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Featuring
*Lost in an
Alaskan
Snowstorm!*



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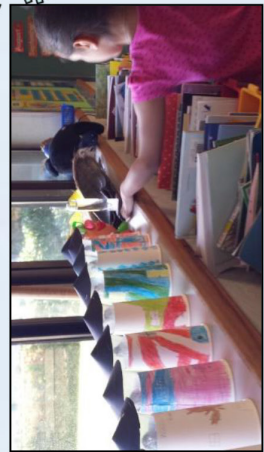
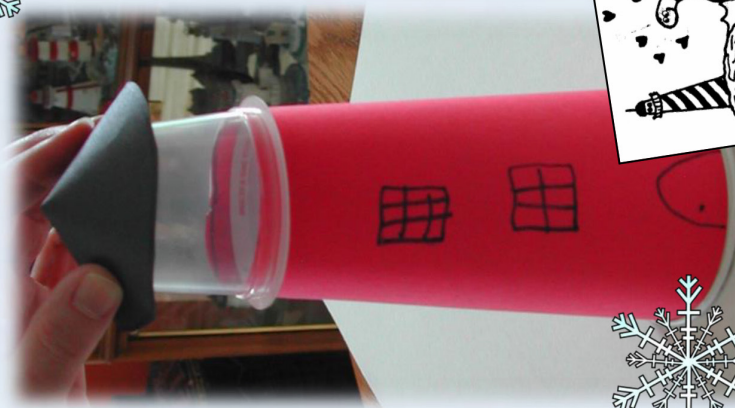
Email your colored in version of Scotch Cap lighthouse featured on the cover along with your mailing address to info@uslhs.org, and we'll send you an "I love lighthouses" bumper sticker!

Lighthouse Fun 4 Kids



Make a lighthouse!

All you need is a clean, medium-sized plastic cup, a clean plastic pudding or fruit cup, some construction paper, a marker, and glue. An upside-down paper plate makes a great island for your lighthouse to stand on! A ball of aluminum foil makes a beacon. Directions are on YouTube here... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnZrOIUWKs>



Question:
What did the lighthouse say to the beach?

Answer:
You shore are busy!!



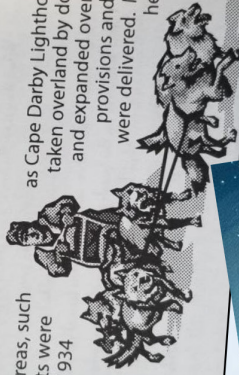
Has it snowed at your house?
How about making a snow lighthouse instead of a snowman! Send us a picture of it to elinordewire@gmail.com

Collect rocks and paint lighthouse pictures on them! Leave them along the way on your walks and hikes. People love finding them! Send us pictures of your lighthouse rocks please! elinordewire@gmail.com

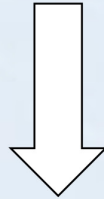


Mushing to the Lights

In Alaska's remotest areas, such as Cape Darby Lighthouse on Norton Sound, gas cylinders for the lights were taken overland by dog sled. A contract for this service was begun in 1934 and expanded over the years to include less remote stations where maintenance workers, provisions and medicine, as well as dogs were of great help over the years to the Lighthouse Service and the Coast Guard.



*Read this one!
Everyone loves it.*



Some Valentine Messages from Lighthouses!



*"You guide me home!"
"I'd be lost without you!"
"You're a keeper, Valentine!"*

Think Backwards!

Read this message backwards from right to left. (Use a mirror!)
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Lighthouse Valentines!



Lost in an Alaskan Snowstorm!

A True Story of Canine Bravery
for Kids & Adults to Read Together

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What would you do if you got lost in a blizzard? Scream for help? Lie down in the snow and wait to be found? Stumble about hoping to find your way home? If you had a dog along, you would be in luck. Dogs know their way home, even in bad storms!



Jeano Campanaro was 19-years-old when he was assigned to the Scotch Cap Lighthouse on Unimak Island, Alaska. It was the early 1940s, many years ago. He operated a special type of radio to help airplanes and ships navigate. Scotch Cap was a faraway place, at the western end of the Aleutian Islands of Alaska. Find a map and see how lonely Unimak Island is. Would you want to live there?

The only people who lived at Scotch Cap in the 1940s were the lighthouse keepers and the radio operators, plus six friendly and helpful husky dogs. They barked when strangers were sighted, though few people visited the island. They pulled a sled when the supply ship came to help the crew take supplies from the beach to the lighthouse. They provided company for the crew. They had lived all their dog years at Scotch Cap.





Supposedly, they were descended from dogs brought to the light station in 1903 when the first wooden tower was built on the site.

Scotch Cap could be dangerous. There were ice fogs and heavy snowstorms. It was a bitterly cold place in the winter. Bears came to raid the food supply in the storage shed. Huge waves sometimes washed over the lighthouse. It was surrounded by wilderness—no neighbors, no trees, nothing but sea and sky and empty land.

Jeano Campanaro had always loved to hike. He came down with a bad case of cabin fever every winter and cured it by hunting and beachcombing with the dogs. A few hours alone in the Alaskan wilderness helped ease the frustration of being cooped up with a homesick, bored, all-male crew. The men read and re-read letters from home and from their girlfriends, passed around paperback novels and magazines, played cards, and sometimes they got into arguments over frivolous things, like who would make the coffee or wash the dishes.



