



So Mush to Learn--Individualized instruction for beginners or those looking to take their training a bit further. Ed and Tasha Stielstra and the staff of Nature's Kennel will help you get to the next level. This musher-focused, dog focused program will help you with dog "issues", will keep your goals in mind, and will assist you with the success of your team. So, regardless of the size of your kennel or the amount of experience you have, get ready to immerse yourself into the world of mushing.

Yes...please bring YOUR dogs!

So Mush to Learn is for you if:

- You want to learn about camping trips with your dogs
- You want to learn about feeding and nutrition
- You have veterinary questions about sled dogs
- You want to learn training techniques
- You have questions about mileages and expectations
- You are trying to train a young team
- You have questions about the right gear
- You want hands-on help with hooking up and training your dogs
- You want to learn the secrets of distance mushing
- You have the desire to learn MORE



So Mush to Learn can take place on weekends or during the weeks in late September, October and November. Our sandy, endless trails are excellent for fall training and keeping dog's feet healthy. We can set the training mileages together, always taking into consideration what your expectations are and what your dogs are capable of doing.

Itinerary:

Day 1—3 pm Arrival at Nature's Kennel

We'll get you all set up at our training "camp"--a large canvas tent with wood stove, sleeping bunks and plenty of space to park your vehicle and picket your dogs (pic kets provided). Water is provided and an outhouse is available for your enjoyment.

Dinner will be served around the campfire at 6 pm. We'll discuss the itinerary together, set some goals and expectations, and "talk dogs". If this is your first trip away from home with the dogs, don't worry...we have no neighbors so no worries about barking dogs! You are welcome to keep your dogs on our secure picket lines or box them in your own vehicle. Straw is provided.

Day 2—Let's run dogs!!

Early morning...feed and care for your dogs, have a quick snack (provided) and then Let's Run Dogs...AFTER we make a thoughtful and strategic plan. We want this to be a positive experience for both you and the dogs. So, our hook up will be slow and intentional. If there are things you want to work on (standing out, staying calm—for both you and the dogs) we will help. If you have new leaders you are trying out—we will help. If you have young dogs you are training—we will help. We will not be in a rush. We have plenty of hands, so if you want one of our staff to ride along on your four wheeler or cart with you, we'd be happy to do that. We can also run one of our teams with you for passing practice, demonstration of skills, and as a "lead team" so you don't go out alone.



Mid-Morning Bruch—a great meal is provided at camp. Let's celebrate the run and talk about our success and concerns.

Time to relax with the dogs and discussions can include:

one-on-one musher time—what are your questions?

veterinary care of sled dogs—we can share our experience and the knowledge of our on-staff vet tech

camping gear and procedure for fall camping trips

checkpoint routines and procedures

and just about anything else...

Afternoon—another run with the dogs in the cool afternoon

Dinner—a great campfire dinner is provided



Day 3—Dog running in AM. We can fine tune some of the training and techniques we worked on and you can show off your "stuff". Wrap-Up discussions at brunch (provided).

Cost: \$600 per team—up to two people per team

We can also accommodate large groups, so if your club or organization (or just a group of dog loving friends) is interested in coming, we do have group rates and plenty of space for lots of dogs!

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