

**Winter 2012 Newsletter**  
**Mahoosuc Guide Service and Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge**

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## We have snow!

It has been an interesting winter weatherwise, but we have had many great trips starting right after Christmas. We plan to do our trips through March in Maine. There is a good base of snow and plenty of ice on Umbagog Lake, where we do many of our trips.

Our new puppies from Eagle River, Alaska are great little pullers. Sonya is sharp as can be and, at only six months old, has already led a team for a short distance. Keefy is very sweet and gentle and all business in a harness.

We have five dogs enjoying retirement in our daylight basement: Cathal, Sinead, Mickey, Roanan, and Nola.

Mrytle is our most expensive dog right now because of an emergency surgery after she ate 9 rocks! She is an amazing puller and very sweet with everyone.

There is still room on two Umbagog Lake overnight trips March 8-11 and 15-18, and two Mahoosuc Intro trips March 9-11 and 16-18. Our day trips have been popular mid-week with a great introduction to dogsledding, along with hearty homemade soup and yummy cookies for lunch.



We have two spaces left on our trip with the Cree to Ouje-Bougomou, Quebec in late March and early April. Spending time in the bush with our guides, David and Anna Bosum, is always a special treat and a cultural experience.



## Canews

Looking ahead to summer, we are offering an array of canoeing trips from fly fishing on the Miramichi in New Brunswick, Canada, to paddling Maine's famous Allagash River to the West Branch of the Penobscot River and a visit to the historic village of Chesuncook to floating the Green River in Utah. We will also explore Polly's favorite river—the Upper Missouri in Montana.

For women, we are offering a couple of weekend trips on Umbagog Lake, one with yoga and another with T'ai Chi. The last week of July is a paddle in northeast Maine on a series of lakes with naturalist Sue Szwed, who will be teaching us about wild edibles and their medicinal uses. This trip ends with a folk festival in Grand Lake Stream on Saturday night.

Until next time,  
*Polly, Kevin, and all the doggies*



### Upcoming events at Mahoosuc

- April 27-29—Tracking Workshop with Susan Morse of Keeping Track ([www.keepingtrack.org](http://www.keepingtrack.org))
- May 12—Old Fashioned Barn Dance with the Buttermilk Hill Band
- June 8—Slide Show at Maine Canoe Symposium of Polly & Kevin's paddling career ([www.maine canoe symposium.org](http://www.maine canoe symposium.org))



# From the Mailbox

*Dear Kevin and Polly,*

*We had such a wonderful time. The building has been buzzing all morning with everyone's stories and warm thoughts of our dogsledding trip. We've done many trips with our group, and this one definitely comes out on top...and collectively speaking (which isn't often the case)! We will definitely keep Mahoosuc in mind for our summer trip!*

*Layla Shell  
Timberland Company*



*Dear Polly and Kevin,*

*I wanted to be certain to conclude this week with a fond thank you to all of you at Mahoosuc Guide Service. I personally had a wonderfully enjoyable time and I believe my sentiments are echoed and amplified across our entire Timberland team...Thank you for making our adventures a fantastic experience!!!*

*I had many learnings and observations on our team inspiration trip this week. In many ways, our trip re-emphasizes a conclusion of mine...that the enduring beauty of the New England outdoors is an endless inspiration for the human spirit and for the Timberland brand.*

*Our ability to learn and understand your passions around dog sledding left us with memories and a story of a life time. To each of you, thank you for the perfect adventure. Looking at every person and step along the way—from the one-on-one instruction cross country skiing, the warmth of home cooked meals in our campsites, to the thrill of being behind a team of sled dogs, and the opportunity to spend time with your amazing dogs—thank you.*

*Chris Pawlus  
Timberland Company*

