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DURHAM, N.H. -- Northeast Passage will be hosting the only ultra-endurance Nordic ski event in New England on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2007 in Jackson, New Hampshire.

The Dawn to Dusk Nordic Challenge is an all-day cross country ski relay event, held at the Jackson Ski Touring Foundation and the Eagle Mountain House. Teams will complete laps on a beautiful, rolling five-kilometer course (around the Eagle Mountain Fields) from dawn to dusk. Participants can test themselves in the solo category or enter as part of a team of up to 10 skiers. Dawn to Dusk is a celebration of Nordic skiing and provides personal challenge in a festive atmosphere.

Participants are welcome to ski as many or as few laps as they want throughout the day. This event is appropriate for both able-bodied and adaptive cross country skiers of all ability levels and ages. “Mixed” teams and costumes are encouraged. Food and refreshments will be served throughout the day and there will be an après ski party at the Eagle Mountain House. Prizes will be awarded in several categories.

There is a $100 entry fee per person and participants are encouraged to cover their entry fee through fundraising efforts. Additional fundraising, to support Northeast Passage’s adaptive sports programs, is welcome. All proceeds benefit Northeast Passage and the highest fundraiser will receive special recognition. The entry fee includes event day food, après ski party and commemorative water bottle. Interested skiers can register online at www.skireg.com or contact Northeast Passage directly.

Northeast Passage is a program of the University of New Hampshire’s School of Health and Human Services and an affiliate of Disabled Sports USA. Northeast Passage develops and delivers innovative, barrier free recreation and health promotion programs. All proceeds from these events directly benefit Northeast Passage’s programs.

Dawn to Dusk is sponsored by Martin’s Point Health Care and Liberty Mutual.

If you are interested in participating in the Dawn to Dusk Nordic Challenge or any of Northeast Passage’s programs, call 603-862-0070 or email northeast.passage@unh.edu or visit www.nepassage.org.