Leadership

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• What, if any, skills might you need to learn beforehand?
• What gear will you need for this Adventure?
• Who will file the appropriate paperwork with Scouts Canada and the outfitter?

Do:
• Gather gear and prepare what is needed.
• Dogsledding, here we come!

Review:
• What do you know now that you did not know before?
• What did you notice about leading a dogsled team?
• How can this experience translate to leadership in other areas of your life?
• What’s next? What other Adventures could build your knowledge and confidence in Leadership?

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Dogsledding

The Adventure:
Learn to command a dogsled team! While we obviously don’t treat people and dogs the same way when we’re in positions of authority, there are some common skills that can be developed by becoming an efficient manager of a team of canines. You can develop your ability to make decisions quickly and confidently, to communicate more effectively using tone of voice and body language, and build trust and cooperation. All set? Mush!

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