

MARIO THE MUSHER'S

Incredible Iditarod Rescue



An escape adventure!



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HELLO, TEACHERS!

This escape adventure explores the wonderful world of the Iditarod. Students must work through the included puzzles, which will lead them to reveal four-number combinations. These combinations will open corresponding locks, helping them move on to the next puzzle. There are six puzzles in this escape adventure.

BACKSTORY

Mario the Musher is no rookie to the Iditarod. He has been mushing for many years and is considered one of the best in the sport. He has just one problem: he let go of his sled, and now his dogs are running free in the wilderness. Can you help catch his dog team so he can get back on the trail and finish the Iditarod?

SUGGESTED TIME

I suggest 60-90 minutes for this escape adventure, depending on the age of your students and their prior knowledge of the Iditarod. This can vary based on your classroom needs.

MATERIALS NEEDED

The materials in this packet need to be printed out. Some materials may need cutting.

This escape adventure requires a total of six locks with four-number combination codes.

You will also need six individual boxes or one large box with six compartments. As a substitution, you can use one box with a multi-lock hasp. Colored washers locked onto these locks can also work as a multi-box solution, as students can turn in each unlocked washer to the teacher for the next piece of the puzzle.

Puzzle #4 requires a blacklight flashlight for the students to use and a blacklight marker for puzzle preparation.

Musher and checkpoint facts and photographs taken from:

www.iditarod.com

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PUZZLE #1: WHO'S RACING?

PUZZLE MATERIALS: Bulleted musher clue page, Musher index book

PUZZLE EXPLANATION: Students use the bulleted musher clue page to identify each musher who is racing. There are two mushers not included in the musher clue page. These mushers are included in the index but will not be racing the Iditarod this year. Students need to identify these two mushers and take note of their bib numbers assigned to them in the index. In the order they appear, these mushers are: Jason Campeau (11) and Vern Halter (19).

PUZZLE SOLUTION: 1119

PUZZLE #2: WHERE DO THEY LIVE?

PUZZLE MATERIALS: Musher cut-outs, Musher's home sorting page (Alaska, Lower 48, Other Country), Musher index book

PUZZLE EXPLANATION: Students organize mushers according to their home listed in the musher index. Students will place mushers in the correct column on the sorting page. Students count how many mushers live in each location in order from left to right.

Alaska (15): Jeff Deeter, Martin Buser, Aliy Zirkle, DeeDee Jonrowe, Anna Berington, Mitch Seavey, Cindy Abbott, Jessie Holmes, Kristy Berington, Ryan Redington, Matthew Failor, Alan Eischens, Vern Halter, Jessie Royer, Rick Casillo

Lower 48 (5): Charley Bejna, Emily Maxwell, Brett Bruggerman, Shaynee Traska, Noah Pereira

Other Country (2): Joar Leifseth Ulsom, Jason Campeau

PUZZLE SOLUTION: 1552

PUZZLE #3: WHERE ARE THEY?

PUZZLE MATERIALS: Iditarod trail map, Checkpoint fact cards, Checkpoint clue page, Musher cut-outs, Musher index book

PUZZLE EXPLANATION:

Students use the checkpoint clue page and the checkpoint fact cards to place mushers at their appropriate checkpoints. Once mushers are placed at the correct checkpoints, students will solve a series of math problems to get the digits for the lock code.

TAKOTNA: Population – Musher's Bib Numbers = First Digit of Code (51-13-14-21=3)

SHAGELUK: Double each musher's bib number. Then subtract each of those numbers from the population to get the next two digits of the code. (2+2=4, 5+5=10, 18+18=36; 139-4-10-36=89)

ANVIK: Population – Musher's Bib Numbers = Last Digit of Code (82-1-4-15-16-19-22=5)

PUZZLE SOLUTION: 3895

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PUZZLE #4: DROP BAGS

PUZZLE MATERIALS: Musher drop bag map, Musher drop bag equation page

PUZZLE EXPLANATION: Using the color-coded weights found on the musher drop bag map, students will figure out the weight of each musher's three drop bags. Each musher's picture is placed on a series of colored rectangles. Each layered color represents one drop bag weight. Some mushers have drop bags that weigh the same amount represented by the same color. Although it may look like these mushers only have one or two drop bags, all mushers have three total.

MATTHEW FAILOR: $47+50+46=143$

ANNA BERINGTON: $45+49+48=142$

JOAR LEIFSETH ULSOM: $48+45+45=138$

CINDY ABBOTT: $49+47+46=142$

MARTIN BUSER: $50+45+48=143$

ALIY ZIRKLE: $46+46+50=142$

JEFF DEETER: $45+47+49=141$

CHARLEY BEJNA: $49+50+46=145$

DEEDEE JONROWE: $47+47+47=141$

EQUATION 1: $143+142+141+143=569$

EQUATION 2: $142+141+142=425$

EQUATION 3: $145+143+142=430$

EQUATION 4: $145-138+142+141=290$

FINAL: $569+425+430+290=1714$;

$1714 + 1714 = 3428$

PUZZLE SOLUTION: 3428

PUZZLE #5: MANDATORY SUPPLIES

PUZZLE MATERIALS: Mandatory supplies hidden code page, Mandatory supplies number clue page, Musher index book

PUZZLE EXPLANATION: First, students will use the picture/letter codes to spell out the mandatory supplies that are checked at the finish line. Then, students will use letters from those words they just spelled out to get the next puzzle solution.

VET BOOK: T

SNOWSHOES: WO

MATTHEW FAILOR: 17

COOKER: O

SNOWSHOES: N

SLEEPING BAG: E

PUZZLE SOLUTION: 2171

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PUZZLE #6: NEW PUPPIES!

