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VANCOUVER USA HOSTS SECOND-ANNUAL HOT BUTTERED RUN
*An anticipated 1,000 runners to gather at Pearson Air Museum for
Thanksgiving weekend runs*

VANCOUVER, Wash., — Southwest Washington and Portland-area residents who want to burn off a few of those extra calories from their Thanksgiving Day dinners will have the perfect opportunity at the second-annual Hot Buttered Run scheduled for Sunday, November 27, 2011. Pearson Air Museum, located at the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, will be the start and finish of three races this year: a 12K run, a 5K run/walk and the new 1K Kids' Kandy Kane Race for children ages five through 12.

"The Vancouver area is becoming well-known as a favorite venue for runs of all kinds and for all abilities," said Kim Bennett, president and CEO of Vancouver USA Regional Tourism Office. "Vancouver and Clark County now host more than 15 running events, many of which have become annual traditions for their participants."

Last year's inaugural Hot Buttered Run drew more than 1,000 participants and race organizers are expecting the same number, if not more, this year. The 12K run will start at Pearson Air Museum and wind its way through Fort Vancouver Historic Site, along the Columbia River, through downtown Vancouver, past scenic Officers Row and back to the Air Museum.

Following the run, participants can enjoy lots of tasty food along with Hot Buttered Rums (for adults over 21) and hot chocolate as well as a Christmas carol sing-along.

Registration for the races will begin at 8:00 a.m. on the morning of Sunday, Nov. 27. The 12K run will begin 9:40 a.m., the 5K run/walk will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the 1K Kids' Kandy Kane Race will begin at approximately 11:40 a.m. An awards ceremony will be held at noon.

The Hot Buttered Run events are a part of the 16th Annual Vancouver Rotary Festival of Trees, a three-day event that includes:

- Community Tree Lighting at Esther Short Park, on the evening of Friday, Nov. 25.
- Vancouver Pops Holiday Concert at the Hilton Hotel, also on the evening of Friday Nov. 25.



- Viewing of decorated Christmas trees and wreaths at the Festival of Trees throughout the weekend – from Friday, Nov. 25, through Sunday, Nov. 27 at Pearson Air Museum.

About Vancouver USA Regional Tourism Office

Vancouver USA Regional Tourism Office (formerly Southwest Washington Convention & Visitors Bureau) is an economic development organization responsible for competitively marketing Vancouver and the surrounding area as a destination for meetings, conventions, and group and leisure travelers. The organization's mission is to promote Vancouver and Clark County by increasing convention and visitor business. For more information call 877-224-4214, or log on to www.VisitVancouverUSA.com.

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