



DOG MUSHING TRY-IT

Level: Brownie

Requirements: Complete 4 of the following activities.

1. Talk with a musher or visit a kennel. Learn about what is involved in caring for, raising and training sled dogs (or read the entire book: *Born to Pull*).
2. Read a mushing book or have one read to you. Suggested reading: *Born to Pull* (an excellent resource on mushing at a kid's level.), *Kiana's Iditarod*, *Balto*, *Storm Run* (Libby Riddles), *Danger*, *The Dog Yard Cat*, *North Country Christmas*.
3. See a movie about mushing. Suggestions: *Balto* or *Iron Will*.
4. Attend a dog sled race (such as the start of the Iditarod, or the Fur Rendezvous races) or follow the Iditarod race progress daily on a map or the Internet.
5. Learn about the parts of a dog sled and basic mushing equipment.
6. View, ride on or mush a dog sled. Learn simple mushing commands (i.e. Gee, Haw, On-By)
7. Learn about dog safety. (Anchorage Animal Control has an excellent hand out.)
8. Write a story or a poem about mushing, draw a picture or make a model of a sled dog team.

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