

NORMAN VAUGHAN'S SERUM '25 RUN NENANA TO NOME

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Dear Interested Serum Run Boot Camp Participant,

Good day! The Norman Vaughan Serum '25 Run will be holding a Serum Run Boot Camp in February 12-15 (tentative dates), 2010 where interested mushers and snowmachiners can get a better idea of what the Serum '25 Run is all about. The trip is limited to 15 mushers and 25 snowmachiners. Serum Run veterans are encouraged to apply, but future, first-time Serum Runners will be given priority.

The purpose of the Serum Run Boot Camp is to give potential Serum Run dog mushers and snowmachiners an idea of what to expect when preparing for and traveling the legendary 800-mile, 19-day Serum'25 Run expedition. The Boot Camp will be conducted by seasoned Serum Run veterans that will include: mandatory attendance at two (2) trip preparation meetings, a four day-three night trip (approximate daily trip mileage is 50 miles), and a wrap up meeting. Successful completion of the Serum Run Boot Camp increases your chances of being selected for the Norman Vaughan Serum '25 Run in February 2011.

If you are interested, please fill out the form to follow and submit via instructions on application along with you \$25 application fee by **DECEMBER 15th, 2009**. If selected, there will be an additional \$100-\$200 fee, plus personal expenses.

For more information, please contact Kent Kantowski (kent@kakphoto.com / 907-333-0276) or Erin McLarnon (mushing@gci.net / 907-495-0671)

Sincerely,

Kent Kantowski, Trail Boss
Erin McLarnon, Musher Coordinator

2010 Norman Vaughan Serum '25 Run Boot Camp

Tentative Dates: February 12 - February 15, 2010

Snowmachiner Application

Introduction

The Serum '25 Run is a biennial, long distance dog mushing - snowmachine expedition that commemorates the courageous effort and success of the original Serum Runners, who delivered life saving diphtheria serum to Nome in 1925. The Serum '25 Run, with dog mushers and supporting snow machiners, will travel the same route taken by the original Serum Runners from Nenana to Nome. In addition, dog mushers and snow machiners will speak to each village school along the way to commemorate the original feat and to inspire school age children to live Col. Norman Vaughan's life philosophy, "Dream Big and Dare to Fail" as well as promote a selected medical mission topic.

The Serum Run Boot Camp is intended to help future participants prepare for the 800-mile, 19-day Serum Run '25.

Personal Information:

Name: _____ M/F _____ Birthday _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Machining:

How many years have you been snow machining?

Do you own your own machine?

If not, who owns the machine?

Year, Make and Model of machine you plan to use?

A work type machine with a wide track and reverse is strongly recommended. A freight-hauling sled capable of carrying 500 lbs, a minimum of 8 ft in length, is required. Pindle type hitches are preferred. Each cargo sled is to be fitted with a second tow hitch at the rear of the sled in case a machine has to haul two sleds.

Do you have a dog mushing partner? _____ If so, who? _____

Reference 1:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Reference 2:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Statements: *use additional sheets, if necessary*

What is your snow machining experience?

Why do you want to participate in the 2010 Serum Run Boot Camp?

Please complete and mail this form by **December 15th, 2009** along with a non-refundable \$25.00 application fee to:

**Norman Vaughan Serum 25 Run
2301 Harbor Landing Circle
Anchorage, AK 99515**

Make checks payable to: Norman Vaughan Serum '25 Run

Participants will be notified no later than January 1st, 2010 of their status.

Note: Payment of \$25 non-refundable fee does not guarantee selection.