

Iditarod Trail Review Questions
For Use in the 2009 Youth North American Mission Study
(if the adult mission study Brenda Crim "Running the Race" segment is used)

1. What is the name of the missionary who organizes short-term missions volunteers at the Iditarod race? (Brenda Crim)
2. What is Brenda's main missions assignment? (Campus minister/collegiate evangelism missionary at the University of Alaska Anchorage)
3. How does Brenda reach Alaskans? (She goes out where they are and participates in the activities the people are doing.)
4. When is the Iditarod? (March)
5. Describe the Iditarod race. (It is a race with dogs and sleds across more than 1,000 miles of frozen Alaska wilderness. There is no relief from the cold.)
6. Would you want to race in the Iditarod? Why or why not?
7. What are some things short-term missions volunteers do during the Iditarod to reach people with Christ's love? (Feed dogs, clean pens, cheer for mushers, host basketball tournaments, give free coffee or water, talk about Jesus)
8. What do you think are some challenges of living in Alaska? (Cold temperatures, dark much of the year, hard to get supplies)
9. What do you think are some challenges of spreading the Gospel in Alaska? (Connecting with the Alaskan Natives, building trust, cold temperatures, hard to get supplies, expensive to live and travel there)
10. What do you think may be some of the spiritual needs of Alaskans? (More churches, Christian friends/mentoring, supplies and activities that fit in the context of the native culture)
11. Where is Alaska? (Part of the United States, but on the northwest edge of Canada)
12. What is Alaska known for? (Cold temperatures, cold-weather sports, wildlife, beautiful scenery, fishing, oil production, the Iditarod)
13. Would you want to live in or visit Alaska? Why or why not?
14. How do you think you could start being friends with someone who was an Alaskan Native? (By learning about their life and culture, by listening, by giving a gift, by meeting some need the person or village had)

15. How do you think you could become friends with an Iditarod race spectator or musher if you were a short-term missions volunteer? (By asking questions about that person, such as where they are from and how many times the person has attended or participated; by meeting some need the person had; by giving a compliment; by telling why you had come to Alaska)