



12th Anniversary Edition Western Pleasure Snowshoe Roundup

Saturday February 8, 2025

Race Information



Race Date: Saturday, February 8, 2025

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
- ****New: Recreational category for 5k and 10k distance.** Must register online. Untimed, self start. Will have access to aid stations and finisher awards, but will not be considered for placement awards.
- Buckaroo Race—untimed short distance race for youngsters (6 and under).

Registration: Online Registration Only!

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

Online registration closes at 5:00pm Friday, February 7, 2025.

Youth 6 and under will register on race day. Register in the lodge. Registration is 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 \$25.00 registration fee includes \$15.00 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 12 and under race free.

5K and 10k Races (All participants: Competitive and Recreational)

- \$25.00 Adult: age 20 and up
- \$25.00 Recreational Adult
- \$0 Youth 7-12
- \$15.00 Teen 13-19
- \$15 Ranch Guest (Must register online prior to cut off on Friday, Feb. 7)
- 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 20 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 8, 2025.

8:00 am to 9:30 am at ranch lodge. Buckaroo Race—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

5k and 10k Recreational Category—participants start on their own

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 competitive 5k and 10k races must wear snowshoes that meet USSSA minimum size requirements (7 in. x 20 in.). Most adult sized snowshoes meet this requirement.
- 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 to that point. A full refund (minus registration processing fees) will be granted to those requesting one until Feb. 1, 2025.

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. Recreational Category participants are not eligible for placement awards. 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. Advanced 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 or [Ultra Signup](#)

Changes and updates will be posted on our Facebook page here: [Facebook](#)