

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

An official Iditarod Qualifier since 2004 – right in your own backyard! Mushers must prove their ability to race 200 continuous miles in order to qualify for competing in the 1150-mile Iditarod “the Last Great Race”.



This event provides a unique opportunity to showcase your community spirit by participating as a spectator, volunteer or sponsor.

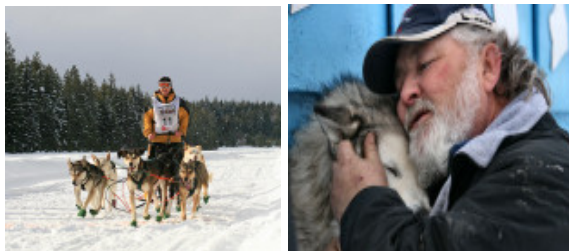
Starting and finishing in the easily accessible Plain/Lake Wenatchee area, just 2 hours east of Seattle, and running over 200 miles through the scenic North Cascades, the race is designed to challenge even the toughest Iditarod hopefuls. Smaller teams also race in three additional divisions over the 3-day event weekend.

The trail is accessible by snowmobile and lower portions by ski and snowshoe providing excellent opportunities for spectators to view the teams on the trail.

The Cascade Quest is held by permit through the US Forest Service.

EVERYONE SHARES IN THE FUN

There is something here for everyone. Come as a spectator; meet the mushers and their dogs. Take some time on the trail to ski and snowshoe. Come as a volunteer and learn the sport from the inside out!



Sponsors, get your employees together for a great weekend. All can join in the support by becoming a race volunteer or spectator.

EMBRACING THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY

The Cascade Quest embraces the Spirit of Community by supporting the Chelan County Fire District No. 9 Auxiliary. The auxiliary is a not-for-profit organization that makes possible the purchase of critical fire-fighting equipment and training for the all-volunteer brigade. Your sponsorship of the Cascade Quest directly supports the efforts of the Auxiliary. Spectators are invited to join in and “fill the boot” at the races. The Cascade Quest Organizing Committee salutes your community spirit!

Photos: Monte Dodge and Terri Steele

The Spirit of Community



In Support of Chelan County Fire District 9 Auxiliary

Northwest Sled Dog Association Presents
Washington's ONLY
Iditarod Qualifier

plus

Stage, Purebred and
Recreational Divisions

Jan 30 – Feb 1, 2009

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE IDITAROD

On race day – feel the energy as the dogs eagerly await the start. The excitement builds as the dogs are harnessed – pulling and eager to run. As the chaos reaches a crescendo, their leader gives a command – LET’S GO!

A sudden calm fills the air as the sled surges onto the course while the memory of the dogs’ energy remains amongst the crowd.

It’s an experience shared with the whole community – locals and visitors, spectators and volunteers. The Cascade Quest is unique to the area and perfect for all ages.

The Cascade Quest Sled Dog races feature racing divisions for all levels and team sizes. The dogs are the true athletes here – and some of the world’s greatest!

If you enjoy winter outdoor activity, we are the event for you! Don’t miss out on the excitement and the chance to participate as a spectator or volunteer. If you have a team or skijor, please contact us for additional information on how you can participate.

Help us support the Chelan County Fire District 9 Auxiliary by making a donation. Don’t forget the annual pancake breakfast on Saturday sponsored by our hosts, the Lake Wenatchee Recreation Club! Join our sponsors for special spectator activities throughout the weekend.

200-MILE CONTINUOUS IDITAROD QUALIFIER CLASS

The Iditarod Sled Dog Race, held annually in March, takes the world’s most ambitious teams on an 1150-mile adventure from Anchorage to Nome. Following parts of the famed Iditarod Trail across Alaska, it commemorates the traditional mail routes and serum run of 1925 when diphtheria serum was relayed by dog team to Nome which was in the grip of an epidemic.

In order to compete in this test of team and driver, mushers must complete a series of qualifying races demonstrating their ability to race at least 200 continuous miles and single-handedly care for their teams and themselves.

75-MILE STAGE CLASS

The 75-mile stage race is for smaller teams of 6 dogs. Teams complete three 25-mile legs over the 3-day race weekend. Stages are designed to provide a challenge for teams including night runs and an overnight campout at the historic ghost town of Trinity.

PUREBRED STAGE CLASS

Purebred 6-dog teams complete two 25-mile runs with an overnight campout at Trinity.

RECREATIONAL CLASS

For the love of mushing! Teams of 2 – 6 dogs and their driver enjoy 12-mile runs through the forest during daylight hours. This event is open to skijorers.

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Lake Wenatchee Recreation Club
14400 Chiwawa Loop Road
Lake Wenatchee (Leavenworth), WA

The Lake Wenatchee Recreation Club is located 4.4 miles north of the US Hwy 2/Hwy 207 North junction (Cole’s Corner). Follow 207 North to Chiwawa Loop Road and bear right. Look for Recreation Club/State Emergency Airport sign on your left. Free parking for spectators will be along the closed portion of Chiwawa Loop Rd. Please look for signs and parking attendants to guide you.

For snowmobilers: Sno-Parks are located to the west of the club at the Airstrip Sno-Park and to the east at Fish Lake Sno-Park. Sno-Park Permits, available at USFS ranger stations and area retailers are required.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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