



# 2025 Iditarod/ISDC Summer Education Conference Schedule

## Tuesday, June 24, 2025 - Evergreen Hotel Conference Room

\*\*\* Order of presenters is subject to change\*\*\*

8:00 - 8:30 - Arrival, pick up swag bags, complete name tags, introductions and mingling

8:30 - Welcome: staff introductions - Jerry & Linda

9:00 - 10:00 - Maggie Hamilton - 2025 Iditarod Teacher on the Trail - **UNCONFIRMED**

10:00 - 11:00 - Annie McGuire - 2017 Iditarod Teacher on the Trail

11:00 - 12:00 - Erin Montgomery - 2015 Iditarod Teacher on the Trail

12:00 - 1:30 - Lunch break

1:30 - 2:30. - Kari Wright - 2026 Iditarod Teacher on the Trail

2:30 - 3:30 - Jed Stephensen - 2023 Iditarod Finisher

3:30 - 4:30 - Jerry Wortley & Dave Looney - ISDC Founder & Co-founder, Iditarod Air Force Pilots

4:30 - 5:00 - Wrap up- talk about field trip & what to expect, what to bring, departure info etc...

5:00 - evening free to be a tourist and explore

## Wednesday June 25, 2025 - Field Trip Day Schedule

### Special guests:

Mushers: Liz & Caroline Nevills – Miracle Sled Dog Team

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1810807515659399/?mibextid=K35XfP>

Mark Cox – Iditarod Race Judge & ISDC Race Marshall

Dave/Doug Looney – ISDC Trail Logistics and Snowmobile Operations

Mark & Lisa Schneider – ISDC Checkpoint Leads



Mark Fledderjohann – ISDC Communications (HAM Radio operations)

- 8:00am Depart Evergreen Hotel, McCall
- 8:40am Arrive WYE Checkpoint – ISDC checkpoint  
coffee & pastries will be provided by ISDC
- 9:00 – 10:30 Live Musher Presentation and Demonstration w/ Liz & Caroline Nevills from  
*Miracle Sled Dog Team* – Q & A
- 10:30 – 10:45 Break
- 10:45 – 11:15 Mark & Lisa Schneider - ISDC Checkpoint Leads  
Checkpoint Set-up/Take-down & Operations Presentation – Q & A
- 11:15 – 11:45 ISDC Race Communications – HAM Radio Demonstration – Q & A  
Mark Fledderjohann – ISDC Communications
- 11:50 Depart WYE Checkpoint to Little Ski Hill Checkpoint (~ 25 min)
- 12:15 Little Ski Hill Checkpoint – quick stop to view checkpoint & better understand  
the ISDC trail system and checkpoint locations, amenities and community  
involvement
- 12:30 Depart Little Ski Hill Checkpoint to Lake Front Bar & Grill, Cascade, ID
- 1:15 – 2:30 Lunch at the Lakefront Bar & Grill, Cascade, ID  
ISDC Race Central, Official Race Start, Race Checkpoint & 300-mile Finish
- 2:30 – 3:15 Mark Cox Iditarod Race Judge and ISDC Race Marshall  
similarities and differences of the Iditarod & ISDC; what makes the ISDC a  
qualifier; checkpoints, timers, race officials jobs and Q & A
- 3:15 – 4:00 Doug Looney - ISDC Trails and Tracking Devices  
Trail Logistics, Snowmobile Operations, Tracking presentation
- 4:00 \*\*\*Optional\*\*\* Drive to Platt Checkpoint & Tamarack Resort for social time with  
ISDC and Iditarod crew

#### **WYE TRAILHEAD & CAMPGROUND CHECKPOINT**

100 & 300 mile checkpoint and 100 Mile Race Finish  
Tamarack View Dr. off Hwy 95  
New Meadows, ID

The WYE Checkpoint is located at the campground at the north end of the Weiser River Trail.  
This is a road accessible ISDC checkpoint yet remote. All supplies must be brought in, including tents



for food, musher resting areas, etc. There is no cell phone service so all race communications run through M radio operators.

**Driving directions ~40 minutes from the Evergreen Hotel (McCall):** Take Hwy 55 from McCall to New Meadows. From New Meadows go west six miles on Hwy 95 and turn left at Tamarack View Dr. and WYE Campground sign, then follow the road east 1/2 mile to the checkpoint.

#### **LITTLE SKI HILL**

The Little Ski Hill, 3635 Hwy 55, McCall, ID

<https://payettelakesskiclub.org/little-ski-hill/>

**Driving directions ~ 25 minutes from WYE Checkpoint:** Head back to McCall, through New Meadows (Hwy 95 to Hwy 55). The Little Ski Hill will be on your right about 2.5 miles before you get to downtown McCall, ID

#### **CASCADE LAKE CHECKPOINT & The Lakefront Bar & Grill**

This checkpoint is at the eastern shore of Cascade Lake in Cascade Lake State Park. ISDC Race Central operates from the Lakefront Bar & Grill. The boat ramp is the staging area for the official ISDC Race Start & the Campground an ISDC Checkpoint.

**Driving directions ~ 40 minutes from the Little Ski Hill:** Take Hwy 55 to Cascade, ID. Turn right on Lake Cascade Pkwy (just after the Shell gas station), at the top of the hill turn left onto Lakeshore Drive. The restaurant will be on your right.

## Thursday, June 26, 2025 - Evergreen Hotel Conference Room

**8:00** - breakfast on your own

**9:00** - Chad Hunt - Race Vet

**10:00** - **Special Guest Speaker**

**11:00** - wrap-up and lesson idea sharing

