

Wintergreen Registration Form

MAIL/FAX TO: Wintergreen Dogsled Lodge, 1101 Ring Rock Rd, Ely, MN 55731, fax: 218-365-3088 or SCAN/EMAIL TO: info@dogsledding.com

1. NAME(S) _____

How many are covered by this registration (including yourself)? Adults: _____ Kids 6-11: _____ Youth 12-17: _____

Names of other friends or family who'll be with you on this trip but are registering separately _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

2. PHONE DAY _____ EVE _____ BEST TIME TO CALL _____

CELL _____ FAX _____ EMAIL _____

3. TRIP **DATE** & TRIP **TYPE** REQUESTED _____ 2nd CHOICE _____

4. HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT WINTERGREEN? _____

5. HAVE YOU DOGSLEDDED WITH US BEFORE? _____ 6. HAVE YOU VISITED NORTHERN MINNESOTA BEFORE? _____

7. WHAT OTHER WINTER ACTIVITIES HAVE YOU DONE? _____

8. DO YOU HAVE ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS OR PREFERENCES? _____

9. DO YOU HAVE HEALTH & ACCIDENT INSURANCE? _____

10. PLEASE RATE YOUR FITNESS LEVEL (based on how far you could comfortably walk)

__ POOR (1 mile or less) __ FAIR (2-3 miles) __ GOOD (5 miles or more) __ GREAT (10+ miles)

Please note that persons in poor fitness (for example, someone who is not involved in any regular physical activity **and/or** is overweight by 30 pound or more) might find a Wintergreen trip to be too strenuous. Please call us with concerns.

COMMENTS ON YOUR FITNESS: _____

The following info is needed to configure your dogteam(s):

11. YOUR GENDER, AGE, HEIGHT & WEIGHT _____

12. NAME, GENDER, AGE, HEIGHT, WEIGHT, DIET NEEDS, FITNESS for others in your group: _____

13. IF YOU HAVE ANY HEALTH ISSUES, WE RECOMMEND YOU SECURE YOUR DOCTOR'S APPROVAL BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN A DOGSLEDDING EXPERIENCE. SUCH ISSUES INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

knee problems, back/neck problems, joint or bone disorders, osteoporosis, diabetes, asthma, high blood pressure, ulcers, allergies to food/penicillin/other, arthritis, seizures, hernia/rupture, mental illness, lung disease, kidney stones, hemophilia, psych counseling, chemical dependence, bowel/bladder problems, heart defect/disease, ear/throat infection, vision/hearing problems, communicable disease (currently)

COMMENTS: _____

14. PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PAYMENT PREFERENCE (CHECK ONE)

__ SUBMITTING \$100/PERSON DEPOSIT (balance due 2 months before trip)

__ SUBMITTING PAYMENT IN FULL (fully refundable till Oct 1, refundable minus deposit till 8 weeks before trip)

15. PAYMENT OPTIONS (**CHECK ONE**)

__ PAYMENT ENCLOSED BY CHECK

__ CREDIT CARD. VISA/MC/AMEX/Discover # _____ EXP DATE _____

3 or 4-digit Security Code _____ NAME on CARD _____

16. PLEASE INDICATE THE AMOUNT YOU ARE SUBMITTING WITH THIS REGISTRATION: _____

17. BALANCE DUE, IF ANY _____ DUE DATE _____ (2 MONTHS BEFORE FIRST DAY OF YOUR TRIP)

18. **FOR GUESTS TRAVELING ALONE ON 4-NIGHT STANDARD** LODGE-BASED TRIPS:

__ CHECK HERE IF YOU REQUIRE A PRIVATE SINGLE BEDROOM (PLEASE ADD \$25/NIGHT SINGLE OCCUPANCY CHARGE)

__ CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE WILLING TO SHARE A BEDROOM WITH ANOTHER GUEST OF THE SAME GENDER. WE'LL ARRANGE THAT WHEN POSSIBLE AND REFUND THE SURCHARGE.

