

## IPSSSDR Junior Mushers Give Back to their Communities

*Youth sled dog race combines fun, community service*

Select students, aged 9 to 13, from Alpine, Evanston, Jackson, and Pinedale, Wyo., and Herriman and Park City, Utah, will participate in a sled dog race of their own, in conjunction with the [International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race](#) (IPSSSDR), which begins Friday, January 28. The IPSSSDR Jr. Stage Stop will take place Saturday, February 5, at 2:00 p.m. in Park City, Utah.

Host communities for the International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race are eligible to send two students to represent their towns in this short exhibition fun run. Alternate students are chosen to fill vacancies as available. In order to participate in the race, students agree to perform 10 hours of community service work prior to the race and donate \$25 to the nonprofit Uinta County Community Youth Coalition.

The Jr. Stage Stop program was launched in 1999 by International Stage Stop co-founder Jayne Ottman and Jackson Hole Musher Maria Hayashida to broaden the goals of the IPSSSDR, and to improve the status of youth in Wyoming communities statewide. The Jr. Stage Stop provides an opportunity for youth participants to increase their self-esteem, social competency, community involvement and to experience philanthropy.

Students do not need their own dogs or previous mushing experience to participate – equipment and dog teams are provided by the IPSSSDR. The 2011 Jr. Stage Stop is coordinated by the Uinta County Sled Dog Race Committee. The Uinta County Sled Dog Race Committee, Abby Chamberlain, Andy and Heidi Spray, Angie Fessler, DuWayne Jacobsen, Eric Quinney, Kay Evans, Ken Duncan, Lisa and Troy Bradshaw, Lisa Silcox, Natalee Legault, Paul Knopf, Penny Robbins, Lynn Pahl, Marian McLean, Rick Schuler, and Terri Arnell, all worked together to organize race details.

For additional information, contact Terri Arnell at 307-783-6459 or [tarnell@evanstonwy.org](mailto:tarnell@evanstonwy.org). For more information, visit the race website at [www.wyomingstagesstop.org](http://www.wyomingstagesstop.org); The race is also active on Facebook under International Pedigree Stage Stop and on Twitter at [@IPSSSDR](https://twitter.com/IPSSSDR).

### 2011 IPSSSDR Junior Mushers

Junior Name	Junior Town/City	School	Grade
Hannah Tallerico	Alpine	Etna Elementary	5th grade
Brayden Sainz	Alpine	Etna Elementary	4th grade
Rili Luthi	Alpine	Etna Elementary	6th grade
Paige Evans	Evanston	Davis Middle School	8th grade

Seth Ross	Evanston	Davis Middle School	7th grade
Zachary Davis	Herriman, UT	Providence Hall	6th grade
Ian Raben	Jackson	Jackson Hole Middle School	7th grade
Kaelyn Frable	Jackson	Colter Elementary	4th grade
Clark Curnow	Jackson	Journeys School	5th grade
Bettina Hall	Jackson	Journeys School	5th grade
Dani Ball	Park City, UT	Parley's Park Elementary	5th grade
Bethany Essington	Pinedale	Home School	5th grade
Madeline Anderson	Pinedale	Pinedale Elementary	5th grade

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