

M.U.S.H.E.R.S. Information Package

Important Facts!

- There is a 30 day cancellation policy in effect. For details, please see page 2.
- We recommend arriving 15 minutes prior to your tour start time. For details, please see page 2.
- There are no indoor facilities for changing into winter gear or heated washrooms. Plain, old fashioned out houses are provided. See page 2 on Arrival Policy.
- We do reserve the right to alter itineraries for safety precautions. For details, please see page 2.
- Participating in a tour with meals? See page 2 for details.
- A list of important and enforced rules is provided on page 3. Failure to follow the rules will result in immediate cancellation of activities, without a refund.
- Each participant (over 18 years) must sign the provided liability waiver on page 4. Everyone should sign the one waiver. Legal guardians (over 18 years) must sign for under age participants.
- Participants **MUST** wear the appropriate clothing and gear for their tour. Failure to do so will result in you not being allowed to participate, and no refund or alternate date is provided. Details about winter clothing can be found on page 5. A clothing list for each tour can be found on page 6.
- Don't know how to get here? Refer to page 7 for directions!

Cancellation & Refund Policy

Full refund are issued only if cancellation notice is received in writing more than 30 days prior to the tour date. No refunds or alternate dates are issued within 30 days of the tour date, except in the case of illness, accident, or family bereavement. When documented proof is received, a full refund will be granted only to the guest seeking the refund, not the group.

Certain packages and programs are subject to their own refund policies.

Arrival Policy

You MUST arrive 15 minutes in advance of your tour. Use this time to use our outhouse washroom facilities (the house located on the property is a private residence and not available for use of washrooms or changing), and to dress for the weather! Please remain in your vehicle upon arrival until our guide comes to greet you. Because we schedule our tours back-to-back, we will not be postponing the start of your tour because you are not ready. Tutorials commence at the tour start time. Tours will not start early just because you arrive early; they will start on time. Failure to be present for your tutorial will result in you not being allowed to participate. You will not receive a refund if this is the case. PLEASE EAT A GOOD, HEAVY MEAL BEFORE ARRIVING (coffee and donuts will NOT suffice).

Package Policy

Please note that we have the right to alter the itinerary and/or activities available of packages based on weather, snow conditions, and safety precautions. We also reserve the right to end a tour early if conditions become unsafe or participants do not follow the rules. Unless we state otherwise, there is no refund if certain activities are not available.

Meals – Evergreen Dream

Winter travel makes food storage very easy, as nearly all food can be frozen without damage. This year (2012) we are implementing ready to eat meals. These meals are made ahead of time, packaged in vacuum-sealed bags, and can be made simply by boiling the bag in a pot of water! We have found this to be a fast and efficient way to keep our participants well-fed, which will ultimately help maintain a safe body temperate and energy for our winter activities!

You will receive an email approximately 1 week in advance to your scheduled tour requesting information about any food allergies, limitations, and personal preferences (vegetarian, vegan, religious, etc). At this time, please also indicate whether any one has any medical conditions that could be aggravated by the cold temperatures or increased physical exertion.

M.U.S.H.E.R.S. Dog Sled Tours Rules

- Participants are to follow all the instructions set out by guides/instructors.
- Participants are not to hit or mistreat any dogs in the yard, out of the yard, or on tours.
- Participants are to approach dogs with open palms and welcome arms.
- Participants are not to smoke in the kennel. All cigarettes smoked during the trip are to be crushed out, and put in available zipped bags for later disposal.
- No participants shall leave garbage or litter of any kind behind on trips/property.
- Drinking of alcoholic beverages is **NOT** permitted before, during, or after activities while still under the supervision of MUSHERS.
 - Any participants found with alcohol, or under the influence of alcohol, at the time of departure, or through-out the trip, shall be asked to leave the premises and will not receive a refund.
- Illegal drugs of any kind are prohibited.
 - Any participants found with illegal drugs, or under the influence of illegal drugs, at the time of departure, or through-out the trip, will result in immediate termination of activities, and a refund will not be given.
- Participants are to treat all other people and participants with respect and dignity.
- Participants under the age of 13 years may not drive a sled unless approval by the head guide has been granted and signature papers signed by a legal parent/guardian have been obtained.
 - Approval is granted at the sole and personal discretion of the guide based on the child's size, weight, age, and athletic ability.
 - The head guide reserves the right to withdraw his/her permission at any time through-out the activities, should they see fit.
- Any illegal activities conducted by participants while under the care of MUSHERS will result in immediate termination of activities and no refund shall be granted.
- Participants who cause damage/injury to equipment, persons, or dogs as a result of recklessness or failing to follow the rules, will be help financially and otherwise responsible for all costs incurred.
- HAVE FUN!!!!

