

# CMM Musers' Challenge at Camp Hale

(Sure, your dogs may be good, but are *you*?)

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## Dates:

December 17-18, 2005 (Snow conditions permitting)

Saturday: Skills Challenge – Musers meeting at 7:30 am, events begin 8:30 am

Sunday: Team "Pie-Plate" Race – Musers meeting at 7:30 am, events begin 8:30 am

**This will not be your typical "Camp Hale Race" event!** The whole goal is to get together, get out on the snow and have some fun! Let's answer the questions "What would you do if..." together! Do not be afraid – you may really like the new event. If not, you are welcome to plan whatever you would like next year! If you are worried about "head games" with your dogs, bring the old guys, or the "B" team, or let your Wheel Dogs lead for a change. *Plan* on getting off the sled – the race location is a beautiful valley that should be enjoyed! If you have to bribe your dogs or put your lead dogs on a leash and take them through the course that way, no problem – as long as you are working with your dogs as a team member! And if you have fun ideas/suggestions, PLEASE let us know – we'd love to hear them so we can try to incorporate them.

**Celebrate the start of the season and the end of 2005, by decorating your truck/rig to show off your spirit!**

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## Classes:

Open to all musers and skijorers. This is not a typical "race" in that it designed to test the skills of a musher in a safe, fun environment. Excellent experience for the young\* or novice musher, good practice for the veterans. No year-end points will be awarded, but we expect to have a lot of fun and more laughs than you can shake a stick at!

Saturday – choose between a 4 mile or 7 mile skills circuit trail. Various stations will require you to perform mushing skills before moving on (skills *may* include getting yourself to the start line, "gee-haw" turns, switching team positions, bootie-ing dogs, using the snow hook, "on-by" distractions, recovering from a "crash", using your dog bag, etc.).

Sunday – choose between a 4-mile, 7-mile, or 12-mile trail for you and a partner to negotiate with a map and your wits – there will be no fencing at intersections, only "pie-plate" markers directing you. Two musers per team (we will randomly draw teams Sat. night) – you may use 2 sleds/teams, skijor/sled combo, double-sled, or one team with a rider – your choice! With two musers, you can work together to get through the course.

Other fun events (Poop Fling / Turd Toss, K9 Kissing Contest, Sit-Stay Challenge, Speed Harnessing, etc.) throughout the weekend.

\*=Remember: new race rules require musers under the age of 13 human years who wish to race in non-sportsman classes to prove their abilities with a team in order to waive the age requirement!! This is a great venue to do so!

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## Location:

North end of the Camp Hale Memorial site between Leadville, CO and Minturn, CO on Hwy 24  
*Map of race site on website.*

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## Accommodations:

Minturn Inn: 1-800-646-8876, Red Cliff Lodge (970) 827-9109, Pando Cabins 1-888-949-6682, Best Western Vista Inn (Buena Vista) 1-800-809-3495, Super 8 Motel (Buena Vista) 1-888-605-8034 or Leadville lodging options can be found at [www.leadvilleusa.com](http://www.leadvilleusa.com)

*Please note: There will not be food vendors at the race site. Please bring your own food and water.*

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**Entry Form:** on website (.pdf file, please call if you would like an entry mailed to you).

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## Race contacts:

Colorado Mountain Musers: [COLOMTNMUSHERS@YAHOO.COM](mailto:COLOMTNMUSHERS@YAHOO.COM)

Dave Wurts/TC Wait, Race Organizers: [DAVID.W.WURTS@LMCO.COM](mailto:DAVID.W.WURTS@LMCO.COM), (303) 697-4486

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# Mushers' Challenge at Camp Hale