PUZZLE MATERIALS: Puppy cut-outs, Puppy litter sorting page, Puppy litter clue page, blacklight flashlight

PUZZLE PREPARATION: Hidden numbers written on the back of each puppy cut-out will need to be written in blacklight ink by the teacher prior to the escape adventure. The following numbers should be written on the following puppies:

PRESIDENTS: Lincoln (2), Washington (1), Kennedy (1), Clinton (1), Obama (1), Bush (1), Reagan (1), Carter (1)

STATES: Illinois (2), Maryland (3), Idaho (1), Pennsylvania (2), Ohio (1), Colorado (4), Wisconsin (5), Alaska (2), Massachusetts (1), Virginia (3)

BOARD GAMES: Jenga (2), Checkers (1), Trouble (1), Scrabble (1), Sorry (2), Yahtzee (1), Clue (1)

PUZZLE EXPLANATION: Students will need to sort the puppies into their correct themed litter. Once each of the puppies is sorted, students must use the blacklight flashlight to reveal the hidden numbers on the back of each puppy cut-out. These numbers should be added together. The combination comes from the three sums being read from left to right.

PRESIDENTS: $2+1+1+1+1+1+1+1=9$

STATES: $2+3+1+2+1+4+5+2+1+3=24$

BOARD GAMES: $2+1+1+1+2+1+1=9$

PUZZLE SOLUTION: 9249

PUZZLE DISCOVERY ORDER

At the beginning of the puzzle, students should be given a folder or manila envelope with the musher index pages and the bulleted musher page.

After completing Puzzle #1, students should receive a packet containing the musher cut-outs and the musher home sorting page.

After completing Puzzle #2, students should receive the Iditarod trail map, Checkpoint information cards, and the checkpoint clue page.

After completing Puzzle #3, students should receive the musher drop bag map and the musher drop bag equation page.

After completing Puzzle #4, students should receive the mandatory supplies hidden code page and the mandatory supplies number clue page.

After completing Puzzle #5, students should receive the puppy cut-outs, the puppy litter sorting page, the puppy litter clue page, and a blacklight flashlight.

If this escape adventure is being broken up into smaller activities instead of a single event, the puzzle order may need to be adapted to fit accordingly. Similarly, if the time set aside for the activity needs to be shorter than the suggested time limit, some puzzles may need to be removed. Make sure that the components received from completing those puzzles are still accessible for students if needed later.

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Dear Iditarod Volunteers,

It's an odd year of the Iditarod. Many mushers are signed up for the race. Can you help us? Below are clues for some of the mushers that have entered this year's race. We need to match up the musher's names with their entries in our musher book. If there are any mushers left over in the book, let us know! Thanks for volunteering your time. We could not hold this race each year without our faithful volunteers.

- Hold your horses! This musher is definitely signed up for the Iditarod.
- Ain't no mountain high enough. And no trail too long. Count this musher in!
- Sweet home, Alabama? This musher now calls Alaska home.
- This musher is not the Boogie Man. But he will be running the Iditarod!
- This musher may beat you in a foot race or the Iditarod race.
- This scout is always prepared out on the Iditarod trail.
- Circle, circle, dot, dot. Now I've got my cootie shot. But this musher doesn't have cooties!
- It's no battle. This musher is signed up.
- I'm no Einstein, but this musher's name is close.
- Abraham Lincoln isn't signed up, but this fellow Illinoisan is.
- This musher isn't in the Army now but was in the past.
- Housedogs won't work for the Iditarod, but this musher now has a whole dog team.
- You may need to Spruce up your brain on this one. You'll see this musher!
- Row, row, row your boat. Gently down the trail.
- This musher isn't wrestling with a decision about signing up for the Iditarod.
- Set your mind to something and you can achieve it. This musher did!
- Let's paint the trail red.
- He's not from the Big Apple, but he is from New York, New York.
- This musher will be stopping at the namesakes of his/her children out on the trail.
- No hablo espanol? This musher can help!

JEFF DEETER



1

Jeff moved to Alaska with his parents when he was six years old.

HOMETOWN

Fairbanks, Alaska

AGE

30 years old

KENNEL

Black Spruce Dog Sledding

IDITAROD HISTORY

2008 and 2018

FUN FACT

Started mushing at age 15

MARTIN BUSER



2

Martin's two sons are named after Iditarod checkpoints: Nikolai and Rohn.

HOMETOWN

Big Lake, Alaska

AGE

60 years old

KENNEL

Happy Trails Kennel

IDITAROD HISTORY

35 Iditarod races between 1980 and 2018 and is a four-time Iditarod Champion

FUN FACT

Born in Switzerland and became captivated with sled dogs as a teenager

ALIY ZIRKLE



3

Aliy's husband, Allen Moore, is also an Iditarod veteran.

HOMETOWN

Two Rivers, Alaska

AGE

49 years old

KENNEL

SP Kennel

IDITAROD HISTORY

18 Iditarod races between 2001 and 2018, including six top-ten finishes

FUN FACT

Moved to Alaska in her early twenties after being raised in New Hampshire, Puerto Rico, St. Louis, and Pennsylvania

DEEDEE JONROWE



4

DeeDee is a survivor of cancer and is an advocate to bring awareness to cancer and cancer patient care.

HOMETOWN

Willow, Alaska

AGE

64 years old

KENNEL

Jonrowe Kennel

IDITAROD HISTORY

36 Iditarod races from 1980 to 2018

FUN FACT

Graduated from the University of Alaska with a degree in Biological Sciences and Renewable Resources

JOAR LEIFSETH ULSOM



5

When Joar was a kid, he would borrow his neighbors two housedogs to pull him around on skis.

HOMETOWN
Mo i Rana, Norway

AGE
32 years old

KENNEL
Joar Racing Sled
Dogs

IDITAROD HISTORY
6 Iditarod races from
2013-2018, finishing in
the top seven every time
and was the 2018 Iditarod
Champion

FUN FACT
Started mushing in 2007

ANNA BERINGTON



6

After graduating high school, Anna joined the Army National Guard.

