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### **Atlantic Southeast Airlines jet doubles as sleigh for young fliers' visit to the "North Pole" at The Georgia Sea Turtle Center on Jekyll Island, Ga.**

**ATLANTA**, Dec. 3, 2008 – Atlantic Southeast Airlines (ASA), a wholly owned subsidiary of SkyWest, Inc. (NASDAQ: SKYW), today will fly 30 students from Hendrix Drive Elementary School in Forest Park, Ga., to visit Santa Claus on Jekyll Island, Ga. The students will depart Atlanta aboard a 50-seat Bombardier CRJ200 regional jet – dubbed "Santa's Special Sleigh" – and return before the end of the school day.

The students were chosen to fly aboard "Santa's Special Sleigh" as a reward for excelling in Hendrix Drive Elementary School's reading program. Each year more than two hundred students compete for a seat on Santa's Special Sleigh by using Accelerated Reader (AR), a computerized reading program that tests the student's reading comprehension.

ASA is a partner with Hendrix Drive Elementary School through Clayton County's "Adopt-A-School" program. This is the sixth year that Santa's Special Sleigh will take flight.

"For many of these children Santa's Special Sleigh is their first opportunity to experience the excitement of flying," said Lisa Walker, vice-president – Operational Support. "They have worked hard to excel in their reading and ASA is proud to be part of rewarding their accomplishments."

According to Nancy Said, principal at Hendrix Drive Elementary School, the possibility of traveling on "Santa's Special Sleigh" motivates the students to participate in reading. "Each year our students begin the school year knowing they each have the opportunity to travel on 'Santa's Special Sleigh' based on their commitment to reading outside of the normal school day. The students truly enjoy this trip as it is the first flight experience for many of them," she said.

After arriving at the Brunswick Golden Isles Airport, the students will visit The Georgia Sea Turtle Center where they will explore the center's sea turtle exhibits and enjoy learning about Georgia's unique ecosystem. After the center tour is complete, students will travel to the Jekyll Island Convention Center to make holiday crafts, enjoy lunch and take pictures with Santa before departing for home on Santa's Special Sleigh.

#### **About Atlantic Southeast Airlines**

ASA, a wholly owned subsidiary of SkyWest Holdings, Inc., operates more than 700 flights daily to 112 airports in 30 U.S. states, District of Columbia, Bahamas and Canada. The airline operates a fleet of 149 Bombardier Canadair Regional Jets and employs more than 4,600 aviation professionals. For more information, visit [www.flyasa.com](http://www.flyasa.com).

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**About The Georgia Sea Turtle Center**

The Georgia Sea Turtle Center on Jekyll Island is an operating department of the Jekyll Island Authority and receives financial contributions through the Jekyll Island Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The Georgia Sea Turtle Center officially opened June 2007 in Jekyll Island, Ga.'s National Historic Landmark District on the site of the original 1903 Power Plant building, much of which has been preserved and incorporated into the new facilities. The ambitious, \$3 million center – offering an outstanding museum-style learning experience and a state-of-the-art rehabilitation center and veterinary clinic, is the first of its kind in Georgia and is the world's leading sea turtle rehabilitation, research and education facility. For more information about the Georgia Sea Turtle Center and its programs, visit [www.georgiaseaturtlecenter.org](http://www.georgiaseaturtlecenter.org).

**About Jekyll Island**

Jekyll Island is a barrier island on Georgia's coast – midway between Jacksonville, Fla. And Savannah, Ga. Accessible by car just minutes from I-95, Jekyll Island offers a variety of amenities, including 10 miles of beach, four golf courses, a 240-acre Historic Landmark District, water park, tennis center, an array of lodging options including hotels, cottages and campgrounds. Owned by the State of Georgia, and managed by the Jekyll Island State Park Authority, Jekyll Island has had development limited to just 35 percent of its available land area. This unique aspect of Jekyll Island serves to preserve the critical barrier island ecosystem, and provide guests with a unique escape from the crowds and complications of other beach resort destinations. The Jekyll Island Foundation is a public 501 (c) 3 organization which operates exclusively for charitable and educational purposes to support the work of the Jekyll Island Authority by assisting in the preservation, conservation and appreciation of Jekyll Island. Please visit [www.jekyllisland.com](http://www.jekyllisland.com) for more information or call 1-877-4JEKYLL.

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