

## **Run for the Iditarod, California Style**

Ever seen Alaska's Iditarod Dog Sled Race on TV? It's quite amazing. Want to see it live without traveling to Alaska – now you can! The Foresthill Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the [Sierra Nevada Dog Drivers](#) are sponsoring a qualifying race for the Iditarod on Sat and Sun, March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010, right here in our own 'back yard'. Admission is free so you won't want to miss this exciting event and see the beautiful dogs in their natural working environment.

We invite you to come out and see how the drivers and dogs perform this unique sport with an attitude of sheer joy as they run through the snow. The dogs have been very well trained and have a natural desire to join their fellow team mates to accomplish their goal.

The Sierra Nevada Dog Drivers will be racing with a variety of teams on groomed trails that will be marked for the different lengths depending on the number of dogs to a team. The starting point is the China Wall OHV staging area which is 12 miles east of Foresthill, at the 5100 foot elevation. Visitor parking will be in downtown Foresthill and shuttle school bus service will be available from the Chamber office to the sight of the races from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. We expect shuttles to run about every 30 minutes.

NO PETS are allowed at the site. It is important for the safety of your pets to leave them at home as the excitement of the activities have proven to have a pet or two escape your attention and become lost in the Tahoe National Forest in the middle of winter.

The Sierra Nevada Dog Drivers will also have dry land demonstrations with sleds that are rigged with wheels, in downtown Foresthill.

To attend this close-to-home unique event, take the Foresthill Road exit 121 on Interstate 80 in Auburn, CA. Travel east 17 miles to downtown Foresthill, where you will find a gold mining town that has lasted through the years. Take a right onto Main Street and park near the Chamber Office. Catch the shuttle to the China Wall OHV staging area for the exciting and unusual event.

There are several places in town to satisfy your hunger after being out in the clear fresh mountain air with a variety of refreshments available. These include Over Easy at the Starlite for breakfast, Foresthill Joe's for gourmet coffee, tea and pastries, the Ore Cart Steak House with a variety of dinner fare or the Foresthill Grill with a standard American menu. There is also a quick meal at Subway, the Pizza Factory or at the Worton's Grocery in the deli.

We look forward to seeing you at this amazing race!