

## Come Race With Us!

**Musher:** complete application packet & choose a musher.

Go to the website [Yukonquest.com](http://Yukonquest.com) and browse mushers. Select the musher you want to follow. Complete the musher page, and look for any other fun information about your musher.

**Supplies:** Buy a sled, equipment, supplies, and food.

You will need a sled and sled equipment, and you will need gear for you and your dogs. You also will need vet supplies to keep the dogs healthy, and food for you and your dog. There is a list of mandatory (required) equipment. When looking for a sled, look for toboggan-type sleds, about \$800.

Use the supply worksheet and supply stores to find and record your supplies. You can Google the stores and look for items you need. Be sure you get enough harnesses, gang lines, and booties for ALL your dogs.

Calculate how much money you spent altogether. Your “sponsor” has given you \$15,000. If you spend more than \$15,000, you will need to find new sponsors for more money.

## **Sled Dogs:** Draft a fantasy team

Decide how many of each kind of dogs you need for the different team positions. You need 12 dogs. Two or more should be leaders, 2 or more should be leader/swing dogs, 2 or more should be wheel dogs, and the rest will be “team” dogs.

Find dogs from any combination of mushers’ kennels. They do not need to come from the same kennel, or from your chosen musher. Go to the websites of any musher who will be racing in the YQ.

Record Dogs’ Names on the fantasy dog team planning sheet. Create a dog team profile.

**Racing:** Practice math to go from Fairbanks to Whitehorse.

You will earn “miles” for every minute you spend on IXL practicing 6<sup>th</sup> grade math. If you do the daily classroom practice during the weeks of Feb 8-19, you will be able to finish the race. To be competitive, you will need to practice IXL at home. You don’t HAVE to be competitive. Just finishing is great.

Keep track of your progress and your musher’s progress. You will have a musher tracking sheet to follow your musher through each checkpoint. You also will have a folder to record your own minutes.