MUSHERS Participant Liability Waiver

I, _____, will be an active participant in the activities offered by MUSHERS. I understand that certain risks and injuries accompany these activities. These injuries include, but are not limited to: bruises, cuts, scrapes, strains, sprains, broken bones, dislocated joints, wind burn, mild frost bite, and mild hypothermia. Risks included, but not limited to, are: falling off a sled, falling through ice, and being bitten, scratched, or injured by a dog. I also understand that MUSHERS has gone to great lengths to reduce the probability of risk or injury. I understand that failure to comply with the rules set out by MUSHERS increases my risk of injury and can result in the immediate cancellation of paid activities without a refund.

By signing this waiver, I agree not to hold MUSHERS, or any person associated with MUSHERS, responsible for injuries sustained during the activities.

M.U.S.H.E.R.S. may also take photos of participants during activities. I hereby give M.U.S.H.E.R.S. my permission to license and to use the Images in any Media for any purpose (except pornographic or defamatory) which may include, among others, advertising, promotion, marketing and packaging for any products or services. I agree that the Images may be combined with other images, text and graphics, and cropped, altered, or modified. I agree that I have no rights to the Images, and all rights to the Images belong to M.U.S.H.E.R.S. I acknowledge and agree that I have no further right to additional Consideration or accounting, and that I will make no further claim for any reason to M.U.S.H.E.R.S. I acknowledge and agree that this release is binding upon my heirs and assigns. I agree that this release is irrevocable, worldwide and perpetual, and will be governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario, Canada.

Signature of Participants***

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Participants under the age of 16 years must have a legal parent/guardian over the age of 18 years sign the waiver.

Dressing for Dog Sledding!

The average winter day time temperature in our area is -20C. The average winter night time temperature is -30C or colder. Everything in the clothing list provided is MANDATORY, not optional! If you do not come prepared with the items on the list, we will not allow you to participate.

Keeping warm in the winter is based on a clothing system called layering. It's not about looking good, it's about being warm, dry and comfortable! Your clothes are not going to generate heat for you; your body does. All your clothes do is provide air space to retain the heat your body is generating with exercise. Your layers should be easy to open/take off as you warm up, and easy to close and put back on as you cool down. Winter dressing is best done in three layers (all three layers are REQUIRED):

Base Layer: This is the layer that is against your skin. It should be of a material that keeps moisture from the skin. Once you get wet, you will lose heat 50% faster than with dry clothes. Wool is the best option for this. But you can get away with poly-pro synthetic blends. Long underwear (for both your upper and lower body) is ideal. NO JEANS!

Insulation Layer: These are loose fitting clothing made of fleece and cottons. Typically, these are your sweaters and track pants. We usually recommend a t-shirt or long sleeve shirt under your sweater. NO JEANS!

Outer Protection Layer: This is the layer that's going to keep you dry and has to be wind resistant. This is your snow pants (bib style are best, as they keep snow from getting down your pants if you fall) and winter jacket. If these are not water proof, you can pick up some safe and inexpensive water proofing sprays to add the necessary protection. NO JEANS!

Keeping your heat in: Consider your head as the chimney to a stove; without proper insulation on your head, you will lose over 50% of the heat you have generated. We recommend a wool or synthetic fibre toque and a balaclava for your face.

Hands & Feet: These are the first parts of your body to get cold; therefore it's just as important to layer here as it is for the rest of your body. You should be wearing wool socks and boots with removable liners. These boots MUST be mid-calf height. No ankle, ski, or hiking boots! Your hands should have 3 pairs of gloves. The first is a light, thin glove for dexterity (harnessing dogs, etc); the second is a thicker pair to be worn as a liner inside of a pair of warm mittens.

Failure to wear the appropriate clothing for your package WILL result in not being allowed to participate. Safety first!

