



MONTANA'S RACE TO THE SKY 2020

TO: ALL MEDIA
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RE: 2020 RACE TO THE SKY
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Montana's own Race to the Sky sled dog race, will be held February 7-11, 2020. This is the 35th anniversary of Race to the Sky which commemorates the Camp Rimini War Dog Reception and Training Center near Helena, MT for it's efforts during World War II as a sled dog training facility.

Race to the Sky is a 300 and 100 mile adult and junior sled dog race which winds through the beautiful mountain ranges of Southwest Montana. An Iditarod qualifier, Race to the Sky begins and finishes near Lincoln, Montana. There are many opportunities to view the race from the checkpoints along the trail.

Snow conditions for the race are expected to be excellent with winter storms hammering the race trail every day. There are about 16 teams registered as of today with more entering every day. Their cut-off to enter is February 1st.

Race to the Sky is part of the Rocky Mountain Triple Crown Awards Program this year. The Eagle Cap Extreme in Washington and the Idaho Sled Dog Challenge in Idaho are the other two races. Top mushers finishing all three races will receive an award.

Race to the Sky would not be possible without the small army of volunteers each year. If interested in helping out, there are a variety of opportunities, and there is no special training required. Visit www.racetothsky.org to complete a volunteer application.

Sponsors are still needed for this year's race. Contact info@racetothsky.org if you would like to become a 35th anniversary race sponsor.

For questions or further information, [email info@racetothsky.org](mailto:info@racetothsky.org), or call 406-881-2909. Photo form 2019 and schedule below.

Steve DuBois photo



Race to the Sky Schedule of Events



February 7-11, 2020

Friday, Feb. 7, Lincoln

1:00-3:30 pm Vet check 300 mile race-Hi-Country Trading Post parking lot, Lincoln
3:30-5:00 pm Drivers meeting-100 & 300 mile races (Mushers and handlers only),
Hi-Country Trading Post, Lincoln
6:00-8:00 pm Pre-race banquet, Lincoln Community Hall

Saturday, Feb. 8, Hi-Country Trading Post, Lincoln

10:00 am-noon Vet Check- 100 Adult and Junior
2:00 pm Race Start, 300, 100 Junior and 100 Adult

Saturday, Feb. 8, Whitetail Ranch Checkpoint, Ovando (52 miles)

5:00 pm on View 100 & 300 mile teams

Sunday, Feb. 9, 100 Mile Finish at Seeley Lake Community Hall, SL (50 miles)

3:00 am-noon 100 Mile teams finish at Morrell Creek Trailhead
2:00 am-noon 300 Mile teams in & out of Seeley Lake Community Hall
1:00 pm 100 Mile Awards, Seeley Lake Community Hall

Sunday, Feb. 9, Owl Creek (50 miles) Primitive (mushers only)

Sunday-Monday, Feb. 9-10, Seeley Lake Community Hall, SL (50 miles)

The public is invited to all events. 300 mile teams incoming/departing after mandatory layover

Sunday-Monday, Feb. 9-10, to Whitetail Ranch, Ovando (52 miles)

Late afternoon 300 Mile teams in and out of Whitetail Ranch to Lincoln finish

Monday, Feb.10, to Finish at Hi-Country Trading Post, Lincoln (50 miles)

8:00 pm on Finish of 300 mile race (final cut off is Tues. Feb 12, at 2:00 pm)

Tuesday, Feb. 11, High Country Trading Post, Lincoln

3:00 pm

300 Mile Awards Ceremony

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