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### Trans-Alaska Charity Adventure Relay Begins Friday in Seward

Federal, state and local criminal justice and public safety officials will start a 575-mile journey across Alaska to benefit children fighting life-threatening illnesses in Seward at 9 a.m. on Friday, July 12. After 35 legs of hiking, biking, running, kayaking, swimming and boating, the fourth annual Alaska State Troopers Adventure Relay will end with an event at 5 p.m. on Monday at the Fairbanks Police Department on Cushman Street. The public can cheer the participants on, volunteer to help along the route and raise money for the [Wish Upon the North Star](#), a non-profit organized by Alaskans in 1983 to fulfill the wishes of Alaskan children dealing with a life of medication and hospital visits, by submitting [pledges on the website](#).

The relay is open to law enforcement personnel, employees, retirees and family to participate as well as their fire department, justice system and military counterparts. Roughly 70 participants registered to tackle the challenge of the relay including ASTAR founder, former AST director Audie Holloway, who is doing legs from a remote location overseas. [This list of participants is on the website](#). The participants include troopers, Fairbanks Police Officers, an Unalaska police officer, an IRS investigator, dispatchers, federal and state park rangers, Alaska National Guard members and FBI agents to name a few.

Created and organized by employees of the Alaska State Troopers on a volunteer basis, the relay includes the community AST serves – the State of Alaska – and benefits an Alaskan charity. Mixing up the methods of navigating Alaska's beautiful and challenging terrain allows enthusiasts of all types of adventure to participate. The route travels through communities both small and large to strengthen the bonds between these individuals and the communities they serve, and over varying terrain to capture the adventuresome spirit that embodies – the Last Frontier. [The route is also detailed on the website](#).

Through participation, pledges and fundraising, ASTAR was able to raise approximately \$60,000 for WUNS in the past three years. The relay captures the spirit of determination to face the challenges on the trail, symbolizing the far greater challenges for those the event will benefit.

For more information, visit the ASTAR website at [www.alaskastar.org](http://www.alaskastar.org), email [AlaskaRelay@gmail.com](mailto:AlaskaRelay@gmail.com) or contact Beth Ipsen at (907)347-0638. Relay updates will be posted on the [Alaska State Troopers Adventure Relay Facebook](#) page.