

## Cart ride checklist

- Move teams to staging area plus Austin, Apu and Mickey.
- Feed dogs at their houses (if feeding time)
- Water dogs in staging area
- **Trail Inspection:**
  - Check trail for obstructions
  - Place water and bowls at water stops
  - Open and secure gates
- **Cart Inspection:**
  - Tether carts in position
  - Loop tether around frame or axle once
  - Close tether with stick, making sure stick is centered and perpendicular to tether
  - Push cart forward to tension tether
  - Check tire pressure in cart wheels (20 psi)
  - Attach and check gang lines
  - Attach double neck to your clothing or leader tugs
  - Look for frayed lines, especially mainline
  - Check bridle for wear
  - Check safety line and bungee for wear
  - Close all carabiners
  - Place cart seats
  - Wipe down carts with a towel and then place towel in basket
  - Make sure there is at least one spare tug and neckline attached to basket
  - Lock and unlock brake
- Get harnesses
- Harness non chewing dogs and place harnesses near chewing dogs
- Pick up poop in staging area
- Water dogs at houses
- **Guest Receiving:**
  - Make sure CC machine, money bag and receipts are in checkout area
  - Greet guests
  - All guests, even spectators, sign waiver
  - **Instruct guests on driving:**
    - Listen to guide
    - More left
    - More right
    - More brake
    - Less brake
    - Follow the dogs
    - Easy, easy, click
    - Brake unlocked unless stopped
    - Accelerator releases brake
    - Explain opening sequence
      - Practice brake
      - Lock brake
      - Unlock brake when instructed
      - Half pressure back on brake
      - Move to the right side of the trail
      - Aim for orange cone
  - Make sure they have eyewear and gloves (if needed)
  - Ask about camera
- Get guests in cart
- Guest practice brake
- Keep brake in locked position

- Check stick in tether
- Place dogs on team from front to back
- Tether leaders
- Leave one dog in each of last two rows hooked only by neckline
- Unhook leader tether
- One foot and one hand on cart
- Pull stick
- Release brake and put half pressure back on brake
- Ride the right side of the trail in exit chute
- Take turns wide using “more left” or “more right” until dogs have a good line
- Use “Follow the dogs” to steer towards the wheel dogs
- Steer towards orange cone until on good line
- Stop in grass area using “easy, easy” to hook up the two dogs
- Go slow over road crossing
- Explain trotting to guests
- Do a heat check half way south on west edge of trail
- Stop at water stop (“easy, easy”)
- Place bowls quickly
- **Take pictures quickly:**
  - Close up of torsos
  - Wider shot including cart
  - Full length shot including dogs and cart
  - Close up of each dog (or pair)
- Distribute water to dogs who need more
- When they stand up and stop drinking, collect all bowls and place in basket
- Cover bowls with towel to reduce noise
- Close gates as you pass through them
- Stop while heading south along fence line
- Secure leaders at trailhead
- Instruct guests on petting
- Offer to take pictures
- Unharness dogs beginning in back and place harnesses in one pile
- Return dogs to homes beginning at the back of the team
- Be aware of food on houses when returning dogs
- Collect balance from guests
- Gather, remove and secure gangline with double neck
- Hang gangline and harnesses in shed
- Remove seats and towel and place in shed
- Remove bowls and stack in piles of ten on pallet
- Release brake
- Move cart back into position
- Clip tethering chains
- Stack remaining bowls
- Pick up poop in staging area

Learn more here:

<http://www.DogSledRidesOfWinterPark.com/carts.php>