

NORMAN VAUGHAN'S SERUM '25 RUN

NENANA TO NOME

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Dear Interested Serum Run Participant,

Good day! The Norman Vaughan Serum '25 Run will be holding an Informational Serum Run Shakedown Event on February 16 – 18, 2008 (weather permitting), where interested mushers and snowmachiners can get a better idea of what the Serum Run is all about. The trip is limited to 15 mushers due to parking constraints and an unlimited number of snowmachiners.

Event Information (possible itinerary):

Date: Saturday, February 16 and return on Monday, February 18, 2008

Place: Willow (meeting place could be Willow Community Center, Deshka Landing or Crystal Lake Parking Lot and will be determined closer to event)

Time: Arrive at designated meeting place by 9:00 am for 11:00 am departure

Plans: Saturday, February 16th - Travel to Yentna Station Roadhouse approx. 35 miles of mostly river travel. Meals and housing are available for a fee. Half the group will be expected to camp to test winter gear.

Sunday, February 17th - Depart Yentna Station Roadhouse by 10:30 am and travel approx. 45 miles to EagleSong Lodge. Travel will be on the river, swamps and varied terrain. Meals and housing are available for a fee. The other half the group will be expected to camp to test winter gear.

Monday, February 18th - Depart EagleSong Lodge by 10:00 am and travel approx. 45 miles back to Willow departure point. Travel will be on swamps and the river then connecting back to Willow via swamps and lakes.

Costs: Still to be determined, but you can plan on at least \$150 for the weekend.

All mushers and snowmachiners must come prepared to camp out at least one of the two nights to make sure their gear is up to par for the elements. Mushers must provide their own dog supplies (dog food, one bale of straw, booties, stakeout line, kennel, etc.) and snowmachiners will need to bring a cargo sled capable of hauling dog supplies (straw, dog food, kennel) and other gear such as tent, cots, extra fuel, etc.. We prefer snowmachines without paddle tracks, however if that is all you have access to you will be asked to travel behind the dog teams.

The Serum Run Trail Boss and Musher Coordinator will hold an informational meeting in early February for those attending the event. A teleconference number will be provided for those who can't attend in person. There is a short application to be filled out by both mushers and snowmachiners. Mushers will be chosen based on information provided on the attached application. Those who applied for the 2008 Serum Run do not need to fill out the form.

Norman Vaughan Serum '25 Run

Informational Serum Run Shakedown Event

February 16 - February 18, 2008

Musher Application

Introduction

The Serum '25 Run is a long distance dog mushing expedition that commemorates the courageous effort and success of the original Serum Runners, who delivered life saving diphtheria serum to Nome in 1925. The Serum '25 Run, with dog mushers and supporting snow machiners, will travel the same route taken by the original Serum Runners from Nenana to Nome. In addition, dog mushers and snow machiners will speak to each village school along the way to commemorate the original feat and to inspire school age children to live Col. Norman Vaughan's life philosophy "Dream Big and Dare to Fail."

Mission

The Serum '25 team will stop over night at each village, traveling between 30 and 60 miles a day for approximately 17 days. There will be at least four nights camping along the trail during the trip. The route will follow the Tanana River down to the Yukon River, and then pick up the Iditarod trail at Kaltag that will continue to Nome. Food and gear pickups are planned for every third day, with each dog driver carrying one day's worth of food and gear for their teams. Snow machiners will carry their own gear, food, and fuel, along with the balance of gear, food, and straw for the dog teams. A successful Serum '25 Run will be the result of a team effort between dog mushers and snow machiners who are willing to share in this mission of historical, educational and cultural appreciation.

Personal Information:

Name: _____ M/F _____ Birthday _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Mushing:

How many years have you been mushing? _____

Do you own your own dogs? _____

If not, who owns the dogs? _____

Number of dogs in kennel _____

Reference:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Veterinarian:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Questions: *use additional sheets, if necessary*

What is your mushing experience?

When do you plan on running the Serum Run?

Please provide a detailed description of a daily food/feeding plan for your team (types of food, quantities, feeding schedule, etc.) while on a multi-day mushing trip.

Please complete and mail or email this form by January 28th, 2008 to:

Norman Vaughan Serum 25 Run

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Participants will be notified no later than February 1st, 2008 of their status.