19. **FOR GUESTS TRAVELING IN PAIRS OR GROUPS**, PLEASE INDICATE NUMBER OF: __ DOUBLE BEDS __ SINGLE BEDS

20. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS YOU'D LIKE US TO ANSWER UPON RESPONDING TO THIS REGISTRATION? _____

21. SIGN BELOW TO CERTIFY THAT YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT:

A. WINTERGREEN PROGRAMS INVOLVE PHYSICAL ENDEAVORS IN A WILDERNESS AREA WHICH, LIKE ALL OUTDOOR ADVENTURES, INCLUDE AN ELEMENT OF RISK, ARE SUBJECT TO THE VAGARIES OF WEATHER AND ARE REMOVED FROM THE FACILITIES OF CIVILIZATION.

B. YOUR ITINERARY AND ROUTE AS DESCRIBED MAY BE ADJUSTED TO ACCOMMODATE VARYING WEATHER AND SNOW CONDITIONS.

C. YOU ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOURSELF (AND ANY PARTICIPATING MINOR CHILDREN) FOR INJURY OR LOSS OF PROPERTY AND YOU AGREE TO RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS WINTERGREEN AND ANY OF ITS AGENTS/ASSOCIATES FROM ANY LIABILITY

D. YOU UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR PARTICIPATION IS VOLUNTARY AND THAT YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN "Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnification Agreement" TO PARTICIPATE. (SEE WEBSITE "REGISTER" PAGE TO REVIEW THIS FORM.)

E. YOU'RE READY FOR A GREAT TIME!

21. SIGNED:

NAME: _____ DATE _____

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

TRIP FEES INCLUDE: all meals, lodging, guides, equipment, taxes and permit fees. The only additional expenses our guests generally incur are transport and clothing rental, if needed. About half of our guests opt to rent some clothing. Last year's guests who needed rental gear spent an average of \$65 in boot/clothing rental.

IF YOU'RE PAYING BY CREDIT CARD: Unless you request otherwise, we'll automatically debit any balance due on this same card 2 months before your trip. Email registrations are accessed only by Wintergreen's registrar and are deleted immediately after we've processed them. If you prefer, you can provide your credit card number to us by phone. Or you can pay by mailed check -- please be sure we receive your deposit within 5 days of registering and your final payment within 2 months of your trip.

RATES, DISCOUNTS & REFUNDS: Registration involves a \$100/person deposit with balance due 8 weeks before your trip. RETURNING guests get **\$100 off** any trip, any time (*Welcome back alumni!*) Package rates listed are per adult, in double rooms. Rates for singles requesting private rooms are \$50/night more, if available. Youth discounts: ages 6-11 get \$200 off, ages 12-17 get \$100 off. Family discount: up to \$300 off/child. Private groups reserving their own "Good" trips (8 or more) or "Better" trips (6 or more) get \$100 off/adult. Discounts are not cumulative (the largest applicable discount will apply). Payments are fully refundable until Oct 1. Payments minus \$100 deposit are refundable after Oct 1 and until 2 months before your trip. Within 2 months of your trip, payments are nonrefundable but transferable to another trip

CANCELLATION INSURANCE: If you're concerned that your trip plans may be subject to change, we strongly recommend you purchase trip cancellation insurance from Travelex Company. It will reimburse you for any non-refundable trip expenses you've incurred in the event a job loss or illness (involving you, a family member, business partner or traveling companion) requires you to cancel your trip. It's reasonably inexpensive (about 5% of your trip cost), kids under 18 are free and it provides some medical benefits. We recommend their "Travel Basic" plan (or "Travel Select" if you're over 60). Call Travelex at 800-228-9792 or enroll by email at www.travelex-insurance.com

TRAVEL OPTIONS--DRIVING: Our guests who live in the Midwest region (MI,WI,OH,IN,IL,ND,SD,NE,KS,MO) generally choose to drive. Ely is served by good all-weather highway systems (all but the last 50 miles is divided 4-lane) and in our 25 years of trips none of our guests have ever had their trip delayed by road closures. Allow for 4 hours drive time from Minneapolis/St. Paul, 12 hours from Chicago. 4-wheel drive is not essential.

