



11th Anniversary Edition Western Pleasure Snowshoe Roundup

Saturday February 3, 2024

Race Information



Race Date: Saturday, February 3, 2024

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

You are cordially invited to join us for our annual snowshoe races at the scenic Western Pleasure Guest Ranch. Events include 5k and 10k snowshoe races for all ages, and a short distance untimed Buckaroo race for racers 6 and under. All events offer both recreational and competitive opportunities. No experience necessary. This is a family friendly, outdoor adventure and everyone is invited to participate! Just plain fun!!

Events:

- Timed 5k and 10k distances
- Buckaroo Race—untimed short distance race for youngsters (6 and under).

Registration: **New this year: Online Registration Only!** (No mail in or race day registration).

Register online here: [Ultra Signup](#) You can also, follow us on [Facebook](#)

Online registration closes at 5:00pm Friday, February 2, 2024.

Only youth 12 and under will register on race day. Register in the lodge. Free

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 race free.

5K and 10K Races

- \$30.00 Adult age 19 and up

- \$15.00 Youth age 13-18
- \$20.00—WPGR trail pass holders and ranch guests
- Racers 12 and under race free—register race morning in the lodge
- Buckaroo Race for the youngsters: (6 and under) Free--Register at lodge on race morning.

Racing Snowshoes

Adults please bring your own snowshoes. Snowshoes must meet USSSA minimum requirements (7 in. x 21 in.). Most adult sized snowshoes meet this requirement. 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 Youth Registration: Saturday February 3, 2024.

8:00 am to 9:30 am at ranch lodge. Buckaroo Race and racers under 12—register on race morning at race headquarters—free.

Race Start Times:

10:00 Kid's Buckaroo Race (6 and under)
 10:30 10K
 10:45 5K

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 the way out and retrieved on the way back in. Anything left at the 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 January 27, 2024.

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. Buckaroo Race: untimed, no placement awards. New this year: Age group awards in the 5k and 10k races—3 deep in 10 year age groups. All finishers in all events will receive a finisher's award to recognize their accomplishment. And most importantly, a generous supply of Jody's homemade cookies will be available for all participants!

Results:

Results will be posted on Ultra Signup following the race.

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 on selected dates. 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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