

Important Info about Snoball in the Gorge at Menucha Retreat

Thank you for registering for **Norske Runddansere's Snoball in the Gorge** at Menucha Retreat. We look forward to having you join us. As you prepare for your visit, here are a few things to keep in mind.

DATES: Arrival is between **1:30pm and 5:30pm on Saturday, December 3rd** with a departure on **Sunday, December 4th by noon.**

WHERE: Menucha Retreat and Conference Center, 38711 Historic Columbia River Highway, Corbett, OR 97019. *Note: Some GPS systems have been known to lead guests astray. Google Maps seems to work fine however.*

ACCOMMODATIONS: Norske Runddansere has rented **Wright Hall**. This is where the sleeping rooms, dining area, and the dance floor are all located.

WHEN YOU GET THERE:

- PARK in the main gravel parking lot. See [Map of Menucha Retreat and Conference Center \(https://menucha.org/map-of-grounds\)](https://menucha.org/map-of-grounds). CHECK IN at Wright Hall.
- ORIENTATION will be given by one of the Menucha staff members prior to dinner (at 5:30pm). Please make every effort to be in attendance, since some of the information has to do with what to do in case of emergency.

MEALS: Menucha serves a single entree plus side dishes to be shared family-style at each table for each meal. If you will need a different option for health or personal reasons please fill out the [Alternate Diet Request form \(https://menucha.org/dining/alternatediet\)](https://menucha.org/dining/alternatediet). Note our group is called "Snoball in the Gorge". Menucha is glad to provide alternate diets at a small additional cost, and need advance notice in order to provide this service. Alternate dietary requests **must be received by Menucha on or before Friday, November 11th**. You may call their Food Service Manager, at 503-695-2243 if you have concerns about their ability to meet your dietary needs.

QUESTIONS: For specific questions about the event, contact Norske Runddansere's Michelle, Veronika or Larry at snoball@norskerunddansere.org. If you want a call back rather than an email please provide that request and your phone number in the email. For emergency issues after 12/13, call Veronika 503-781-7424.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Comfortable clothes (layers) and umbrella – the weather can change quickly in the gorge. It can get breezy! Don't forget comfortable walking shoes and a jacket. Be sure to bring festive clothing or a folk costume and indoor dance shoes.
- Snacks and beverages... Please bring some of your favorite holiday pastries, fruit, etc. to share during the evening. Self-serve coffee, tea and cocoa are provided on the back porch, and are available at all times. There is also a small refrigerator on the back porch for guest use.
- Personal toiletries including shampoo, (bar soap is provided), toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, any medications you may be taking, and hair dryer if showering (there are a couple of loaners at the office). Bring a flashlight.
- Camera. There are amazing views, plus you may want to take pictures of the festivities!
- If you are spending the night, bring a sleeping bag or blanket, sheets and pillow to sleep, and towels if showering. Remember the rooms are heated!

Also bring: Alarm clock (Breakfast is at 8 am) Ear plugs (just in case!) WiFi is available in most buildings
Please do not bring pets, fireworks, candles, illegal drugs, guns, or weapons of any kind. Menucha is a marijuana-free environment.

Norske Runddansere's Covid Precautions:

Vaccination + Booster Required

Attendance at in-person dance events requires vaccination plus a booster. Proof will be required just once: we have your record if you have already danced with us and provided proof in the past year, although a fall booster is recommended.

Sign-In Required

For contact-tracing, we will require that all attendees to in-person events sign in our logbook when they arrive.

Masking Required

At this time we are requiring all attendees wear a well-fitting mask at all events, and keep their nose and mouth covered. Exceptions are while eating or drinking. We will have masks available for purchase for those who don't have one.

Monitor Your Symptoms

We expect that you will not attend if you have covid-like symptoms or have had close contact to anyone in the last 7 days who has been diagnosed with COVID, and will immediately contact NR at info@norskerunddansere.org (which goes to a couple of members of our re-start dance committee) if you test positive for COVID after attending an event.

Testing Before the Event

To have the most successful and safe event possible, we require for this special occasion that you provide proof (photo is fine) of a negative at-home Covid test within 24 hours (preferably morning-of) the event. Free tests are available here <https://www.covid.gov/tests>