

3rd Annual Midwest Sled Dog Symposium and Iditarod Teacher's Conference

Friday, September 30th Musher Dinner, 6-8 pm. Join Iditarod mushers Jodi Bailey and Ed Stielstra at Chamberlin's Old Forest Inn in Curtis for an intimate dinner. Cost is \$50/person and includes a fabulous meal, non-alcoholic drinks, and a great chance to socialize with the mushers. Limited to 15 guests. Pre-register on the symposium registration form.

Saturday, October 1st--Midwest Mushing Symposium & Iditarod Teacher's Conference Erickson Center for the Arts, Curtis, Michigan.

\$20 advanced registration, \$30 day of event. Children under 16 are free. Registration begins at 7:30 am.

8:30am-10am Racing as a Rookie, 2011 Rookie Mushers – Jodi Bailey (Iditarod/Yukon Quest), Hank DeBruin (Yukon Quest), Pat Moon (North Hope, Russia). Erickson Center Auditorium

8:30am-10am Skijoring and Carting – Nate Demers and Cliff Henning. Outdoor Pavilion

8:30am-10am Incorporating the Iditarod into Middle School Academics--Susie Smice & Amanda Kelley. Upper Level of Administrative Building

10:30am-Noon Racing and Training Siberian Huskies – Jennifer Freking and Hank DeBruin. Erickson Center Auditorium

10:30am-Noon Hands On Gear-Making Workshop – Jim Haibach and Louise Russel. Upper Level of Administration Building

Noon-1:30 LUNCH Boxed lunches (provided by Chamberlin's) are available for purchase, \$15. They will be available for pick up at noon in the Erickson Center kitchen. You are welcome to take your lunch with you to either of the lunch hour discussions. There are also many restaurants nearby if you prefer to have lunch on your own.

Lunch Hour Discussion: Veterinary Q&A with Dr. Tom Gustafson, DVM and Dr. Jennifer Freking, DVM. Erickson Center Auditorium.

Lunch Hour Discussion: Iditarod Curriculum and Teacher on the Trail Program with Diane Johnson and Terrie Hanke. Upper Level of Administration Building.

1:30pm-2:45pm Checkpoint Routines – Jodi Bailey and Jake Berkowitz. Erickson Center Auditorium

1:30pm-2:45pm Lead Dog Training – Gary Loebrich (You are welcome to bring your own dog!) Outdoor Pavilion

3:00-4:15 Legislative Panel – Dave Nyberg (MUCC Legislative Affairs), Amanda Vogel, Pete Curtis, Mike Hutchinson. Erickson Center Auditorium

3:00-4:15 Sled Building and Sled Repair – Clyde Rison. Outdoor Pavilion

3:00-4:15 Incorporating Sled Dogs into High School: Forensic blood typing, genetics, thermodynamics, selective breeding, nutrition, and genetics – Sid Lucas. Upper Level of Administration Building

4:15-4:30 Final Bidding of Silent Auction Items. Auction items will be on display all day. Auction closes at 4:30.

4:30 Raffle of Risdon Mid-Distance Sled.

**4:30-6 pm Keynote Presentation:
Jodi Bailey--2011 Yukon Quest AND Iditarod Rookie
Erickson Center Auditorium**

In March of 2011, Jodi became the first musher to successfully run both long-distance sled dog races, the Yukon Quest and the Iditarod, in the same year, as a rookie. Only eighteen other women have run both races and no musher in history has run them both successfully in the same year on their first try. Jodi and her husband Dan Kaduce own Dew Claw Kennel outside Chatanika, Alaska.

There will also be a variety of vendors at the Erickson all day on Saturday. Vendors include Dogbooties.com, Great Lakes Geoscience, Royal Canin Dog Food, and Risdon Rigs.

Sunday, October 2, 9-11 am. Nature's Kennel Sled Dogs Kennel Tour. Located 8 miles north of McMillan (about 20 minutes north of Curtis). Free.

For event registration and information: www.midwestsleddog.com