Jeano Campanero appeared in the snowy picture of the lighthouse in the winter of 1940. He loved playing with the dogs, feeding them treats, and he never went hiking without them.

Getting outdoors with the station's hardy husky dogs was a welcome change for Jeano. But on one beachcombing trip, he almost died!

He had gone on a long a long walk on the beach to investigate an old shipwreck. Suddenly, a heavy storm called a "williwaw" caught him miles from the lighthouse with darkness soon to fall. As the wind rushed against Jeano's face and snow rapidly accumulated, walking back to Scotch



Cap became difficult. He began to lose his sense of direction and he became incredibly tired. The dogs barked encouragement and led the way. Their canine compasses told them exactly which direction to go to get back to the lighthouse. They also knew Jeano had to keep moving or he would freeze to death. If he stopped to rest, they urged him to move on.



At one point, Jeano thought he could go no further. The need to lie down and close his eyes was overwhelming. He fell into a soft snowbank, and slowly, the storm around him grew quiet. The deep sleep that precedes freezing to death began

to overtake him. Faraway, as in a dream, he heard whining and barking. Something was scratching his body. A warm sensation



on his face, especially his eyes, jarred him awake. The dogs had not abandoned him. They made noise, pawed his body, and licked his eyes with their warm tongues to keep him awake.

At first, Jeano ignored them. The numbness in his arms and legs and the pleasant feeling of restful sleep tugged hard at his soul. He just wanted to sleep and sleep. Then, he realized the dogs were trying to save him. He had a family back home and a long life ahead of him. He couldn't give up and die in the snow!

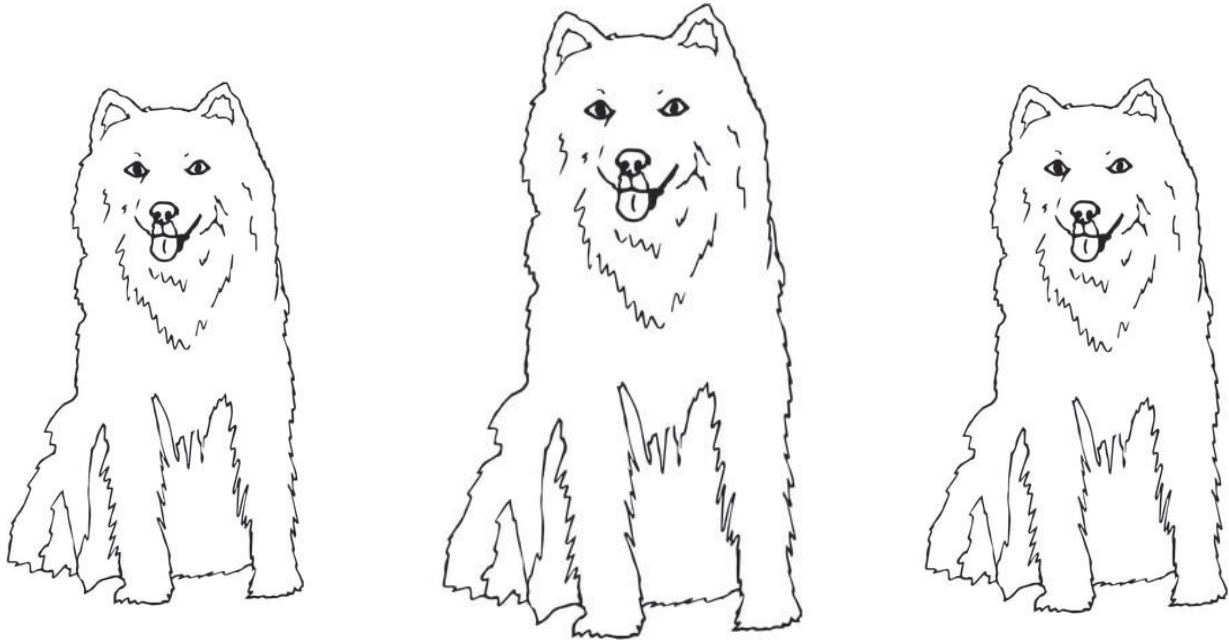


Mustering what little strength he had left, he rolled onto his hands and knees and crawled after the yapping dogs. Minutes later, he was on his feet and trotting toward the lighthouse and the sound of the foghorn. The dogs' insistent barking and pawing kept him moving until he arrived safely back at the station.

“I would have died if not for those smart dogs,”
Jeano later told a newspaper. “They saved me!”

Husky! Husky! Husky!

Jeano Campanero's dogs at Scotch Cap Lighthouse were a breed called Siberian Huskies. Color the huskies below! And give them names. Are they males or females?



Facts about Husky dogs.

- The Husky has a double fur coat to keep it warm.
- A Husky dog has a life span of 12 to 15 years.
- Huskies come in many coat colors.
- Siberian Huskies are often confused with Alaskan Malamutes. They look similar.
- Sometimes huskies have different color eyes. This is called heterochromia.
- Huskies howl instead of barking.

The black & white picture at right shows a famous husky dog named Togo. (He's the dog on the far left.) In 1925, he led the first part of a perilous sled dog trip to carry medicine to sick people in Nome, Alaska. He inspired a sled dog race called the Iditarod! Disney made a movie about him!

