



6th Edition Western Pleasure Snowshoe Roundup



Snowshoe Racing Events 2019



Race Information

Race Date: Saturday, February 2, 2019

Location: Western Pleasure Guest Ranch, 1413 Upper Gold Creek Road
Sandpoint, Idaho

Directions:

From Sandpoint, go east on Highway 200 toward Hope and Clark Fork. From the last stop light at McGhee Street, go east 4.2 miles. Turn left (north) on Colburn-Culver Road (watch for Forest Service sign for Grouse Creek). Travel 4 miles, turn right (east) on the Gold Creek Road (blue Western Pleasure sign) then 3 miles to the Upper Gold Creek Road (pavement ends), turn right (east) on gravel road and go 2 miles. Western Pleasure Ranch is on the left. Park in the parking lot at the lodge.

Events: No experience necessary—everyone is invited to participate!

- Timed 5k and 10k distances for ages 13 and up.
- Snowshoe Rabbit Mile—untimed one mile fun run for any age.
- Buckaroo Race—untimed short distance race for youngsters 12 and under.

Registration: Three ways to register: Please register early!

1. On line Registration (applies to 5k and 10k only)
On line registration will close at 5:00 pm on Friday, February 1, 2019.

On line registration, Click Here: [Ultra Signup](#)

2. Mail in. Applications can be obtained on our website: www.westernpleasureranch.com, or emailed upon request. Contact Dennis at runwild65@gmail.com or by phone (call or text) at: 208-946-1455. Fill out and mail back. Instructions are on the application. Must be received by Thursday January 31, 2019.
3. Race Day. Participants can register on race morning from 8:00 to 9:30 am. at the registration table in the lodge. (A \$10.00 late fee applies for 5k and 10k races only). Buckaroo Race and Snowshoe Rabbit Mile--register race morning at registration table at the lodge--no late fees.

Racing Snowshoes: Dion Snowshoe Company has once again generously offered to provide a limited number of running-type snowshoes for use by anyone that does not have them, but would like to join in the fun. Race use of these snowshoes is \$5.00 (to cover cost of shipping—pay at registration). Due to demand, reservations for snowshoes are recommended. To reserve a pair for race day, contact Dennis. These will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Fees:

This race is a not-for-profit endeavor, staffed by volunteers, and exists as an opportunity to promote snowshoeing and snowshoe racing. Fees include race registration, a \$10.00 Western Pleasure trail pass, and use of the lodge. All race registration proceeds, above expenses, will be donated to Idaho Winter Special Olympics.

5K and 10K Races

- \$20.00 prior to race day
- \$10.00--for those with a WPGR season trail pass, and ranch guests
- \$30.00 on Race Day (\$20.00 for WPGR trail pass holders. No late fee for ranch guests).

Buckaroo Race and Snowshoe Rabbit Mile (register race day)

- Buckaroo Race (12 and under) Free
- Snowshoe Rabbit Mile: 12 and under, free. Over 12, \$15.00 (Pay at registration)

Number Pickup and Late Registration: Saturday February 2, 2019
8:00 am to 9:30 am at ranch lodge. Race day late fee of \$10.00 applies to 5k and 10k only (\$30.00). Buckaroo Race and Snowshoe Rabbit Mile—register on race morning at race headquarters—no late fee penalty.

Race Start:

10:00 Kid's Buckaroo Race
10:30 10K
10:45 5K
10:50 Snowshoe Rabbit Mile

Race Course:

All races will start and finish at or near the lodge.

- The Buckaroo Race will be a short distance race held in the lodge area.
- 5k and 10k races: Start will be just west of lodge—follow signs. Courses will proceed to the Big Hill area to the NW. They will consist of a combination of hills, meadows, forests, and open areas. Depending on snow conditions, courses may be snowshoe groomed, snowmachine trails, partially machine groomed, or a combination. They will be challenging and scenic!
- The Snowshoe Rabbit Mile will start and finish at the same location as the 5k and 10k races.

Course routes will be well marked. Aid stations will be located on the course as appropriate and will be stocked with water, goodies, and of course lots of encouragement!

Rules:

- Race Numbers must be worn on the front at all times.
- Racers vying for placement awards must wear snowshoes at all times during race.
- For 5k and 10k participants, extra clothing can be left at the aid station on way out and retrieved on way back in. Anything left at aid station will be returned to finish line following the race.
- No dogs on the course, please!
- The finish line will remain set up and open until the last participant completes the course.
- Have fun!

Race Changes, Cancellation, Refunds:

Due to unpredictable snow and weather conditions, the race committee reserves the right to make changes, potentially at the last minute. Snowshoe races will be held regardless of snow conditions. If snow conditions are such that snowshoes are not practical, racers may use whatever foot wear is appropriate for the conditions. Sorry, no refunds.

Awards :

Of horseshoes and snowshoes: Awards are adorned with genuine, ranch-trained and experienced horseshoes. They are handcrafted, unique, and reflect the old west ranch

spirit combined with modern snowshoe racing . Awards will be presented at the finish line as runners complete the course. Awards include: 5K and 10K races—first 3 finishers, male and female in each race. Snowshoe Rabbit Mile—untimed, but awards for first three finishers. Buckaroo Race: untimed, no placement awards. A special award for 5 year finishers. All finishers in all events will receive a finisher's award to recognize their accomplishment.

Food and Beverage:

Hot soup and beverages will be available for purchase in the lodge following the races.

US National Snowshoe Championships: This year, the US National Snowshoe Championships will be held in Cable, Wisconsin, March 8-10, 2019. Events include 5k, 10k, half marathon, and full marathon events. For more information, please visit: www.snowshoeracing.com.

Additional Activities:

The cross country ski trail system at Western Pleasure Ranch will be open for those not wishing to compete in the snowshoe races (trail fees apply) and also for snowshoe racers who didn't get enough exercise the first time!

**Our Host, Western Pleasure Guest Ranch also provides old fashioned horse drawn sleigh rides in the afternoon, and sleigh ride/dinner packages in the evening. This is a "must do" for anyone that has not done it before or for those who know what fun it is and want to do it again. Reservations are necessary and can be made on line at www.westernpleasureranch.com or by phone at 208-263-9066. Don't miss out on this one!! **

Dion Snowshoes

We are excited to once again have Dion Snowshoes as a sponsor of our event. Dion snowshoes were designed and are used by Bob and Denise Dion, both accomplished snowshoe racers and national champions. They are made in the USA in Vermont. Dion Snowshoes have been a major sponsor of the US National Snowshoe Championships for a number of years. In addition to providing snowshoes for our race, Dion Snowshoes is also offering a 15% discount for snowshoe purchases for interested snowshoers. Please visit their website for more product information at: www.dionsnowshoes.com Contact Race Director Dennis Aslett for discount information.

Travel:

The Western Pleasure Guest Ranch is located approximately 15 miles NE of Sandpoint. The nearest major airport is Spokane International Airport in Spokane,

WA. Sandpoint is 81 miles and Western Pleasure is an additional 15 miles for a total of about 2 hours of scenic driving from Spokane.

Lodging:

Our Host, the Western Pleasure Guest Ranch, has excellent overnight accommodations. Reservations are required. Contact the ranch on line at: www.westernpleasureranch.com or by phone at: 208-263-9066. Additional accommodations available in Sandpoint, approximately 15 miles from race.

More Information: Contact Race Director Dennis Aslett: 208-946-1455 (call or text) or runwild65@gmail.com