HOMETOWN
Knik, Alaska

AGE
35 years old

KENNEL
Seeing Double Sled
Dog Racing

IDITAROD HISTORY
7 Iditarod races between
2012 and 2018

FUN FACT
Started mushing when
she was 9 years old

CHARLEY BEJNA



7

Charley is a Type 1 Diabetic with an insulin pump.

HOMETOWN
Addison, Illinois

AGE
45 years old

KENNEL
Charley's Sled Dog
Kennel

IDITAROD HISTORY
6 Iditarod races
from 2013-2018

FUN FACT
Became interested
in mushing after
attending the
Iditarod in 2006

EMILY MAXWELL



8

Emily has degrees in Spanish, Journalism, and
Literary Translation from the University of Iowa.

HOMETOWN
Iowa City, Iowa

AGE
34 years old

KENNEL
None

IDITAROD HISTORY
Ran her rookie Iditarod in
2018

FUN FACT
Started mushing in 2016
after suffering from a
severe burn injury

MITCH SEAVEY



9

Mitch began mushing in 1963. His father and three of his sons have also ran the Iditarod.

HOMETOWN

Seward, Alaska

AGE

58 years old

KENNEL

Seavey's Ididaride

IDITAROD HISTORY

25 Iditarod races and is a three-time Iditarod champion

FUN FACT

Wrestled for Pacific University in Oregon

BRETT BRUGGERMAN



10

Brett's son, Spencer, has a birth defect which caused one leg to not develop muscle. Hence, the name of the family kennel.

HOMETOWN

Great Falls, Montana

AGE

48 years old

KENNEL

Skinny Leg Sled Dogs

IDITAROD HISTORY

Ran his rookie year in 2018

FUN FACT

Graduated from University of Nebraska Med Center in 1999 and is a dentist

JASON CAMPEAU



11

Jason is the Executive Vice President of Maplesoft Group and is part owner of RSG Sports.

HOMETOWN

Rocky Mountain House,
Canada

AGE

44 years old

KENNEL

Atka Kennel

IDITAROD HISTORY

2 Iditarod races in
2015 and 2016

FUN FACT

Had a career in the
Ontario Hockey League
playing for the North
Bay Centennials

CINDY ABBOTT



12

Cindy scaled Mt. Everest in 2010 after being diagnosed with a rare disease, Wegener's Granulomatosis.

HOMETOWN

Willow, Alaska

AGE

60 years old

KENNEL

None

IDITAROD HISTORY

4 Iditarod races, including
two Red Lantern Awards
in 2015 and 2017

FUN FACT

Was a college professor
teaching health sciences
and kinesiology prior to
mushing

SHAYNEE TRASKA



13

When Shaynee was 9 years old, she told her parents she would run the Iditarod one day.

HOMETOWN

Gladwin, Michigan

AGE

30 years old

KENNEL

Howling Ridge
Kennel

IDITAROD HISTORY

Ran her rookie year
in 2018

FUN FACT

Got her first sled
dogs and started
her kennel when
she was 14

JESSIE HOLMES



14

Jessie appears on the TV show Life Below Zero, which shares the lives of people living in remote Alaska.

HOMETOWN

Nenana, Alaska

AGE

37 years old

KENNEL

None

IDITAROD HISTORY

Ran his rookie Iditarod in
2018, finishing 7th and
earning Rookie of the
Year

FUN FACT

Born in Alabama but
moved to Montana and
then to Alaska in 2004

KRISTY BERINGTON



15

Kristy also competes in running races including half-marathons, triathlons, and ultra-distances.

HOMETOWN

Knik, Alaska

AGE

35 years old

KENNEL

Seeing Double Sled
Dog Racing

IDITAROD HISTORY

9 Iditarod races
from 2010-2018

FUN FACT

Works doing
carpentry and
landscaping

RYAN REDINGTON



16

Ryan's grandfather, Joe Redington Sr., founded the Iditarod.

HOMETOWN

Skagway, Alaska

AGE

36 years old

KENNEL

Callin' Trail Kennel

IDITAROD HISTORY

11 Iditarod races
from 2001-2018

FUN FACT

Been running dog
teams since he was
old enough to reach
the handle bars

MATTHEW FAILOR



17

Matthew moved to Alaska for a college job as a dog handler and moved permanently after graduating from college.

HOMETOWN

Willow, Alaska

AGE

36 years old

KENNEL

17th Dog

IDITAROD HISTORY

7 Iditarod races from 2012-2018

FUN FACT

Is an Eagle Scout and a devoted outdoorsman

ALAN EISCHENS



18

Al races the Iditarod to bring awareness to the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation.

HOMETOWN

Wasilla, Alaska

AGE

58 years old

KENNEL

Double E Kennel

IDITAROD HISTORY

4 Iditarod races from 2015-2018

FUN FACT

Has finished the Iditarod twice with all 16 dogs on his team

VERN HALTER



19

Vern has a law degree and served as a lawyer, a magistrate judge, and a public defender.

HOMETOWN

Willow, Alaska

AGE

55 years old

KENNEL

Dream a Dream Dog Farm

IDITAROD HISTORY

18 Iditarod races from 1983-2005, including 9 top-ten finishes

FUN FACT

Started mushing at age 15

NOAH PEREIRA



20

Noah was the first non-Alaskan musher to win the Jr. Iditarod in 2013.

HOMETOWN

Brockport, New York

AGE

21 years old

KENNEL

None

IDITAROD HISTORY

2016 and 2018

FUN FACT

Became interested in mushing after meeting local mushers in New York

JESSIE ROYER



21

Jessie previously worked on a ranch as a horse wrangler and horse teamster.

