

KART KAMP® 2011

Purpose

The Northern California Bernese Mountain Dog Club sponsors the Kart Kamp® to promote carting skills and offer intense preparation for future Draft Tests,

The original idea of Kart Kamp® was an informal working gathering of folks interested in carting and who would like to work on sharpening their skills and relationship with their Dogs and carting. This has transformed into a weekend of formal instruction and discussion; video presentations, lots of time to work with our dogs and a practice Draft Test Match, with judging led by Jim Maxwell. Pat & Fred Helmbold host Kart Kamp® at their home in Sugar Pine, where there is ample room for obedience work, maneuvering practice, and trails for freight hauls. Several surprise carting games and informal contests will offer new insight into the carting experience. The location offers a wide variety of surfaces and terrain to train our dogs, while enjoying the mountains, some wine, good food and exchanging carting experiences. The Kamp has limited registrations to provide the best instruction to each working team.

Kart Kamp® participants and their dogs **must** have the basic cart and drafting skills. Teams need to have established a working relationship, and a familiarity with the rules for a Draft Test. The Draft Test rules may be down loaded from the BMDCA web site:

[http://www.bmdca.org/Draft/Draft_Regulations/Draft_Test_Regulations_2007_Edition_\(Single%20paged\).pdf](http://www.bmdca.org/Draft/Draft_Regulations/Draft_Test_Regulations_2007_Edition_(Single%20paged).pdf)

The Kamp location is about 2+ hours east of the San Francisco Bay Area, in the foothills of the Mother Lode in the Sierras. Driving instructions follow the Kamp schedule. There are several dog friendly motels in the area and limited dry camping is available on the property.

INSTRUCTORS

Fred Helmbold, Larry Bohlig & Jim Maxwell - BMDCA Draft Judges
Diana Gerba, Draft Assistant, holder of multiple Draft Titles
Nick Hengeveld, Speaker, holder of multiple Draft Titles
Patty Doolin, Speaker and holder of multiple Draft Titles

Dates: Friday evening, April 29; Saturday, April 30; and Sunday, May 1, 2011

Location: Pat & Fred Helmbold's home
23945 Crossley Way – Sugar Pine, CA 95346

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KAMP SCHEDULE

Friday – **April 29**

- Check in at motel or camping.
- Kart Kamp® Equipment check and set up for early arrivals.
- Brats and Sauerkraut, Raclette potatoes, salad and wine get together and informal discussion of the basics of carting. *Separate reservations required for dinner.*
- Video Presentation – Actual Draft Tests

KART KAMP SCHEDULE – Continued

Saturday – April 30

8:00 AM Check in and set up X-pens, Pop ups, settle dogs. Outdoor breakfast buffet.

8:30 AM KAMP OPENS

1. Introduction, Schedule, Ringside Etiquette, Warm ups discussion
2. Basic obedience test – procedure and practice
3. Walk through Draft Rally course
4. Harness & Hitch discussion, demo and harnessing your dogs
5. Maneuvering Exercises – Demonstration
6. Maneuvering Course Practice – individual work on various exercises
 - 6a. Draft Rally in the woods
7. Group Stays and Short Freight Haul

12:30-2:00 – WORKING LUNCH – Build your own deli sandwiches, salad, cold drinks

1. Draft Test procedures
2. Handling the Unexpected

AFTER LUNCH

1. Walk through Expanded Draft Rally Course
2. Split into 2 working groups
 - a. Practical Draft work – running the Draft Test Course, individual work as needed.
 - b. Draft Rally hunt – picking up objects
3. Practice Down Stays and actual Freight Haul -
4. Water / rest dogs – discuss conditioning
5. Carting Fun & Games with your dogs - 2 winners pick draft position for Practice Draft Test Match on Sunday

7 PM – Wine and Cheese with preview of tomorrow. Watch actual novice Draft Test videos – See the difference of a passing performance and a performance with the need for additional training.

7:30 - DINNER – A Gourmet dinner at the Helmbold's including desert and selected wines and coffee, tea. Dinner is \$30.00 per person, see registration form.

