



Meet a musher & sled dog! Call for details.

RONDY

Established 1935

February 21 – March 2, 2014

Fur Rondy is the nation's premiere winter festival. Since 1935, Rondy has proudly represented the pioneering spirit of Alaskans. Rondy has something for kids of all ages. We welcome visitors and invite everyone to stop by our Fur Rondy Shop featuring Caffe D'arte, where the nation's #1 winter festival meets Alaska's #1 award-winning espresso café.



- Annual 10-day Festival**
- World Championship Sled Dog Races**
- Miners & Trappers Charity Ball**
- Running of the Reindeer**
- Native Arts Market**
- Snowshoe Softball**
- Outhouse Races**
- Melodrama**
- Yukigassen**
- Carnival**
- & more!**

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How did Rondy get started?

Back in 1935 when Anchorage was just a small town of about 3,000 people, there were no televisions, malls, or movie theaters, no video games, iPods, or computers. Winters were

long and dark. Stoking fires, shoveling snow, and surviving the elements gave everyone cabin fever. That February, a local named Vern Johnson and his friends decided it was high time the town got outside for some fun. They held a three-day celebration to coincide with when trappers came in from the bush with their winter's yield.

It featured skiing, hockey, basketball, boxing, and a children's sled dog race down 4th Avenue. Nearly the entire population of Anchorage turned out for the bonfire and torchlight parade. Alaskans and visitors have been celebrating the annual Fur Rondy festival ever since.

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National Geographic Traveler calls Rondy the #1 winter festival in the world!