HOMETOWN

Fairbanks, Alaska

AGE

42 years old

KENNEL

None

IDITAROD HISTORY

16 Iditarod races from 2001-2018, including 6 top-ten finishes

FUN FACT

Got her first sled dog when she was 15

RICK CASILLO



22

Rick has an organization called Battle Dawgs, which provides camp to veterans from all over the United States.

HOMETOWN

Big Lake, Alaska

AGE

44 years old

KENNEL

Battle Dawgs Racing

IDITAROD HISTORY

9 Iditarod races from 2004-2018

FUN FACT

Moved to Alaska in 1999 to become a fly-fishing guide

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Dear Iditarod Volunteers,

Where are all the mushers from? Use the following tools to help solve the next challenge of the escape mystery.

Mush on!

ALASKA

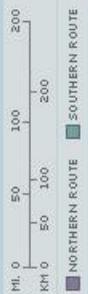
LOWER 48

**ANOTHER
COUNTRY**



The Official Map of the IDITAROD

NORTHERN ROUTE (Even Years) / SOUTHERN ROUTE (Odd Years)



ANCHORAGE



Population: 254,849
The ceremonial start begins downtown on Fourth Street.

CAMPBELL AIRSTRIP



The airstrip is used by various agencies when putting out wildfires. It's also used for emergency landings for private and commercial aircraft.

WILLOW



Population: 1,700
Willow was chosen to be the new state capital in 1979, but the plans fell through.

YENTNA



Population: 8
Checkpoint Location:
Home of Dan and Jean Gabryzack family

SKWENTNA



Population: 90

Checkpoint Location:

Joe and Norma Delia's log home, also known as the Post Office

FINGER LAKE



Population: 2

Checkpoint Location:
Winter Lake Lodge

RAINY PASS



Population: 2

Checkpoint Location:
Rainy Pass Lodge

ROHN



Population: 0

Checkpoint Location:
Rohn Roadhouse (Cabin)

NIKOLAI



Population: 125
Checkpoint Location:
Community Hall

MCGRATH



Population: 479
Checkpoint Information:
The community has two
stores, a bar, and a
restaurant.

TAKOTNA



Population: 51
Checkpoint Information:
The town has a store and
a restaurant.

OPHIR



Population: 0
Checkpoint Location:
Dick and Audra
Forsgren's cabin

IDITAROD



Population: 0

Checkpoint Information:
This ghost town produced about \$35 million in gold from 1908-1925.

SHAGELUK



Population: 139

Checkpoint Information:
Shageluk means 'Village of the Dog People'.

ANVIK



Population: 82

Checkpoint Location:
The Lodge

GRAYLING



Population: 208

Checkpoint Location:
Old Community Center

KALTAG



Population: 234
Checkpoint Location: Rich
Burnham's
House/Community Hall

UNALAKLEET



Population: 882
Checkpoint Location:
AC Store

SHAKTOOLIK



Population: 199
Checkpoint Location:
The Armory

KOYUK



Population: 258
Checkpoint Location:
City Recreation Center

ELIM



Population: 281
Checkpoint Location:
Fire Hall

WHITE MOUNTAIN



Population: 209
Checkpoint Location:
Community Hall

SAFETY



Population: Unknown
Checkpoint Location:
Safety Roadhouse

NOME



Population: 3576
Checkpoint Location:
Nome was once a
boomtown and home to
30,000 people looking for
gold.

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Dear Iditarod Volunteers,

It's day six of the Iditarod in an odd numbered year. Mushers are scattered across the trail at different checkpoints. Please place the following mushers at the correct checkpoint.

1. **THIS CHECKPOINT HAS A STORE AND A RESTAURANT:**

Mushers 13, 14, 21

2. **THE FORSGREN'S PROBABLY HAVE THE CABIN NICE AND TOASTY:**

Mushers 8, 10

3. **THIS GHOST TOWN ONCE HAD MILLIONS IN GOLD:**

Mushers 6, 7, 9

4. **THE DOG PEOPLE LIVE HERE:**

Mushers 2, 5, and 18

5. **MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE LODGE TO CHECK IN:**

Mushers 1, 4, 15, 16, 19, 22

6. **HEAD TO THE OLD COMMUNITY CENTER:**

Mushers 3, 12, and 17

To get your next clue, you must solve the following math problems:

TAKOTNA: Population – Musher's Bib Numbers = First Digit of Code

SHAGELUK: Double each musher's bib number. Then subtract each of those numbers from the population to get the next two digits of the code.

ANVIK: Population – Musher's Bib Numbers = Last Digit of Code

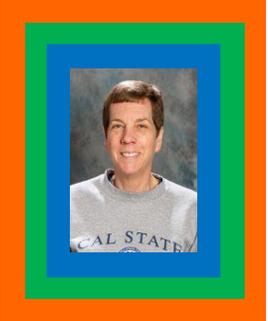
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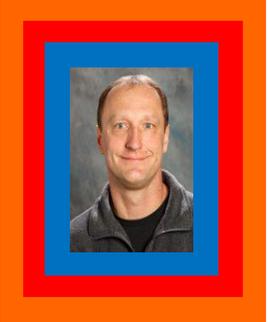
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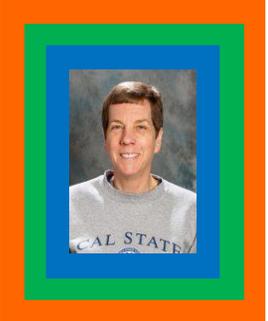
Dear Iditarod Volunteers,

According to the rules, mushers can pack three drop bags to be sent to each of the checkpoints along the Iditarod trail. Each bag can weigh no more than 50 pounds. Use the map to find the weight of each musher's three drop bags. Then, help us work through the following problems so we can get the planes loaded with drop bags.

1.  +  +  + 

2.  +  + 

3.  +  + 

4.  -  +  + 

ADD 1 + 2 + 3 + 4. THEN DOUBLE.

