

Welcome to Women's Pioneer Skills 10th Anniversary!

As you will see, we have changed the format slightly this year. We will be offering full courses Saturday and Sunday morning with changes to Saturday afternoon. We have had many suggestions that the weekend was too fast paced so we decided to have Saturday afternoon as drop-in short mini courses. This will allow you to still learn a few more different pioneer skills, as well as enjoy the afternoon tea, or even just have some time to yourselves to relax and take in the beauty of our facility.

Frequently Asked Questions and weekend policies

Are there separate areas for “primitive camp” and “modern camp”?

Yes. When you come into the range, you will see signs that indicate areas for primitive camp (canvas tents of the pre-1840 era) and “tin teepee” camp (tent trailers, trailers, campers, nylon tents). We try to keep the range looking as authentic as possible and things like running shoes, metal chairs, plastic bottles, take away from this ambiance. We have a beautiful location with lots of room for camping. As such, after you have set up your camp, we ask that all vehicles are removed from the primitive area and are parked in the designated area.

What should I bring?

- 1. Everything you need to go camping for the weekend. There is plenty of room for tents, campers and motor homes. If you do not have a camping unit, we have space available including limited accommodation in canvas tents. However you must bring your own bedding and you **MUST INDICATE ON YOUR REGISTRATION FORM** that you need our accommodations. There will be an extra \$15 fee for accommodation.**
- 2. Drinking water**
- 3. Appropriate dress for the pioneer era—we have clothing available to borrow from our “Granny’s Closet” if needed.**
- 4. Extra blankets/canvas to cover your coolers and other modern items outside your tent**
- 5. Food and beverages for breakfasts and lunches**
- 6. Something to contribute to our potluck dinner in Saturday night (enough for 4)**
- 7. Any “liquid refreshment” you enjoy**
- 8. Items to trade at our “Round Robin” swap meet on Saturday night**
- 9. Pioneer-type items to sell or trade at our trading post (home-made preserves, jewelry, etc.) and a bit of cash with which to buy something.**

Are medical facilities available?

The local hospital is a 20-minute drive from our range. We will identify those present who have first aid certification, and we have basic first aid supplies on hand.

Do we need to pre-register?

Absolutely!! We are limited to 60 women, first come first served.

Can I bring my children?

We welcome daughters who have reached their 13th birthday. However please remember that this is an event for adult women to get together and socialize for a fun weekend.

Can I bring my pet?

We prefer that you do not. If you must, all pets must be tied up or on a leash at your camp at all times. **All pets must remain in your camp during community mealtimes, activities and workshops.** You may not ask instructors if it is okay to bring your pet, as this puts them on the spot and they are made to feel uncomfortable. While we all love our pets as family, many people do not and are not comfortable around animals that they do not know, whether we deem them fine or not. If your pet is not behaving/disruptive you will be asked to take them home.

Can I wear runners or flip flops?

No. If you do not have clog, penny loafer or Mary-Jane-type shoes we ask that you either cover them or wear moccasin-type slippers.

How early can I set up?

If you know a West Coast Ranger member you can arrange to arrive early/stay late, but only if that member is on-site with you. Due to our insurance/policy we cannot have non-members on site by themselves. If for some reason the WCR member cannot be on-site, unfortunately you will not be able to be there and your plans must be adjusted.

The gate will be unlocked on Friday, July 12th, at 9 am.

Is there a lower fee if I do not camp or only stay for one day?

No. This is a weekend event, and registration is limited.

What food is provided?

We provide a wine and cheese event on Friday night (non-alcoholic refreshments also available). Saturday there is a pot luck dinner, and we ask that you bring a dish to serve 4 people. Otherwise, you need to provide your own meals.

Are garbage facilities available?

No. Please take out all your own garbage. This includes cigarette butts and pet droppings. Pack an extra trash bag or two with you.

Is there water on site?

No. There is wash water, but no drinking water. You must bring your own drinking water. There is a creek running parallel to our rifle trail, but it goes dry in the summer.

Is there electricity?

No. Tin Teepees may use generators as required. Please be considerate of the noise and your neighbours.

Is there cell service?

Depending on your server, cell service may be spotty or not-existent. Please leave your cell phone at your camp.

If I have forgotten something, can I have someone bring it to me?

Yes. You can meet them at the entrance gate. No men should be at the camp while the event is in progress.

What is the "Round Robin"?

Round Robin is a swapping or trading game that goes like this:

1. First person("A") places her item in the middle of the circle and describes the item.
2. Each person ("B") who is willing to trade something for this item will place her item in the middle of the circle.
3. If "A" doesn't want to trade her item with what she sees in the middle, "B" can "sweeten the pot" by adding a second item. This can only be done once at each person's turn.

4. Now “A” has to make the trade or decline.
5. Now the next person becomes “A” and the process is repeated.
6. In order to not let this popular game drag on, “B” can only make a trade or “sweeten the pot” twice.

Can anyone volunteer to be an instructor or helper for the next years events?

Yes. We welcome new instructors and new ideas for workshops or for the event. If you have a pioneer skill you could share, please contact Lisa Young or Shannon Borgstad at steel2young@shaw.ca or shannon-cannon@hotmail.com

Do you take donations of extra sewing, craft or other supplies?

Yes. Please contact Lisa or Shannon.

steel2young@shaw.ca

shannon-cannon@hotmail.com

Is there a Cancellation Policy for WPS Weekend (Amended Jan 25 2024)

Full refunds will be offered to anyone who must cancel prior to May 1st
Cancellations made between May 1st and June 1st will be subject to a \$25.00
Administration Fee. **There will be no refunds after June 1st**

REGISTRATION FORM

Women's Pioneer Skills
July 12 – 14, 2024
Registration will be open until June 15, 2024

Name: _____ Adult ____ Junior (13-18)____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____ e-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____ Phone/Cell: _____

Please check ONE of the following:

I have my own accommodation OR I am staying with _____

OR I wish to stay in a provided tent (\$15 extra charge for this, for the weekend)

WORKSHOPS: Remember some workshops require extra course fees as described in the course outline document. Please bring cash for these courses.

Courses are offered in two time slots: Saturday morning and Sunday morning. Saturday afternoon will be open/drop-in classes. (No registration required for PM classes) Please choose two courses for each time slot, in order of preference as classes are filled on a first come first registered basis. 2nd option for each AM is if your class fills up prior to your registration getting in.

Sat AM #1: _____ Sat AM #2: _____

Sun AM #1: _____ Sun AM #2: _____

Registration cost:

\$60 regular \$50 for helpers \$40 for instructors

(Plus accommodation fee of \$15, if applicable) Please do not add any additional course fees to your E-Transfer. Courses are not guaranteed. Please bring cash for any courses you've signed up for and *MAY* require it.

Please provide cheque made payable to "West Coast Rangers" and mail to Box 1262, Port Alberni, BC, V9Y 7M1, or e-transfer to admin@westcoastrangers.ca. Please be sure to include your name and what the payment is for in the "Message" section of the E-Transfer. When sending e-transfer please email registration form to admin@westcoastrangers.ca

For more information see our Facebook group at https://www.facebook.com/groups/564844908080993/?ref=share_group_link

Please plan on arriving before 5 pm Friday. If you will arrive late, please let us know.

Period correct attire is required for opening ceremonies and wine & cheese.

By completing this form I agree to the FAQs and policies as outlined.

Signed _____ Dated: _____