

## Professional Development Course (900-level) Request for Approval

**Course Number:**

**Course Title:** Midwest Mushing Symposium—Iditarod Teacher’s Conference 2010

**Sponsoring NMU Academic Department:**

**Entity/Organization Requesting Credit:**

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**Brief Description of Course:**

By participating in the full-day Midwest Mushing Symposium, teachers will learn how to connect technology, literature, mathematics and the arts to sled dog activities in elementary, middle school and secondary classrooms. A wide variety of presenters from across the United States will share their expertise on how to incorporate the world of sled dog sports into the school curriculum. This event is designed to assist teachers with the implementation and delivery of a wide variety of Iditarod and mushing activities. Registration for the conference is required, [www.midwestsleddog.com](http://www.midwestsleddog.com)

**Course Objectives:**

The objects of the Midwest Sled Dog Symposium are:

- To provide teachers with a wide variety of meaningful classroom-ready activities to use with students.
- To encourage teachers to network with others who use the Iditarod as part of their teaching curriculum.
- To encourage teachers to not only use the Iditarod as part of their academic curriculum but also as a way to connect core values such as teamwork, courage, respect and integrity to real life experiences.

**Course Delivery Format:**

Participants will attend the Midwest Mushing Symposium, Iditarod Teacher’s Conference. Presenters will use a variety of techniques in each session including lectures, hands-on activities and round table discussions.

**Grading:**

Participants must attend all sessions and fill out an attendance form and feedback sheet.

**Course Instructors (s):**

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**Course Date:** September 24, 2010

**Times:** 8:00 am to 8:30 pm

**Location:** Erickson Center for the Arts, Curtis, Michigan