TRAVEL OPTIONS--FLYING: Delta Airlines (www.delta.com, 800-225-2525) flies Minneapolis/St.Paul (MSP) to DULUTH (8 jet flights/day) and HIBBING (3 turboprop flights/day) as well as Detroit to DULUTH (2 jets/day). United Airlines flies twice daily direct Chicago O'Hare to Duluth. Allegiant Air offers twice weekly direct flights from both Las Vegas and Orlando to Duluth. Afternoon arrival and departure times are best but we're happy to accommodate late night arrivals and early morning departures. Duluth is 2 hours by taxi shuttle service from Ely, Hibbing is just over 1 hour.

From the Duluth(DLH) or Hibbing(HIB) airports, ground shuttle to/from your lodge is available from Ely Cab (Kevin 218-349-1383) or Yellow Cab (Rita 218-365-6006). Their flat rate for up to 6 passengers is \$145 each way from Duluth (2hr) or \$115 from Hibbing (1.25hr) and can be split among other Wintergreen guests sharing the shuttle. Upon booking your flights, be sure to book your shuttle also because Ely & Yellow Cab get booked up. Other options(more expensive) are Hibbing Taxi (218-263-5065) and Allied Taxi Duluth (218-722-3311). Car rental from Duluth(all brands) and Hibbing(ACAR 218-348-7446) is an option.

From the Minneapolis/St.Paul(MSP) airport, car rentals run about \$40/day (intermediate size, 2-wheel drive is fine). This option is appealing for those who choose to extend their stay in Minnesota before or after their Wintergreen trip. Various Ely lodges offer discounts for Wintergreen guests and we're happy to recommend discount lodging options for a scenic overnight stay in Duluth or along Minnesota's beautiful Lake Superior Highway

Driving vs. Flying: If you don't mind driving (and it's a pleasant, scenic 4-hour drive largely on 4-lane divided highway), flying to MSP and renting a car is the cheaper option. Last season, airfare from east or west coast PLUS car rental totaled about \$380 each for 2 people. And, if you depart from the east or west coast 7-9am, you'll arrive in Ely 4-6pm, which is only slightly later than our guests on the DLH or HIB connecting flights who arrive in Ely by ground shuttle taxi 3-4 pm. Want to avoid driving AND connecting flights? www.SkykineShuttle.com offers 6 van trips/day MSP-DLH (\$69 round trip) where you can connect with a cab to Ely.

A FINAL WORD ON FITNESS: The more fit you are, the more fun you'll have on our trips. To enhance your enjoyment, we encourage you to use the anticipation of your trip as an incentive to improve your fitness. Strength is not a crucial factor. What counts is stamina and endurance - good cardiovascular fitness. This can be achieved at any age. Even persons in "POOR" condition can achieve adequate fitness if (with their doctor's advice) they engage in 30 minutes of daily exercise for 3 months prior to their trip. Brisk walking, jogging, jump roping, swimming, biking or skiing are all good options. Consider this trip a reason to "get fit for life!" -- the investment that will pay off for years.

Upon receiving your registration, we'll email or send you a confirmation letter. Then a few months before your trip, you'll receive our "Trip Kit" packet which includes info for preparing for your trip, suggested clothing checklist, rental clothing options, brochure and free pass to Ely's International Wolf Center, Travelex trip insurance brochure and our risk & liability form and travel plans & final payment form with send-back envelope. Finally, a few weeks before your trip, you'll get an update letter with final details about your trip, your guides and other guests in your group.

Welcome aboard! We look forward to sharing a Wintergreen experience with you!

Paul & Sue Schurke & the Wintergreen team

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