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NORTHERN ROUTE (Even Years) / SOUTHERN ROUTE (Odd Years)



50 lbs.

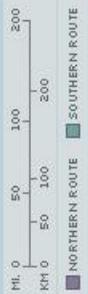
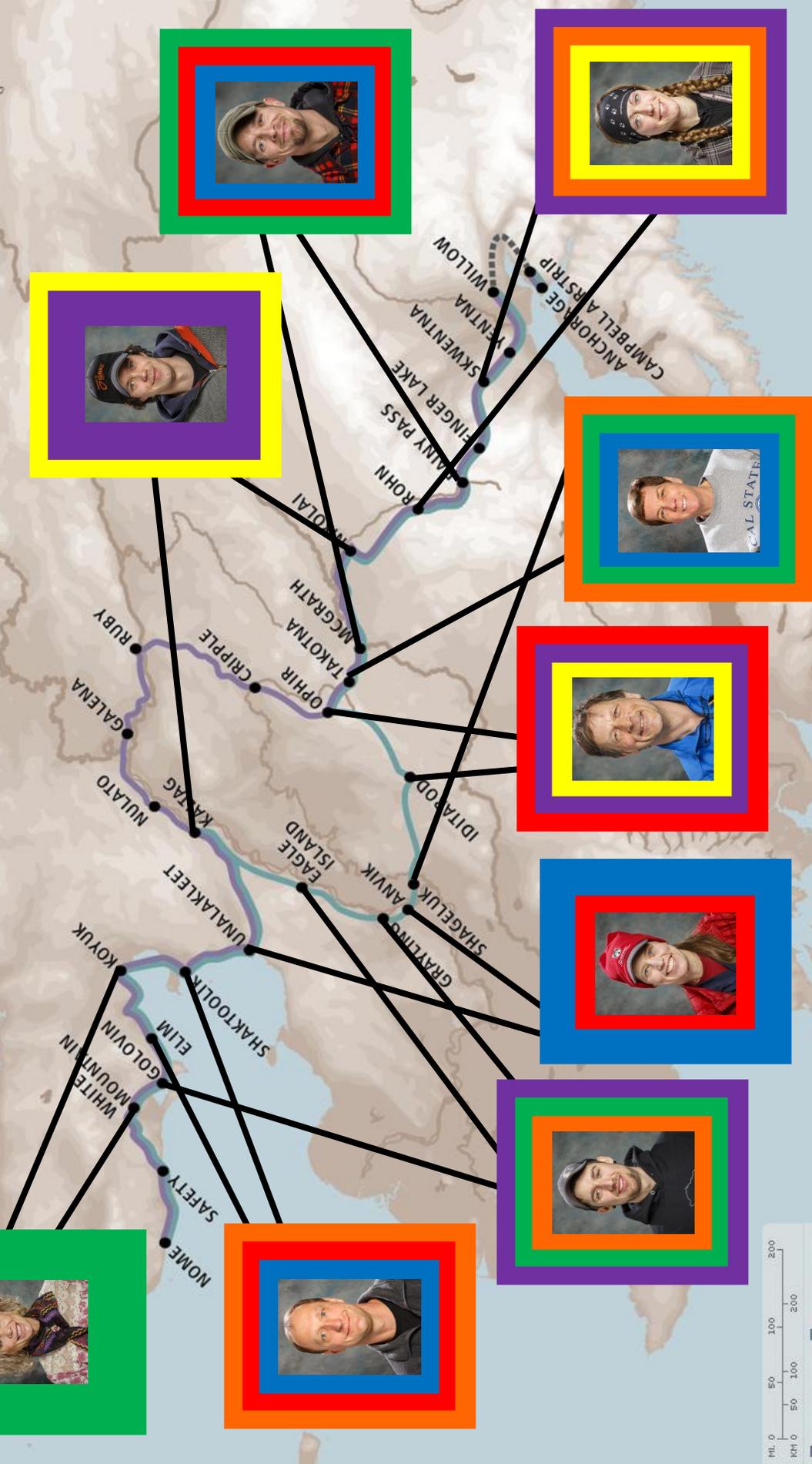
49 lbs.

48 lbs.

47 lbs.

46 lbs.

45 lbs.



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Dear Iditarod Volunteers,

There's no place like Nome! The first musher just crossed the finish line under the Burlud Arch. It's your job to check and make sure he/she has their mandatory items. Solve the codes below so the musher is cleared as the official winner.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M |

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|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N | O | P | Q | R | S | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z |

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

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1. You'll need me filled out at each checkpoint to assure your dog team is taken care of, and you must present me at the finish line. Use the third letter of my name.
2. If you need to walk on the snow to break trail, you'll need me. Use the fourth letter of my name. Then, use the third letter of my name.
3. The musher who won the Iditarod has a bib number and kennel name that are the same. Use that number.
4. You'll need me to warm food for yourself and the dogs and to melt snow to make water. Use the second letter of my name.
5. You'll need me if you have to walk across a lot of snow. Use the second letter of my name.
6. If you must sleep out on the trail, you'll be glad to have this required item. Use the third letter of my name.



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Dear Iditarod Volunteers,

Puppies everywhere! After the Iditarod, several of the mushers make it home to find puppies have been born. Sort the puppies into the correct litters to get your final code. Hurry quickly so Mario can get back to the trail! You've almost solved the mystery!

