



CMM Dryland Event
November 11-12, 2006
Adventures Unlimited Ranch, Buena Vista, CO

Purpose: To try something new, to raise interest and awareness in human-canine team athletics, and a good excuse to get together and have FUN!

Location: Adventures Unlimited Ranches 18325 County Road 366, Buena Vista, CO
Go north of Buena Vista on Highway 24 to County Road 384 (about 2.8 miles north of the stop light in Buena Vista). Turn LEFT on CR 384 and head west about 1.3 miles to CR 361. Turn RIGHT on CR 361 and go about 0.3 miles to the AU Ranch entrance on the LEFT. Follow the main road to the lodge at the west end of the camp to check in.

Classes*:	1-Dog Canicross (Run/Walk with your dog)	(1.5 miles)
	1 or 2-Dog Scooter	(3 miles)
	1 or 2-Dog Bikejor (Bike with your dog)	(3 miles)
	Small Team (4-dog max) Non-Motorized Carts	(3 miles)

Scooter and Bikejor classes may be run at the same time, depending on the number of participants. Trails may include maintained dirt roads and winding dirt ranch roads (some rocks, roots, etc. may be present). The elevation ranges from 8600 to 9000 feet, but the terrain is relatively flat – no big hills. Wildlife may be present (deer, elk, rabbits, turkeys), as well as ranch livestock (in fenced areas).

** Distances may vary depending on weather and trail conditions. The use of helmets for wheeled classes is strongly recommended. A non-CMM member fee of \$10 per non-member per class will apply. This event is not sanctioned by ISDRA. CMM race rules will apply. Visit <http://colomtmushers.tripod.com> for entry forms and more information on race rules and becoming a CMM member.*

Accommodations for Participants:

Cabins/bunk houses are available for rent on the AU ranch. Contact Maree at 719-395-2468 for details.

Other options in Buena Vista:

Best Western Vista Inn (1-800-809-3495)

Super 8 Motel (1-888-605-8034)

Other Activities May Include:

- ATV/cart training for larger teams will be available for a small cost on the trails following the days events.
- Hiking and exploring the scenic AU ranch area and adjacent National Forest.
- Meet Colorado's own Iditarod Veteran Lachlan Clarke and tour his kennels.
- Indoor climbing gym may be available, with AU staff approval.
- Outdoors volleyball courts, weather permitting.
- Saturday night group dinner (pay for your own).

Spectators: Spectators are welcome; our races are free and open to the public. Come meet the mushers and learn more about our favorite sport! It is a great way to work out with Fido or Fluffy – you don't need to have lots of dogs or gear to do this! Please leave your pets at home unless you plan on entering an event.

Volunteers: Volunteers are needed to help with trail safety, timing, and other important tasks. No experience is needed, but volunteers should be at least 16 years of age. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact TC Wait at (303) 697-4486 or email tcwait@yahoo.com.

Please note: Adventures Unlimited is a tobacco and alcohol free private ranch. Use of tobacco or alcohol products is not allowed on their property or in their cabins.

Dryland Update (10/18/06)

The dryland event is coming together quite well. The Buena Vista community is very excited to have an event, and we are expecting a great spectator turnout. Hopefully we will have lots of folks participating in the event so that they will have something fun to watch and maybe want us back again next year!

The Adventure Unlimited ranch is a beautiful setting for the event and the on-site lodging options are available if you do not want to stay in a motel (Buena Vista is only 10-15 min away from the race site). Bunkhouses and cabins are available, as well as some limited camping. If you wish to stay on-site or camp, please call Maree with AU to make arrangements (719-395-2468). You may need to bring your own bedding, but the facilities are nice (redone log cabins). The staff is excited to host the event and several will participate in their first mushing event at this race. Please note: the AU ranch is private property and they have requested that **no alcohol or tobacco products** be used on their property. Please help us be respectful of their wishes.

We may have a fair number of newbies that want to experience "urban mushing". In that light, we are hoping that people will be willing to talk with interested people (they could be future CMM members) and helping them out. Several may need to borrow (or buy) harnesses and assorted other equipment. If you have extras that you can lend, please let TC know.

Also in that light, we need VOLUNTEERS – specifically for trail help and to time. If you can help, please let TC know – otherwise you may be drafted!

Since this will be held over Veteran's Day Weekend, please feel free to decorate accordingly or dedicate your efforts to a veteran or serving military member you know. We will have the honor of having the local Cub Scouts do a short color guard ceremony prior to the mushers meeting on Saturday morning around 8 am.

Some people have been asking what happens if we have to cancel the dryland due to snow (doesn't that seem silly?). Be assured that this area of Buena Vista stays relatively dry through the winter, so likely whatever falls will melt away before the event. However, if we get dumped on, bring the skis and sleds!! We will figure something out!

Some event details to note:

- Registration deadline is **November 3** to avoid the late fee. Early registration helps the race organizers plan a smooth event with enough race numbers and port-o-potties for all!
- Race packets can be picked up Friday evening (Nov 10) between 5 and 7 pm at the race site or between 7 and 8 am Saturday morning before the event.
- The color guard ceremony and mandatory mushers meeting will be held at 8 am at the race site.
- The race is scheduled to begin at 9 am. Or as close to 9 as we can!
- Lachlan Clarke will be giving an Iditarod presentation following Saturday's events, tentatively scheduled at 4 pm, in the AU lodge. The cost is \$10/person. This presentation is a great insight into extreme mushing. Lach gives a great talk – interesting to mushers and non-mushers alike. This is part of his fund-raising efforts, for the 2007 Iditarod.
- The AU trails are available for training (ATV, carts, bikes, scooters, feet, etc.) after the race events. Please mark the appropriate box on the entry form so we know who to expect. Larger teams are welcome to come play and get some training in. Lots of loops, gee-haw, and passing training!! Plus it is a beautiful site.

And HUGE special thanks to the Dryland Elves: Jake, Judy, and Jill! Jill managed to get press releases and fliers out before leaving for AK, Judy has plastered Buena Vista with posters, stopped to talk to random people jogging with dogs, wrangled vets, done radio interviews and is generating all sorts of excitement about the event in the community, and Jake has bravely stepped up to the plate as "Deputy Organizer", starting/parking area manager, Scout coordinator, and decorator extraordinaire.

Questions, comments, wanna volunteer? Contact TC Wait at tcwait@yahoo.com or (303) 697-4486

This is gonna be a blast!
YEE HAW!