

## RACE WEEKEND PACKAGE!

### **RACE YOUR OWN 4-DOGTEAM in the Tahquamenon Country Sled Dog Race, January 7, 2012!!**

YES!! You can race your **own** 4-dog team, no experience necessary! The Race Weekend package allows you to run a 4-dog team in the 8 mile Tahquamenon Country Sled Dog Race (TCSDR). The race takes place on Saturday morning at Rainbow Lodge, about 30 miles north of Newberry. It is a spectator friendly race and begins and ends at the lodge. The race has many classes, with this class being suitable for beginners or first time racers. You will be racing with other dog teams/kennels and there will be several of our guides racing on the course with you as well. You will be expected to uphold proper race etiquette, understanding that this is a race for FUN!!



**Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, arrive at Nature's Kennel at 10 am** to meet your very own race team. We will be sure to give you two lead dogs, and two team dogs capable of running in the 8 mile race. You will begin the day by taking your team out (led by an NK guide) to practice passing, stopping, and getting off the sled to fix a tangle, etc. You will get instruction in race etiquette, race day preparations, and what to expect on the big day. Lunch is provided at the kennel. We will finish our day of practice and instruction by 5:30 pm. Dinner is on your own. At 7:30 pm you are required to attend the mandatory musher's meeting at the American Legion Hall in Newberry. The musher's meeting is where the race director goes over the race rules, answers questions, and where you will receive your race bib number. Lodging is on your own, there are many hotels in Newberry to choose from.

**Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, arrive at Nature's Kennel at 6:30 am** to help load your race team into the dog truck for transportation to Rainbow Lodge, the race start!!



The 12-dog pro class begins at 9:30 am, and we want to be sure we are on time to see the big teams head out. Your race will begin at approximately 11 am. It is spectator friendly, so be sure to bring your fan club along to take photos and cheer loud!! Lunch is on your own, there are vendors at the race site and we will bring along few snacks as it will be along day. We should be headed back to the kennel at about 4 pm. We will have a post-race gathering at the Shanty Bar in McMillan to share our tales of the trail (pizza dinner provided). Lodging is on your own.



**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, Musher's Banquet, 9:30 am at the American**

**Legion Hall, Newberry.** This is the post-race awards banquet for all mushers. You are not required to attend, but it's a great wrap up to the weekend. Your package includes one breakfast ticket to this event (additional tickets are available at the door).

**COST:** \$750 Cost includes race entry fee, a well trained 4-dog team, dog sled, gangline, and harnesses, full day instruction/training on Friday, lunch on Friday, your own "race handler" to help your team out at the race and provide trail assistance, dog team transportation on Saturday to the race,

snacks on Saturday, pizza dinner on Saturday, race souvenir and awards banquet/breakfast on Sunday. If you'd like to race with a friend and have two teams, the cost is \$1250 for two teams/people.

**Reservation/Race cancellation policy:** You must reserve your race team by December 20<sup>th</sup> 2011. Half of the package cost (\$425) is due at time of reservation. If the TCSDR is canceled or postponed, your race weekend will still be honored and you will be able to participate in an alternative "race" at Nature's Kennel on January 7<sup>th</sup>. You will forfeit the opportunity to participate in the official TCSDR on the postponed date (due to the fact that we will most likely have tours already booked on the alternate date). However, if NK and TCSDR need to cancel, you will receive your deposit back.

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