PRESIDENTS

STATES

**BOARD
GAMES**

LINCOLN



WASHINGTON



KENNEDY



CLINTON



OBAMA



BUSH



REAGAN



CARTER



ILLINOIS



MARYLAND



IDAHO



PENNSYLVANIA



OHIO



COLORADO



WISCONSIN



ALASKA



MASSACHUSSETTS



VIRGINIA



CHECKERS



JENGA



TROUBLE



SCRABBLE



SORRY



YAHTZEE



CLUE



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- This musher may beat you in a foot race or the Iditarod race. (Kristy Berington)
- This scout is always prepared out on the Iditarod trail. (Matthew Failor)
- Circle, circle, dot, dot. Now I've got my cootie shot. But this musher doesn't have cooties! (Aliy Zirkle)
- It's no battle. This musher is signed up. (Rick Casillo)
- I'm no Einstein, but this musher's name is close. (Alan Eischens)
- Abraham Lincoln isn't signed up, but this fellow Illinoisan is. (Charley Bejna)
- This musher isn't in the Army now but was in the past. (Anna Berington)
- Housedogs won't work for the Iditarod, but this musher now has a whole dog team. (Joar Leifseth Ulsom)
- You may need to Spruce up your brain on this one. You'll see this musher! (Jeff Deeter)
- Row, row, row your boat. Gently down the trail. (DeeDee Jonrowe)
- This musher isn't wrestling with a decision. (Mitch Seavey)
- Set your mind to something and you can achieve it. This musher did! (Shaynee Traska)
- Let's paint the trail red. (Ryan Redington)
- He's not from the Big Apple, but he is from New York, New York. (Noah Pereira)
- This musher will be stopping at the namesakes of his/her children out on the trail. (Martin Buser)
- No hablo espanol? This musher can help! (Emily Maxwell)

Not racing:

Jason Campeau #11

Vern Halter #19

Puzzle Solution: 1119

ALASKA

LOWER 48

ANOTHER COUNTRY

Jeff Deeter

Martin Buser

Aliy Zirkle

DeeDee Jonrowe

Anna Berington

Mitch Seavey

Cindy Abbott

Jessie Holmes

Kristy Berington

Ryan Redington

Matthew Failor

Alan Eischens

Vern Halter

Jessi Royer

Rick Casillo

15

Charley Bejna

Emily Maxwell

Brett Bruggerman

Shaynee Traska

Noah Pereira

5

Joar Leifseth Ulsom

Jason Campeau

2

Puzzle Solution:

1552

ANSWERS

MARIO THE MUSER'S

Incredible Iditarod Rescue



Dear Iditarod Volunteers,

It's day six of the Iditarod in an odd numbered year. Musers are scattered across the trail at different checkpoints. Please place the following mushers at the correct checkpoint.

1. THIS CHECKPOINT HAS A STORE AND A RESTAURANT:

Musers 13, 14, 21 (Takotna 51)

2. THE FORSGREN'S PROBABLY HAVE THE CABIN NICE AND TOASTY:

Musers 8, 10 (Ophir 0)

3. THIS GHOST TOWN ONCE HAD MILLIONS IN GOLD:

Musers 6, 7, 9 (Iditarod 0)

4. THE DOG PEOPLE LIVE HERE:

Musers 2, 5, and 18 (Shageluk 139)

5. MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE LODGE TO CHECK IN:

Musers 1, 4, 15, 16, 19, 22 (Anvik 82)

6. HEAD TO THE OLD COMMUNITY CENTER:

Musers 3, 12, and 17 (Grayling 208)

To get your next clue, you must solve the following math problems:

TAKOTNA: Population – Musher's Bib Numbers = First Digit of Code (3)

SHAGELUK: Double each musher's bib number. Then subtract each of those numbers from the population to get the next two digits of the code. (89)

ANVIK: Population – Musher's Bib Numbers = Last Digit of Code (5)

Puzzle Solution:
3895

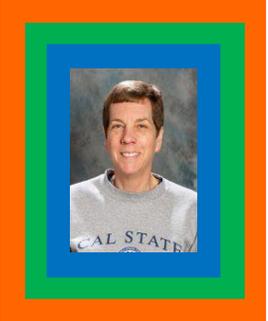
MARIO THE MUSHER'S

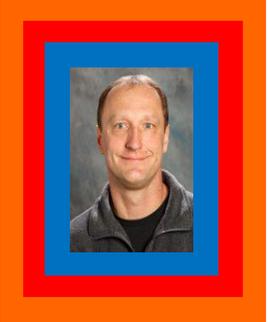
Incredible Iditarod Rescue

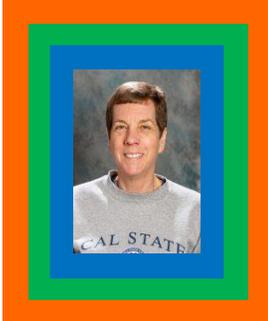
Dear Iditarod Volunteers,

According to the rules, mushers can pack three drop bags to be sent to each of the checkpoints along the Iditarod trail. Each bag can weigh no more than 50 pounds. Help us work through the following problems so we can get the planes loaded with drop bags.

1.  +  +  + 

2.  +  + 

3.  +  + 

4.  -  +  + 

1. $143 + 142 + 141 + 143 = 569$
 2. $142 + 141 + 142 = 425$
 3. $145 + 143 + 142 = 430$
 4. $145 - 138 + 142 + 141 = 290$

