



# 2009 Iditaread

## Race Entry Application

Please complete this form and get the necessary signatures to enter the  
**2009 Iditaread.**

1. Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Age \_\_\_\_ 4. Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

5. Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Room Number \_\_\_\_\_

7. What is your goal for the Iditaread?

\_\_\_\_\_ Read a story or short book per checkpoint

\_\_\_\_\_ Other - (Please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please write a few sentences about any special things you want to learn about  
Alaska, the dogs or the Iditarod this year?**

---

---

---

---

---

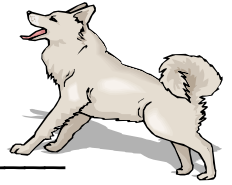
---

---

\_\_\_\_\_  
Head Official (Teacher) Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant Official (Parent/s) Signature

# 2009 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Iditared Challenge Reading Record (Optional)



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Musher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Checkpoint Name	Date	Miles Run	From Anch.	Story or Short Book or Chapter	Author
Anchorage	3/7				
Campbell Airstrip	3/8	20	20		
Willow	3/8	29	49		
Yentna		52	115		
Skwentna		34	149		
Finger Lake		45	194		
Rainy Pass		30	224		
Rohn		48	272		
Nikolai		75	347		
McGrath		48	401		
Takotna		18	419		
Ophir		25	444		
I ditarod		90	534		
Shageluk		65	599		
Anvik		25	624		
Grayling		18	642		
Eagle Island		60	702		
Kaltag		70	772		
Unalakleet		90	862		
Shaktoolik		40	902		
Koyuk		58	960		
Elim		48	1008		
Golovin (unofficial)**		28	1036		
White Mountain		18	1054		
Safety		55	1109		
Nome		22	1131		



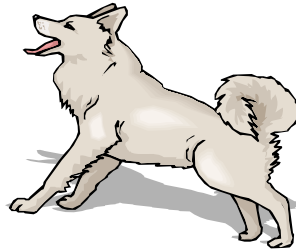


# Our Mushing Partner

## 2009 Iditaread

Glue/import picture of  
your mushing partner  
here.

Veteran or  Rookie



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Where born: \_\_\_\_\_

When did he or she begin mushing? \_\_\_\_\_

How many times has this musher participated in the Iditarod? \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Other information about your musher:

---



---



---



---



---



---



---

---

---

The Iditarod Trail

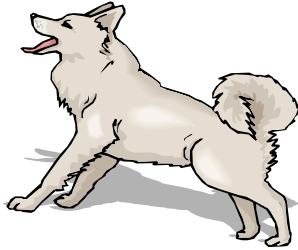
2009

Southern (Odd Year) Route



---

## The Most Common Question asked about the trail:



Why does the trail go one way in even years (northern) and the other way in odd years (southern)?

Both sections of trail are a part of the Iditarod National Historical Trail which was used in early years for all winter travel. Dog sleds delivered the mail, the preacher, the groceries and hauled out gold and furs all the way to Anchorage or Fairbanks.

During the early years of the Iditarod Race, the mushers only traveled the northern trail. After several years, the Iditarod Board of Directors realized that the smaller villages were being heavily impacted by the race coming through their village year after year. It was decided to use both sections of the trail.

This decision had a three-fold effect. The northern villages of Ruby, Galena and Nulato only had to deal with the large group of mushers, press and volunteers every other year. The second effect was that the race was able to pass through the actual ghost town of Iditarod. Lastly, the villages of Shageluk, Anvik and Grayling were able to participate in the race.



Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

### Iditarod 2009 Bookmark Tally Sheet

My Iditaread Reading Goal is: \_\_\_\_\_ Stories/Chapters/Short Books



Checkpoint

#	List each story, chapter, or short book you read	Author
1	_____	_____
2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____
4	_____	_____
5	_____	_____
6	_____	_____
7	_____	_____
8	_____	_____
9	_____	_____
10	_____	_____
11	_____	_____
12	_____	_____
13	_____	_____
14	_____	_____
15	_____	_____
16	_____	_____
17	_____	_____
18	_____	_____
19	_____	_____
20	_____	_____
21	_____	_____
22	_____	_____
23	_____	_____
24	_____	_____
25	_____	_____





# I followed the Iditarod Trail

**Anchorage to Nome**

**I participated in the 2009 Iditarod  
At Mary Lou Dieterich Elementary School**

Start Date: Sunday, March 8, 2009

---

Student Musher

---

Class Musher

---

Race Official - Teacher