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THIRD ANNUAL HAWKS NEST PIZZA PARTY IS SUNDAY

IOWA CITY, IA - - University of Iowa students who have purchased men's basketball tickets are invited to participate in the third annual Hawks Nest Pizza Party this Sunday, Nov. 12, at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Students can enter the Arena at the North entrance beginning at 5 p.m. to watch the final portion of practice as the Hawkeyes prepare for Monday's season opener.

Pizza and soft drinks will be served beginning at 5:45 p.m. Coach Alford will have a brief presentation and the 2006-07 official Hawks Nest t-shirt will be distributed.

"The Sunday pizza party provides a chance for the students to see practice and get ready for the opening game," said Alford. "We've had a good response to this event in the past two years. Having an increase in pre-season student ticket sales has us excited about the atmosphere in the Hawks Nest as we start the regular season."

Attendance at the pizza party is not mandatory, but it does count in this year's Hawks Nest Attendance Challenge, that concludes in March. One student will win the opportunity to follow the Hawkeyes to the 2007 Big Ten Tournament in Chicago, while 100 additional students can win prizes ranging from NIKE sweatshirts, t-shirts and other gear, to gift certificates to the official Iowa Hawk Shop. Information about the 2007 Hawks Nest Attendance Challenge will be distributed via e-mail to all student season ticket holders on Monday, Nov. 13.

Over 1,100 UI students have purchased season basketball tickets as sales of student tickets for the upcoming season have already exceeded last year's total. Current UI students can purchase their season tickets online by clicking on the "Athletic Ticket Office" link at hawkeyesports.com, the official world wide website of the Iowa Hawkeyes.