$569 + 425 + 430 + 290 = 1,714$
 $1,714 + 1,714 = 3,428$

Puzzle Solution:
 3428

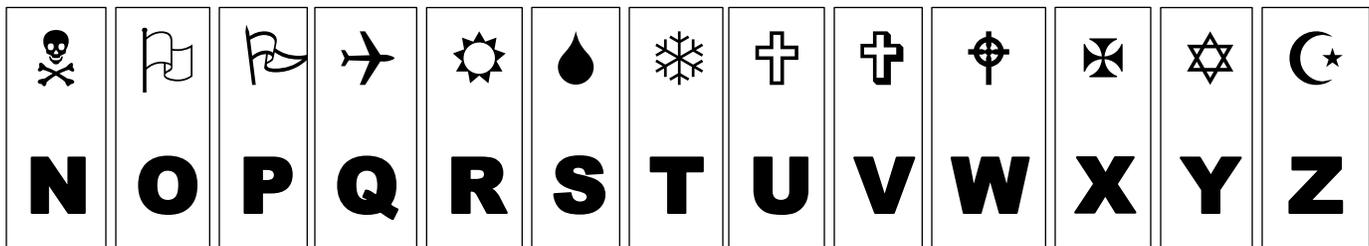
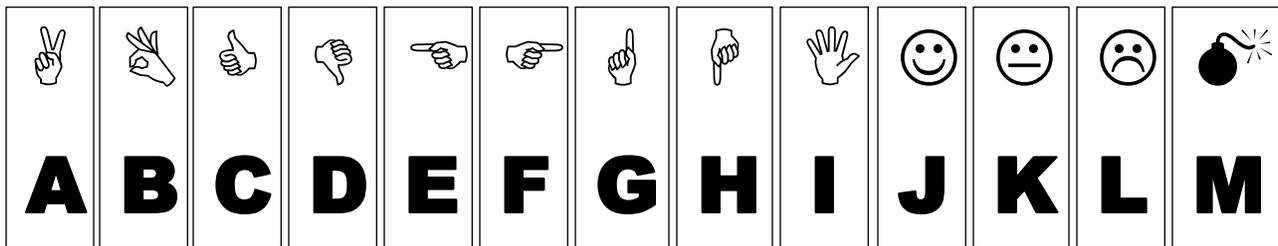
ADD 1 + 2 + 3 + 4. THEN DOUBLE.

MARIO THE MUSER'S

Incredible Iditarod Rescue

Dear Iditarod Volunteers,

There's no place like Nome! The first musher just crossed the finish line under the Burred Arch. It's your job to check and make sure he/she has their mandatory items. Solve the codes below so the musher is cleared as the official winner.



1.

A X

2.

C O O K E R

3.

S L E E P I N G B A G

4.

V E T B O O K

5.

S N O W S H O E S

MARIO THE MUSHER'S

Incredible Iditarod Rescue

1. You'll need me filled out at each checkpoint to assure your dog team is taken care of, and you must present me at the finish line. Use the third letter of my name. (VET BOOK—T)
2. If you need to walk on the snow to break trail, you'll need me. Use the fourth letter of my name. Then, use the third letter of my name. (SNOWSHOES—W—O)
3. The musher who won the Iditarod has a bib number and kennel name that are the same. Use that number. (MATTHEW FAILOR—17)
4. You'll need me to warm food for yourself and the dogs and to melt snow to make water. Use the second letter of my name. (COOKER—O)
5. You'll need me if you have to walk across a lot of snow. Use the second letter of my name. (SNOWSHOES—N)
6. If you must sleep out on the trail, you'll be glad to have this required item. Use the third letter of my name. (SLEEPING BAG—E)

T W O 1 7 O N E

Puzzle Solution:

2171

PRESIDENTS

STATES

BOARD GAMES

Lincoln-2

Washington-1

Kennedy-1

Clinton-1

Obama-1

Bush-1

Reagan-1

Carter-1

$$2 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 \\ = 9$$

9

Illinois-2

Maryland-3

Idaho-1

Pennsylvania-2

Ohio-1

Colorado-4

Wisconsin-5

Alaska-2

Massachusetts-1

Virginia-3

$$2 + 3 + 1 + 2 + 1 + 4 + 5 \\ + 2 + 1 + 3 = 24$$

24

Puzzle Solution:

9249

Jenga-2

Checkers-1

Trouble-1

Scrabble-1

Sorry-2

Yahtzee-1

Clue-1

$$2 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 2 + 1 + 1 \\ = 9$$

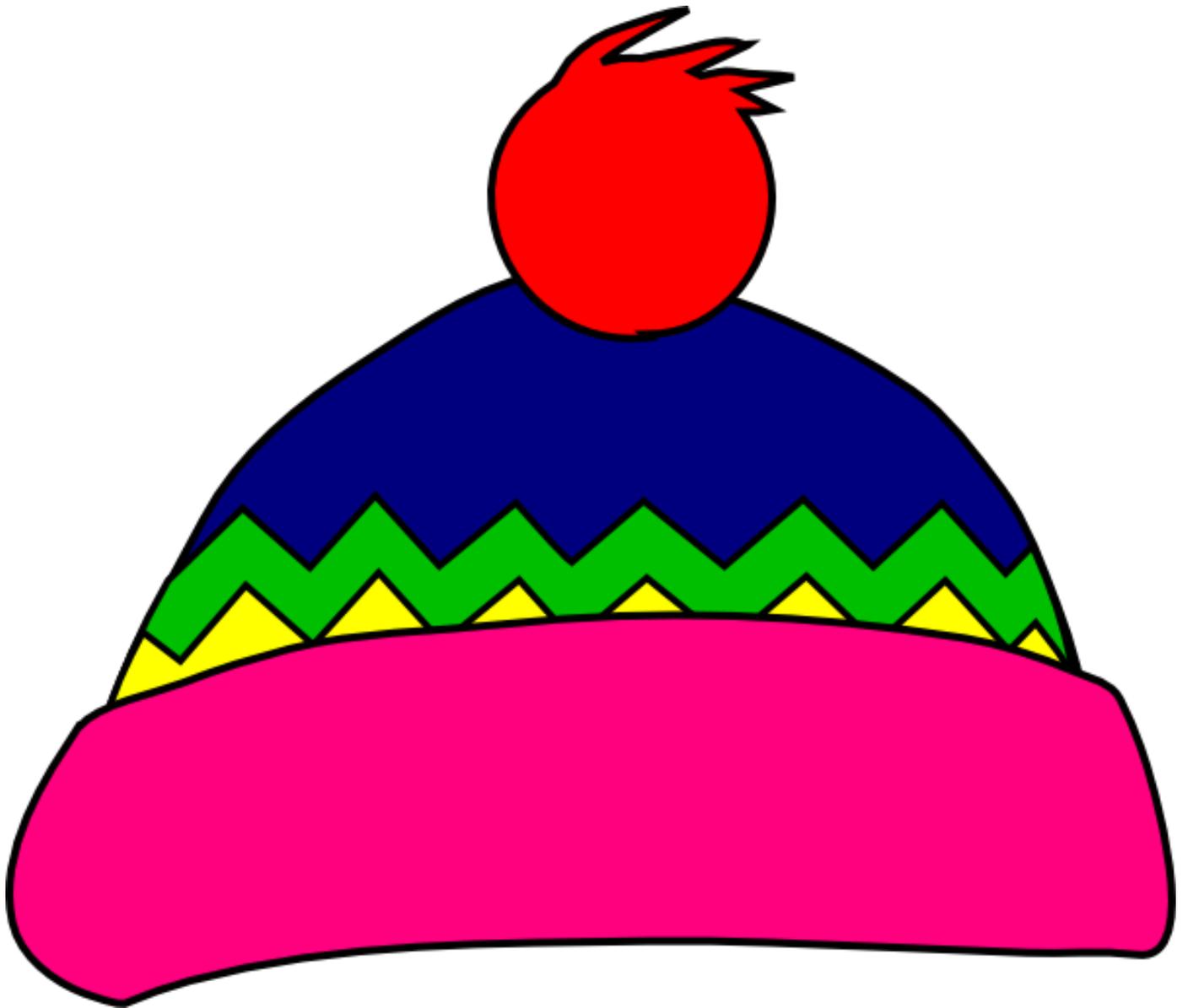
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ANSWERS