Sunday – May 1

Meet at Epperson Park, Twain Harte – map & directions passed out on Saturday

8:00 AM - Light Continental breakfast, coffee / tea, etc. Equipment set up

- 8:30 Draft Test Check In & Equipment Check
- Immediately following Check In - Ring and Freight Haul walk through.
- Draft test begins following Freight Haul walk through
- ***NEW THIS YEAR:*** *Following each team's Maneuvering Run, a review of the teams performance will be discussed at ringside. The Judges will comment on each team's performance - good points and not so good. This review will be a learning experience for all. Critiques will be limited to approximately 5 minutes.*
- Lunch break during test – as determined
- Graduation, diploma awards, Kamp Closing

Kart Kamp® Tuition

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Kart Kamp Tuition, includes all instruction and practice Draft Test, continental breakfasts, and lunches, sodas and water on Saturday and Sunday.

Cost per person, with dog	\$ 70.00
Additional person, without dog, food only, per person <i>Not including special dinners, below</i>	\$ 25.00
Friday evening Brats & Wine get together, per person	\$ 15.00
Saturday Night Dinner, per person	\$ 30.00

Accommodations

There are several dog friendly motels nearby. The closest is the Christmas Tree Inn about 1 mile away. They have 3 dog friendly rooms and have reduce their dog charge to \$10 for us. They are AAA approved and can be reached at www.thechristmastreeinn.com or 1-800399-3900. Their address is 24685 Hwy 108, Mi Wuk Village, 95346. In Sonora, about 15 minutes away is the Aladdin Motor Inn. They are AAA, dog friendly, and have Smoking & Non Smoking rooms available. www.aladdininn.com (800) 696-3969 or (209) 533-4971. Their address: 14260 Mono Way, Sonora 95370

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO SUGAR PINE

Neither Google Maps or Map Quest give the correct directions...

Coming from San Jose/Bay Area

1. Get out of the Bay Area, take I-560 through Livermore, I-205 to Tracy and I-5 to Manteca, take 120 around Manteca, North on State Highway 99 [toward Sacramento].
2. Take the FIRST TURN OFF AFTER GETTING ON 99, WHICH IS AGAIN, HIWAY 120 TO SONORA, OAKDALE, and YOSEMITE.
3. Stay on 120 through Oakdale – 108 will join 120 – travel east toward Sonora.

ONCE YOU ARE ON 108, continue toward Sonora on 108, [120 turns toward Yosemite].

1. When you get to Sonora, stay on Highway 108 on the bypass, about 2 miles, when it ends requires turning to the RIGHT, and then a **LEFT TURN – THIS IS MARKED TO PINECREST**. All the time you will stay on 108!
2. Continue east, past Twain Harte [about 11 miles]. Continue past the 2 turn offs, staying on Highway 108.
3. Continue on Highway 108 about 2 miles past the 2nd Twain Harte exit. Watch for a large green highway sign marked “Sugar Pine” - you’re almost there!
4. About a ¼ mile past the “Sugar Pine” sign, the first road on the **RIGHT**, angles off slightly to the right. Take the road marked ‘**Sugar Pine Road**’
5. Make the very first **RIGHT** turn on to “**Wild Cat Drive**”
6. Turn right at the first gravel road on to “**Crossley Way**” – this is our driveway!
Stay on the gravel road past a house on the left, until you can turn **LEFT**, -- Go STRAIGHT to the end, past some old railroad signals. You have found us!

All turns from 108 will be marked with yellow flagging.

REGISTRATION FORM

KART KAMP® 2011 – **April 29, 30 & May 1**

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BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Name of person(s) attending: _____

Name of Dog: _____ Breed: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Additional person attending (w/o dog): _____

Fees enclosed:

Students: _____ Tuition: \$ 70.00 Total: _____

Additional: _____ Food only: \$ 25.00 Total: _____

Friday dinner: _____ Diner/Wine: \$ 15.00 Total: _____

Saturday Dinner: _____ Per person: \$ 30.00 Total: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Vegetarian meal required? – Please contact us individually.

Additional comments:

Send registration and payment NO LATER THAN **April 15, 2011**, to:

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