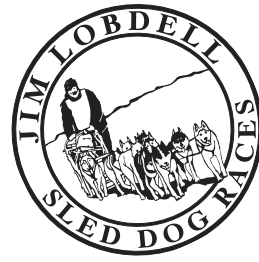




The first sled dog race at Chapman State Park crossed the Allegheny National Forest to Marienville and back in January of 1979. Ten teams ran a two-day race. The temperature hovered around -25 degrees both days with two feet of snow. Jim Lobdell of Warren won that first race and thus began the dog racing tradition at Chapman. Shortly thereafter, the “winter carnival” tradition began to accompany the races at the Park. By 1993, Warren County merged the events into Winterfest.

When Jim Lobdell passed away, the races took on his name: “The Jim Lobdell Memorial Sled Dog Races”. Agencies cooperating to make Winterfest possible include Warren County Recreation Authority, the Bureau of State Parks, Pennsylvania Game Commission and the U.S. Forest Service. Volunteer organizations stage activities and exhibits throughout the Park. Tails of the Tundra Siberian Husky Rescue group from Philadelphia will be back for a eighth year at Winterfest.

There will be plenty of excitement for 2012, beginning Friday, January 20 with the 32-mile mid-distance race followed by a “Meet the Musher” supper at the Kalbfus Rod & Gun Club on Chapman Dam Road. A variety of downhill sledding events will take place, as well as skiing, ice fishing, snow shoeing, snow sculpting, and several food vendors. Bring the entire family and enjoy winter in the West Branch of the Tionesta Creek valley at Chapman State Park.



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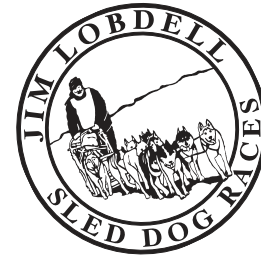
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You're invited...

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

Jan. 20, 21 & 22, 2012

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JIM LOBDELL MEMORIAL SLED DOG RACES

JANUARY 20, 21 & 22, 2012

CHAPMAN STATE PARK ~ CLARENDON, PENNA

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Friday, Jan. 20:

Mid-Distance Race

8-dog minimum

from Chapman to Hickory Creek

Wilderness Ranch and back (32 miles total)

"Meet the Musher" supper at

Kalbfus Rod & Gun Club

public welcome

Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 21 & 22

Sprint & Ski-Joring Races

from Chapman State Park onto

State Game Lands #29 and Allegheny

National Forest

IWIRA -sanctioned

Canine Weight Pull

Supper for Musher & Volunteers

Saturday night at the Warren Eagles Club

NO RACE ENTRY FEES

Registration deadline: Nov. 1, 2011

Sprint Races:

Unlimited Race

(8-Dog or more, 12 miles);

6-Dog Pro (6 miles)

4-Dog Pro (5 miles);

2-Dog Junior (2 miles)

6-Dog Sportsman (5 miles)

4-Dog Sportsman (5 miles)

Pee-Wee (Half-mile dash)

Skijoring

2-Dog (2 miles); 1-Dog (2 miles)

**Sprints and ski-joring on six mile course with
gee-around turns, head on passing on mostly flat
woods road. Starts and finishes at Chapman State
Park. Course will be groomed.**

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