What To Bring & Wear For Simply Perfect, Tiki Torch Trails, Just A Smidge, Slice of Heaven, and Photographer's Delight

1. Snow Pants (not slush pants; must have insulation)
 2. Warm Track Pants (1 pair)
 3. T-Shirt (1) & Long-Sleeve Shirt (1)
 4. Sweater (1)
 5. Tuque or Balaclava
 6. 1 pair of gloves with manual dexterity; 1 pair of ski gloves
 7. Parka/Insulated winter jacket
 8. Wool Socks (1 pair)
 9. Warm Winter Boots (with removable liners) (Sorrels, Kamiks, etc) – **NO** ankle or designer boots!
 10. Chapstick
 11. Sunglasses
- ***Cameras and Camcorders***

What To Bring For An Overnight Tour (Evergreen Dream)

1. Snow Pants (not slush pants; must have insulation)
2. Warm Track Pants (3 pairs)
3. T-Shirt (2) & Long-Sleeve Shirt (2)
4. Sweater (2-3)
5. Tuque or Balaclava (1-2)
6. 2 pairs light, thin gloves for manual dexterity; 1 thicker pair of gloves to act as a liner for a warm pair of mittens
7. Parka/Insulated winter jacket
8. Cotton & Wool Socks (4 pairs of each)
9. Warm Winter Boots (Sorrels, Kamiks, etc) with an extra pair of inserts – **NO** ankle or designer boots!
 10. Toiletries, Chapstick, Sunglasses
 11. Pillow
 11. Flash light & Batteries or Headlamp
 12. Lighter, matches, pocket/utility knife
 13. Emergency blanket (can pick them up at Canadian Tire/Dollar Store/Walmart; they're silver and folded up very small)

It is recommended that you put your clothing in plastic bags or waterproof stuff sacks to keep them dry from melting snow, and damp clothes you've already worn. We recommend packing your clothing in a medium-sized duffel bag; **NOT** a travelling suit case. A metal frame camping backpack will suffice, as well. There is no hydro provided on this tour, so please do not waste space in your bags by package cell phone/iPod chargers.

*****Cameras and Camcorders*****

Directions from Sudbury to M.U.S.H.E.R.S. (705) 867-1247

- Drive EAST on Highway 17 towards North Bay.
 - Drive through both sections of Wahnapiatae, past Markstay and into Hagar.
 - Turn RIGHT in Hagar at the LCBO onto Highway 535 S, towards St. Charles.
 - Turn LEFT onto Little Brule Road (first road on the LEFT AFTER the Nepewassi River & bridge).
 - Arrive at house # 492 on the LEFT after the only hill in the road.
 - Pull in the drive way and park on the right hand side perpendicular to the driveway.
 - Our address (for GPS) is: 492 Little Brule Road, Warren, Ontario, P0H 2N0
 - Approximate drive time: 40 minutes
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Directions from Toronto to M.U.S.H.E.R.S. (705) 867-1247

- Travel NORTH on Highway 400 to Highway 69 (Sudbury).
 - Turn RIGHT at Highway 64 to Alban, just a few minutes past the French River Trading Post.
 - Continue through Alban and Noelville onto Highway 535 S.
 - Turn LEFT at the first stop sign in St. Charles.
 - Continue through the town of St. Charles and turn RIGHT at Little Brule Road (4 minutes out of town).
 - Come down to house # 492 on LEFT after the only hill in the road.
 - Pull in the drive way and park on the right hand side perpendicular to the driveway.
 - Our address (for GPS) is: 492 Little Brule Road, Warren, Ontario, P0H 2N0
 - Approximate drive time: 4.5 hours from Downtown Toronto
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Directions from North Bay to M.U.S.H.E.R.S. (705) 867-1247

- Drive WEST on Highway 17 towards Sudbury.
- Drive through Sturgeon Falls, Verner, and Warren, and into Hagar.
- Turn LEFT in Hagar at the LCBO onto Highway 535 S, towards St. Charles.
- Turn LEFT onto Little Brule Road (first road on the LEFT AFTER the Nepewassi River & bridge).
- Arrive at house # 492 on the LEFT after the only hill in the road.
- Pull in the drive way and park on the right hand side perpendicular to the driveway.
- Approximate drive time: 1 hour