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Dog Sledding by Jessica Scanlan

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It is winter time again! Venturers around the nation do some awesome stuff such as skiing, snow camping, and ice skating. But, Venturing Crew 2861 of Glasgow, Montana, crossed a winter activity off of their bucket lists. This epic opportunity was Dog Sledding! The crew spent the weekend winter camping, sledding, and of course dog sledding!

Not only did the Crew get to do some amazing dog sledding, but they also got

to go behind the scenes of owning a dog sledding business. They learned how to exercise the dogs, chop up the meat to feed them, harnessing, how to hook them up to the sleds, and they got to meet all of the dogs! Jason, the owner of Yellowstone Dog Sled Adventures, owns about 40 sled dogs! One of his dogs, Junior, is actually even the son of an Iditarod champion lead dog. He also told a great deal about the background of dog sledding, racing, and training these athletes.

In addition to the sled dogs, the Crew even got to meet a couple of hounds used to track down mountain lions! We learned how the dogs find them, how the GPS system works to track the dogs once they have "treed", and about the sport.



If you're not the lead dog, the view never changes.



For a dog sled adventure of your own, make sure you are ready for it! You will need plenty of warm clothes, and more dry ones to change into after your adventure! If you are planning on camping like Crew 2861 did, make sure you have

a winter tent with a warm sleeping bag. Always be prepared for unexpected weather! Bring plenty of water and snacks too!



It was a great trip for Crew 2861, very fun and even educational! Learning about dog sledding was extremely interesting, and the crew had an amazing time bonding with the dogs also! If your crew is bored with the usual winter activities, trying dog sledding is highly recommended!