## Sponsored by Colorado Mountain Mushers

### December 17-18, 2005

- TRAIL:** Groomed trail, 15 feet wide, portions may be narrower snowmobile trails as needed (if snow conditions permit). Portions of the trail have shared public use, with likely head-on passing. Be ready to get off your sled to show off (or develop) your skills as a musher! This event is intended to be a **fun** kick-off for the season.
- RULES:** CMM racing rules will be followed. Specifics regarding the skills will be given at the drivers meeting. Snow hooks and dog bags required in all sled events. Bibs **MUST** be worn. Whips and whining are **NOT** allowed.  
**Visit our website for updates, new race rules, and race status:** <http://colomtnmushers.tripod.com>
- SCHEDULE:** *Saturday* – Skills Circuit (4 & 7-mile trails), 1-2 dog skijor, 3-10 dog sled either trail  
*Sunday* – Team “Pie-Plate” Race (4, 7, & 12-mile trails) , 1-2 dog skijor, 3-10 dog sled any trail  
**You are welcome to use different size teams, different dogs on each day, this event only.**  
 Drivers Meeting 7:30 am, Events begin at 8:30 am. There will be a 10 minute minimum break between each event.
- LOCATION:** North end of Camp Hale Memorial site (between Leadville and Minturn, CO on Hwy 24)
- CLASSES:** Open to all Mushers and Skijorers – no year-end points will be awarded for this fun event.
- AWARDS:** Prizes, Ribbons, and Bragging Rights
- LODGING:** Leadville lodging options can be found at [www.leadvilleusa.com](http://www.leadvilleusa.com). Other lodging options: Pando Cabins 1-888-949-6682, Red Cliff Lodge (970) 827-9109, Minturn Inn 1-800-646-8876, Best Western Vista Inn (Buena Vista) 1-800-809-3495, Super 8 Motel (Buena Vista) 1-888-605-8034.

Driver \_\_\_\_\_ Team/Kennel Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Method (Skijor / Sled) Age (under 13, 14-18, 18-60, old enough to know better) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Something we may not know about you \_\_\_\_\_

Current CMM member? Y / N  
**(CMM membership dues must be received by CMM at least 1 week prior to race to qualify for member entry rates!!!!)**

**ENTRY:** Check all that apply. All entry forms must be signed. One entry per person.  
 Send entry and make payment to: **Colorado Mountain Mushers, P.O. Box 476, Conifer, CO 80433**  
**Race Contact:** Dave Wurts or TC Wait, (303) 697-4486, [DAVID.W.WURTS@LMCO.COM](mailto:DAVID.W.WURTS@LMCO.COM)

Saturday	Miles <sup>^</sup>	Check Here	Notes
Skills Circuit	4		Minimum 4 booties required
Skills Circuit	7		Minimum 4 booties required
<b>Sunday</b>			
Team “Pie-Plate” Race	4		Minimal trail support
Team “Pie-Plate” Race	7		Minimal trail support
Team “Pie-Plate” Race	12		Minimal trail support
Entry Fee for the weekend		\$30*	
Non-CMM Member		\$10	To become a member, contact colomtnmushers@yahoo.com
<b>Late Registration Fee (if postmarked AFTER 12/10/05)</b>		<b>\$10 per entry</b>	<b>(post marked AFTER 12/10/05)</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$</b>	

<sup>^</sup> = Mileage is approximate  
 \* = entry fees include \$10/day user fee costs for all participants

**'AGREEMENT: I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ABIDE** by the rules governing this race. I further acknowledge that the Race Marshall has the final decision and agree to abide by his/her decisions. I agree not to hold Colorado Mountain Mushers or its officers, the Race Giving Organization or its agents, sponsors, or property owners liable for any injury or accident, which may occur during this event. I further agree, that in event of a cancellation, Colorado Mountain Mushers, its officers, the Race Giving Organization or its agents, sponsors, or property owners will not be responsible for any expenses incurred as a result of the cancellation other than the refund of the entry fees. I further attest that my dogs are in good health, have received all vaccinations required by state law, and are physically prepared for this event. I will be solely responsible for the conduct and safety of my dogs and handlers. '

Driver's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parents Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If driver is under 18 years of age)