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Turf Valley Resort to bring Preakness Celebration to Howard County

Ellicott City, Maryland (April 2, 2007) --- Turf Valley Resort lights up the skies in honor of a Preakness tradition. As an official sponsor for the 2007 Preakness Celebration, Turf Valley Resort will be a feature location for the picturesque Preakness Balloon Fest at dusk on Wednesday, May 16th, sponsored by the Kenneth Clark Company Inc. Howard County will be the first county, outside of Baltimore, that has been invited to host Preakness festivities.

“Howard County is honored to participate in this year’s Preakness celebration. Having Turf Valley as the host lends a whole new dimension to the Preakness event, offering a more rural feel and giving attendees the opportunity to stay overnight for the morning launch,” said Rachelina Bonacci, President of Howard County Tourism Council.

The week-long Preakness Celebration has become a tradition in Maryland in preparation for the running of the Preakness Stakes. One of many events held during the week is the Balloon Fest. Giant balloons will light the skies over one of Turf Valley’s 18-hole golf courses. Fifteen hot air balloons will participate in Turf Valley’s Balloon glow. The giant balloons will be tethered and lit at dusk to illuminate the night. Once all the balloons are glowing, attendees will have the opportunity to walk through an inflated balloon.

“We are proud to be the host of this wonderful event. There’s something romantic and exciting about hot air balloons. This event will create a magical memory for children and adults alike,” said Regina Ford, Director of Public Relations at Turf Valley Resort.

Activities to take place at the resort will include tethered hot air balloon rides, a close-up tour of the hot air balloons, pilot demonstrations and the balloon glow at dusk. There will also be dedicated children’s activities referred to as the ‘Pee Wee Preakness’ offering kid friendly crafts and competitions. The Balloon Fest will culminate in the launching of the balloons at 6:30 A.M. on Thursday, May 17th, weather permitting.

Along with balloon rides and the balloon glow, food and drinks will be available. Turf Valley’s restaurants, the Terrace on the Green Clubhouse Grill and Alexandra’s Restaurant, will offer lite fare and specialty Preakness drinks in the Balloon Fest areas, as well as dinner in the restaurants.

For more information on Turf Valley Resort, please contact Regina Ford, Director of Public Relations, at (410)423-0811.

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Important Information:

The Preakness Balloon Fest/Balloon Glow

Turf Valley Resort

Wednesday, May 16th, 2007 at dusk and Thursday May 17th, 2007 at 6:30 a.m.

Admittance is free; balloon rides and other activities will be charged separately.

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Turf Valley Resort is located in the Baltimore/Washington Corridor and features 40,000 square feet of meeting space, WiFi High Speed Internet in guest rooms, meeting rooms and public areas, European Health Spa and 36 holes of Championship Golf. Turf Valley Resort - a place you can call your own.