



Jim Lobdell Memorial Sled Dog Races

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The first sled dog race at Chapman State Park crossed the Allegheny National Forest to Marienville and back in January of 1979. Ten teams ran a two-day race. The temperature hovered around -25 degrees both days with two feet of snow. Jim Lobdell of Warren won that first race and thus began the dog racing tradition at Chapman. Shortly thereafter, the “winter carnival” tradition began to accompany the races at the Park. By 1993, Warren County merged the events into Winterfest.

When Jim Lobdell passed away, the races took on his name: “The Jim Lobdell Memorial Sled Dog Races”. Agencies cooperating to make Winterfest possible include Penn Soil Resource Conservation & Development Council, the Bureau of State Parks, Pennsylvania Game Commission and the U.S. Forest Service. Volunteer organizations stage activities and exhibits throughout the Park.

There will be plenty of excitement for 2020, beginning Friday, January 17 with the 32-mile mid-distance race followed by a “Meet the Musher” supper at the Kalbfus Rod & Gun Club on Chapman Dam Road. A variety of downhill sledding events will take place, as well as cross-country skiing, ice fishing, snow shoeing, and several food vendors. Bring the entire family and enjoy winter in the West Branch of the Tionesta Creek valley at Chapman State Park.



Additional Race Volunteers:
Amateur FM Radio Operators
Boy Scouts Crew 73

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**Jim Lobdell Memorial
Sled Dog Races**
Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
Jan. 17, 18 & 19, 2020
Chapman State Park
Clarendon, Pennsylvania

JIM LOBDELL MEMORIAL SLED DOG RACES

41st Annual ~ 1979 - 2020 ~ JANUARY 17, 18 & 19, 2020

CHAPMAN STATE PARK ~ CLARENDON, PENNSYLVANIA

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Friday, Jan. 17:

Mid-Distance Race*

8-dog minimum

from Chapman to Hickory Creek

Wilderness Ranch and back (32 miles total)

"Meet the Musher" supper at

Kalbfus Rod & Gun Club

public welcome

Races from Chapman State Park onto

State Game Lands #29 and

Allegheny National Forest

Canine Weight Pull

Supper for Musher & Volunteers

Saturday night at the Warren Eagles Club

NO RACE ENTRY FEES

Saturday, Jan. 18:

Unlimited Race* (8-Dog or more, 12 miles);

(* - Regular or Registered Breed)

Unlimited race on six mile course with gee-around turns, head on passing on mostly flat woods

road. Starts and finishes at Chapman State Park.

Course will be groomed.

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