

Nature's Kennel Iditarod Racing and Sled Dog Adventures Presents

PULLING TOGETHER—IDITAROD PROGRAMS



Take your students on a journey along the Iditarod trail with Ed Stielstra, 7-time Iditarod finisher. Ed will be joined by his wife, Tasha Stielstra, who will give your students an introduction to the world of mushing and how it relates to teamwork and respect in the classroom.

Highlights of the Iditarod program include:

- An interactive Iditarod slide show with photos and videos from Ed's Iditarod races.
- An opportunity for students to meet a canine member from Ed's Iditarod team.
- Lessons on the core values of being safe, kind, and responsible.
- Examples of how working together and respecting others makes a successful team.
- A visual demonstration of teamwork by having students work together as a model dog team.

Program length is approximately 45 minutes for grades K-1, one hour for grades 2-5, and 90 minutes for grades 6-12. Optimal grade levels for the programs are 2nd-7th grades and optimal group size is 250 students or less. However, all grade levels and group sizes can be accommodated.

Cost:

- \$500 for one presentation
- \$750 for two presentations at the same school/location.

The above costs do not include mileage/travel. However, every effort is made to schedule multiple schools in one geographical area to reduce travel costs. Generally travel costs are an additional \$100 or less per school.



Even though sled dog racing takes place in the winter, sled dog training and team building takes place all year. *Pulling Together* is structured so that students can learn from about teamwork regardless of the season.

Nature's Kennel, owned by Ed and Tasha Stielstra, is located near McMillan in the Eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Nature's Kennel is home to over 150 outstanding Alaskan Huskies. Tasha has combined her 4 years of classroom teaching experience with 13 years of mushing to create the very unique and effective "Pulling Together" program for schools.

Both Ed and Tasha successfully compete in distance and mid-distance races throughout the nation and around the world. Ed has finished Alaska's Iditarod seven times and both Ed and Tasha are past UP 200 Champions. In addition to racing, the Stielstras operate a touring business to teach others the joy of running sled dogs. Each year, Ed and Tasha speak to thousands of adults and children across the Midwest about the dedication and teamwork it takes to fulfill a dream.