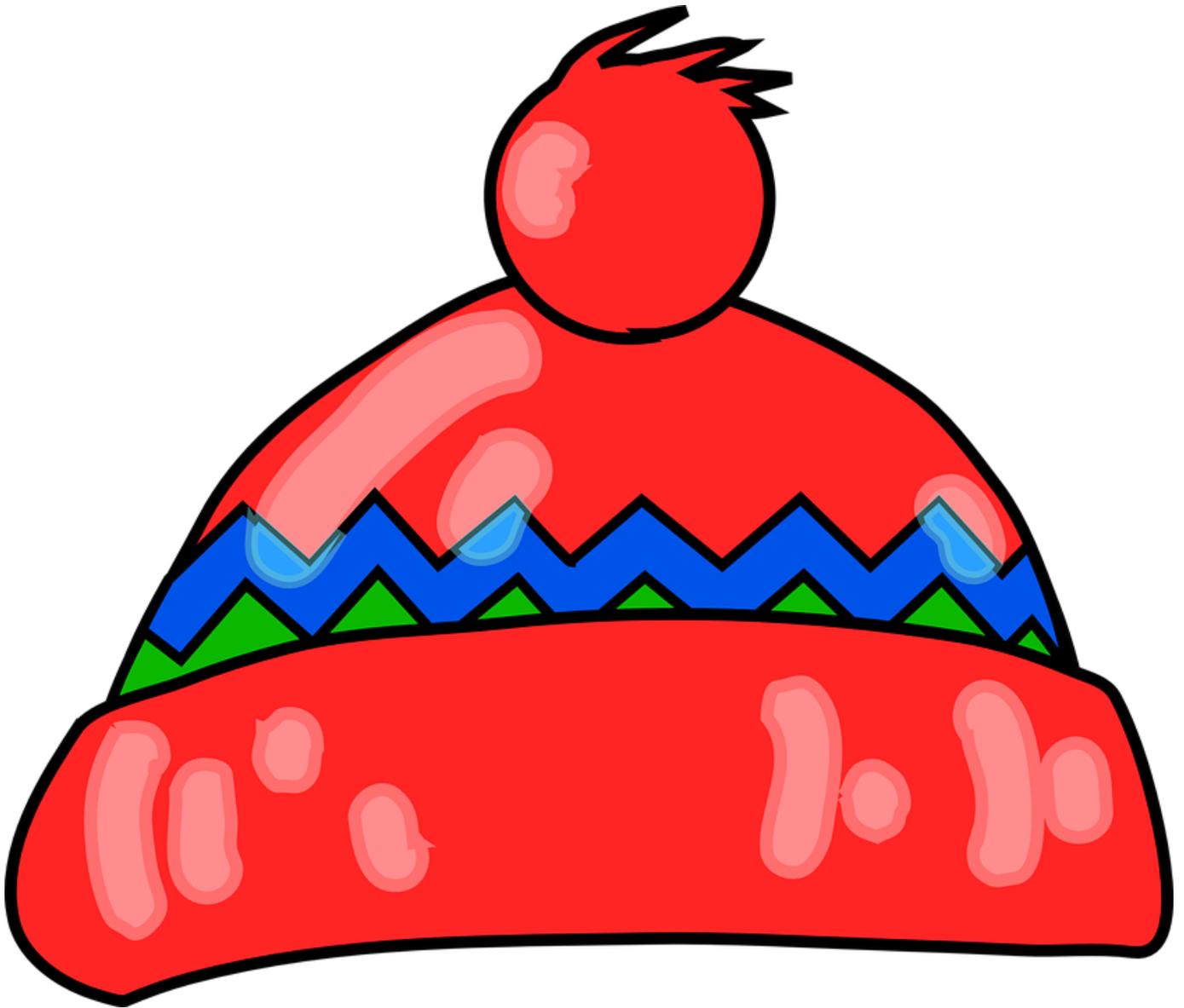
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ESCAPED!



Photo Booth Props







Link to Sled Dog Mask for Photo Booth Prop:

<https://www.woojr.com/printable-dog-masks-6-different-breeds/husky-dog-printable/>

**Mush
On!**

**There's No
Place Like
Nome!**



**Who Let
the Dogs
Out?**