renovated in 2011, restoring turn-of-the-last century charm to the historic facilities and integrating state-of-the-art technology expected by today's travelers. The all-season resort boasts 237 beautiful guestrooms, and 25,000 square feet of flexible meeting

and event space that can accommodate up to 500 guests. The Exchange at Pocono Manor restaurant features superb dining with an eclectic flair. The Old Lamplighter Lounge serves specialty beverages and pub fare throughout the day.

Complete recreational amenities are available at The Inn at Pocono Manor, including signature golf, horseback riding, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, the luxurious Laurel Spa, fishing, clay shooting, cross country skiing, and more. Striking views of the Pocono Mountains are visible from all sides of the resort's main building. Complimentary wireless Internet is available throughout. The Inn at Pocono Manor features two 18-hole signature golf courses, including the East Course dating to 1912, which was redesigned by Donald Ross in 1927 and has been host to golf legends like Sam Snead, Arnold Palmer and Jerry Barber. In 1959, the George Fazio-inspired West Course opened.

A destination within the Poconos for over a century, the 3000-acre Inn at Pocono Manor is minutes away from Crossings Premium Outlets, Camelbeach Water Park, Camelback Ski Mountain, and the Mt. Airy Casino. The AAA three diamond-rated Resort is within two hours of New York City, New Jersey and Philadelphia.

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