

## **Welcome to Women's Pioneer Skills July 11-13, 2025**

As you will see, we changed the format slightly last year and with the positive remarks, we decided to do the same this year, with some tweaking. 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.**

10. **Reminder to bring cash for instructor fees on indicated classes.**  
Being remote we do not have a bank machine on site.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>, at 12 noon.

**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.

**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 be an instructor or helper?**

Yes. We welcome new instructors and new ideas for workshops for the following year. If you have a pioneer skill you could share, please contact Lisa Young ([lmsteelyoung@gmail.com](mailto:lmsteelyoung@gmail.com)) or Shannon Borgstad (shannon-cannon@hotmail.com)

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

Yes. Please contact Lisa or Shannon.

# REGISTRATION FORM

Women's Pioneer Skills

July 11 – 13, 2025

**Registration will be open until June 15, 2025**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Junior (13-18) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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

Courses are offered in two time slots: Saturday morning and Sunday morning. Saturday afternoon will be open/drop-in classes. You do not need to register for the drop-in classes, which will be listed at the registration table. Please choose two courses for each time slot, in order of preference:

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 bring cash to give to the instructors for the extra fees indicated for certain classes.

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](mailto:admin@westcoastrangers.ca). When sending e-transfer please email registration form to [admin@westcoastrangers.ca](mailto:admin@westcoastrangers.ca)

For more information see our Facebook group at

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/564844908080993/?ref=share\\_group\\_link](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: \_\_\_\_\_