MiDD Schedule and Description of Events, 2013-2014

For more information: www.michigandogdrivers.org

Dec. 14-15, 2013: Stearns Siding Dryland Event

Run in the beautiful Manistee National Forest. The trail system is approximately 10 miles of unique trails that loop to obtain additional mileage. The trails primarily consist of two-track trails on Federal land and include parts of two seasonal county roads. Schedule: Saturday, Driver's meeting at 8 am, Run, 9-12 & 2-4pm; Sunday, Run, 9-12. Late fee for Entry after Nov. 30, 2013.

Cost: \$10 per MiDD member, \$15 per non-MiDD member, \$10 late fee- all.

Alternate date: 3rd Weekend in December (Dec. 21-22, 2013)

New Years Eve and New Years Day, 2013-14: Readiness Relay Event

This event ends the year right with a night run! It also focuses on self starting team work. For the NYD run, participating teams will run on an alternating basis with a "buddy" team that will be assigned to them at the driver's meeting. Buddy teams will run half or part of their overall desired mileage at a go and assist their buddy team going out and coming in. Schedule: NYE, Night run on Last Chance Retreat and Trails, Potluck; NYD, Driver's meeting at 9 am, Rely Run, 9-4 pm.

Late fee for Entry after Dec. 17, 2013.

Cost: \$10 per MiDD member, \$15 per non-MiDD member, \$10 late fee- all.

Jan. 18-19, 2014: <u>Great Lakes Sled Dog Association Stearns Siding Sprint Race</u> GLSDA is offering a competitive sprint race on the trail system that MiDD has established in this area.

Details at: www.glsda.com Alternate date: March 1-2, 2014

Jan. 25-26, 2014: Sweet water Challenge #1

MiDD's Sweetwater Challenge is a non-competitive dogsledding and skijoring event. It is held on 25 miles (approximately) of a groomed, looping trial system located in the Manistee National Forest (primarily). It offers some of the most beautiful, remote, and challenging dogsledding trails in the lower peninsula of Michigan. Participants choose their own mileage- from 5 miles up to 25 in a day. Schedule: Saturday, Driver's meeting at 9 am; Sunday: TBA

Late fee for Entry after Jan. 11, 2014.

Cost: \$30 per MiDD member, \$40 per non-MiDD member, \$10 late fee- all.

Alternate date: 1st weekend of February (Feb. 1-2, 2014)

Feb. 8-9, 2014: Winter Wonderland Event

Learn how to do more with your dogs outside in the winter! This event offers the opportunity to learn about and practice ways to do more with your dogs in the winter. Different topics will be offered each season such as winter camping with your dogs, skijoring, snowshoeing, best winter gear, etc. Schedule: TBA.

Late fee for Entry after Jan. 25, 2014.

Cost: \$10 per MiDD member, \$15 per non-MiDD member, \$10 late fee- all.

Alternate date: 3rd weekend in February (Feb. 15-16, 2014)

Feb. 22-23, 2014: Sweetwater Challenge #2

MiDD's Sweetwater Challenge is a non-competitive dogsledding and skijoring event. It is held on 25 miles (approximately) of a groomed, looping trial system located in the Manistee National Forest (primarily). It offers some of the most beautiful, remote, and challenging dogsledding trails in the lower peninsula of Michigan. Participants choose their own mileage- from 5 miles up to 25 in a day. Schedule: Saturday, Driver's meeting at 9 am; Sunday: TBA

Late fee for Entry after Feb. 8, 2014

Cost: \$30 per MiDD member, \$40 per non-MiDD member, \$10 late fee- all.

Alternate date: 1st weekend of February (March 8-9, 2014)

March 15-16, 2014: Spring Snow Fling

A chance to say farewell to winter! This event focuses on how to run a team with varied trail conditions. Schedule: TBA.

Late fee for Entry after March 1, 2014.

Cost: \$30 per MiDD member, \$40 per non-MiDD member, \$10 late fee- all.

Alternate date: 4th Weekend of March (Mar. 22-23, 2014)