



10th Anniversary Edition Western Pleasure Snowshoe Roundup

Saturday February 11, 2023

Race Information



Race Date: Saturday, February 11, 2023

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 welcome to participate!

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

Registration: Three ways to register: Please register prior to race day!!

1. On line Registration (applies to 5k and 10k only)

On line registration will close at 5:00 pm on Friday, February 10, 2023.

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

Mail in (5k and 10k only). Applications can be obtained on our website:

www.westernpleasureranch.com, on our [Facebook](#) page, 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 February 9, 2023.

2. 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 on race day!** Buckaroo Race and

Snowshoe Rabbit Mile—free. Register race morning at registration table at the lodge—no late fees.

Fees:

This race is a not-for-profit endeavor, staffed by volunteers, and exists as an opportunity to promote snowshoeing, snowshoe racing, and quality time in our great outdoors. The \$30.00 registration fee includes \$20.00 for race expenses and \$10.00 for the Western Pleasure trail pass and use of the lodge. All race proceeds are used to support the race. Participants under 12 are free.

5K and 10K Races

- \$30.00 prior to race day
- \$20.00—WPGR trail pass holders and ranch guests
- \$40.00 on Race Day (No late fee for ranch guests and season pass holders).

Buckaroo Race and Snowshoe Rabbit Mile (register race day)

- Buckaroo Race for the youngsters: Free
- Snowshoe Rabbit Mile: Free

Racing Snowshoes: *Adults please bring your own snowshoes. For the kids, we will have a limited number of small, kid-sized snowshoes available for use during their race. They will be at the registration table on race morning and free of charge on a “first come, first served” basis.*

Number Pickup and Late Registration: *Saturday February 11, 2023.*

8:00 am to 9:30 am at ranch lodge. Race day late fee of \$10.00 applies to 5K and 10K (\$40.00).

Buckaroo Race and Snowshoe Rabbit Mile—register on race morning at race headquarters—free.

Race Start Times:

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

Race Courses:

All races will start and finish at the lodge.

- *The Buckaroo Race will be a short distance race held in the lodge area.*
- *5K and 10K races: Start at the lodge. 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, machine groomed, or a combination. They will be challenging and scenic!*
- *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 and visible at all times.*

- Racers vying for placement awards must wear snowshoes at all times during race.
- To promote fairness, racers in 5K and 10K races must wear snowshoes that meet USSSA minimum size requirements (7 in. x 21 in.). Most adult sized snowshoes meet this requirement.
- 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!
- On narrow portions of the trail, please step to the side of the trail and allow faster racers to pass.
- 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, or other unforeseen circumstances, the race committee reserves the right to make changes, potentially at the last minute, including race cancellation. If the race is cancelled, partial refunds may be considered depending on expenses incurred up until that point. A full refund (minus registration processing fees) will be granted to those requesting one until February 4, 2023.

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. All finishers in all events will receive a finisher's award to recognize their accomplishment. A new award has been added this year: the Horse's Tail Award. It will be given to the final finisher in both the 5K and 10K races. And most importantly, a generous supply of Jody's home made cookies will be available for all participants!

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!! **

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 are 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

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