

Southern California Working Snow Dogs Training Workshop

October 24 - 25, 2009

The Southern California Working Snow Dogs Group is offering a weekend of training with Karen Yeargain of Tumnatki Siberians (www.tumnatkisiberians.com). Karen has been raising, training and very successfully racing Siberian Huskies since getting her first dog in 1987.

This workshop will focus on training you, the musher, so you will be able to work more effectively with your dogs. There will be a full day of training on Saturday with Sunday activities winding up at around 4PM.

Each day, we will start with focused groundwork with individual dogs followed by a large team exercise with an ATV and carts. Later in the day, teams will have the opportunity to work on skills with scooters or carts.

Midday, we'll have lunch with discussions of training topics.

Training Areas to be Covered:

- Training your dog to pull consistently
- Training your dog to pass cleanly from all directions
- Training your dog to work in a team
- Defining and training good behavior in harness
- Discussion of harness and equipment set-up
- Group discussions and questions based on activities
- Other topics per your input

Dates: October 24-25th

Location: Holcomb Valley (at Big Bear) in the San Bernardino National Forest. This area has miles of dirt roads and trails that are suitable for carts and scooters. Holcomb Valley is an old gold mining area and there are some marked historical sites along our routes. Access to Holcomb Valley is via Polique Canyon Road, which is dirt but doesn't require high clearance or 4WD.

Accommodations: There will be primitive camping 4 miles in at our training site, a more civilized campground with water and showers on the shore of Big Bear Lake, or condo/motel accommodations in Big Bear Lake or Fawnskin. A list of dog-friendly motels will be sent out.

Cost: \$175 per person with an additional family member for \$25.00. Remember that we will be working with some individual dogs and then combining teams. Bring a number of dogs that is manageable for you.

Questions? Contact Sheryl at sheryl@sorourke.com or call 760-873-3650.

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Registration Form

Early registration is appreciated!

Name _____

Name of additional family member _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone () _____ - _____

Number of Dogs you are bringing _____

Equipment you can bring (scooter, cart, ATV, other) _____

Prior experience: _____

Specific topics you would like to cover in this workshop: _____

Please initial that you have read and agree to the refund policy (next page) _____

Please mail Registration Form and check for \$175 (+ \$25 if applicable) made out to Sheryl O'Rourke to:

**Sheryl O'Rourke
171 Alpine Drive
Bishop, CA 93514**

Application deadline is September 24, 2009.

Additional info including driving directions, what to bring, etc will be emailed.

REFUND POLICY: Cancellations 30 days or more before the workshop (on or before September 24, 2009) will receive a full refund. Cancellations within a month of the workshop (after September 24th) will not receive a refund unless your space is filled by someone else.