

2009 Iditaread

Race Entry Application Release complete this form and get the necessary signatures to enter the 2009 Iditaread.

1. Your Name	
2. Birth date3. Age	4. Teacher's Name
5. Grade	Room Number
7. What is your goal for the]Read a story or short book Other - (Please explain)	
	about any special things you want to learn about dogs or the Iditarod this year?
Head Official (Teacher) Signature	Assistant Official (Parent/s) Signature

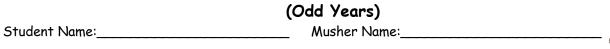
2009 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Iditaread Challenge Reading Record (Optional)



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		
Iditarod		90	534		
Shageluk		65	599		
Anvik		25	624		
Grayling		18	642		
Eagle I sland		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		

2009 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Southern Route Musher Tracking Checksheet



Checkpoint Name	Miles Run	From Anch.	Date	Time In	# of Dogs	Date	Time Out	# of Dogs	# of Dropped Dogs	Layover
Checkpoint										
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Anchorage	20	20								
Campbell Airstrip	29	49								
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Glue/import picture of your mushing partner here.

Our Mushing Partner 2009 Iditaread

□Veteran or □Rookie



Name:	Home:	
Age:	Where born:	
When did he or she begin m	ushing?	
How many times has this mu	usher participated in the Iditarod?	
Hobbies:		
Other information about yo	ur 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.

The 2009 Iditaread Challenge - All School Reading Event



February 25, 2009

Dear Parents,

The Iditarod is a very tough and exciting Alaskan sled dog race run from Anchorage to Nome, and all those who enter do it for the challenge. Only a few teams are good enough to do it for the money and fame it will bring to them.

We are going to follow the 37th Annual Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race again this year at Mary Lou Dieterich School. This challenging race of over 1,100 miles can take from 9 to 14 days to complete.

We are accepting a similar challenge in reading. We call it the **Iditaread Challenge**. Classes will choose veteran and rookie mushers and attempt to read to match their mushers' arrival at each of the 25 race checkpoints. Each student's goal will be to read a chapter, a story, or a short book for each race checkpoint reached by their musher. Students will keep track of their reading on Bookmark Tally Sheets or on an Iditaread Challenge Reading Record.

The ceremonial start of the race is on Saturday, March 7, 2009, in Anchorage. The official race restart is in Willow on Sunday, March 8th. <u>Our reading will also begin officially on Sunday, March 8th, and will continue until the last musher finishes in Nome.</u>

Here are some general guidelines:

- 1. Everyone will be participating it's part of our reading.
- 2. Help your student choose reading material that is a slight challenge but enjoyable.
- 3. All students will keep a record of their reading on their Bookmark Tally Sheet or Iditaread Challenge Reading Record. (You can use the Bookmark Tally Sheet on the back of this letter!)
- 4. Use the "Hotlist on the Iditarod" to find out more online about the Iditarod, the dogs, and your musher's progress at:
 - http://www.kn.att.com/wired/fil/pages/listtheiditmr.html
- 5. Certificates of participation and MLD Iditaread dog tags will be awarded to all finishers at the conclusion of the race. Students must turn in a completed Iditaread Bookmark Tally Sheet or Iditaread Challenge Reading Record to qualify for a dog tag.

We thank the Mary Lou Dieterich Boosters for their support with the Iditaread Reading Challenge!

Good luck with the Iditaread Challenge!!

Student Name	Teacher	
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Checkpoint

Iditarod 2009 Bookmark Tally Sheet

My Iditaread Reading Goal is: _____ Stories/Chapters/Short Books

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_ The Last Frontier _	J

<i>‡</i>	List each story, chapter, or short book you read	Author
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Anchorage to Nome

I participated in the 2009 Iditaread At Mary Lou Dieterich Elementary School

Start Date: Sunday, March 8, 2009

Student Musher	Class Musher	Race Official - Teacher