

US Snowshoe Association (USSSA) National Championships Qualification:

The Gallatin Gallop is a Regional Qualifying Event for the 2008 USSSA National Championships, to be held March 9 at Snowbasin, Utah. Anyone interested in qualifying for the National Championships should observe the following requirements:

1. All aspiring qualifiers **must** be USSSA Members as of race start time – post-race sign-up is not permitted. USSSA membership applications can be completed before the event, through the USSSA website (<http://www.snowshoeracing.com>) or www.Active.com, or racers may join the morning of the race at the race registration table.
2. Racers must use snowshoes with at least 125 square inches of surface area (almost all snowshoes manufactured for adults meet this requirement).
3. Racers 20 years of age or older must compete in the 10K race; racers less than 20 years of age must compete in the 5K race. For USSSA qualifying purposes, a racer's age is that person's age as of **December 31, 2008**; note that this may be older than the person's age on the actual race date, and may put a racer into a different age group for USSSA qualification purposes than he/she is in for the race's age group categories.
4. Attain a result that meets at least one of the following criteria
 - A. Finish in the top 10 USSSA members overall (by gender) of the entered race (10K or 5K).
 - B. Finish in the top 5 USSSA members in the appropriate USSSA age group. USSSA age groups are: Under 19, 20-24, 25-29, ..., 65-69, and 70+, and a racer's age is the age on Dec. 31, 2007.
 - C. Have a finish time that is within 130% of the winning time for the racer's age group
5. Members of any previous US National Snowshoe Team automatically qualify for the National Championships

For more information about the USSSA or National Championships qualifying, contact the USSSA at (518) 654-7648.

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Third Annual



GALLATIN SNOWSHOE RACE GALLOP

BOZEMAN, MONTANA

Sunday, January 20, 2008

11:00 AM

Bohart Ranch Cross-Country Ski Center
Bozeman, Montana



US Snowshoe Association Qualifying Event:

Top finishers can qualify for the USSSA National Championships at Snowbasin Resort, Utah.

Visit us online: <http://www.gallatingallop.com>

General Race Information

Events: 5K and 10K races; part of Montana Senior Olympics (for those 45 or older)

Times: 10K starts at 11:00 AM
5K starts at 11:15 AM

Location: Bohart Ranch Cross-Country Ski Center Bozeman, MT
(406) 586-9070; <http://www.bohartranchxcski.com>

Course: 5K loop (done twice for 10K). One third groomed surface, one third single-track, one-third untracked. Equal amounts of up-hill, downhill, and flat course sections.

Awards: Awards ceremony at 12:30 AM. Awards to at least top 2 in every age division; gold, silver, bronze medals to MT Senior Olympics competitors

Packets: Packets can be picked up race day at the Registration table, from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Race day registration and USSSA Membership signup will also be available.

Register: Online - www.active.com; in-person at Fleet Feet Bozeman, The Ridge Athletic Club, or REI Missoula, or complete and mail attached form.

Weather: Average high/low are 34°/11° F. Temps can range from -35° to 50°; be prepared!

Clothing: Excess clothing can be stored in packet bag and dropped at clothing drop

Post Race: Post-race activities will be held in the Bohart maintenance building, and will include clothing pick-up, post-race refreshments, and the awards ceremony.

Sr Olympics: The Gallop is being combined with the MT Senior Olympics snowshoe races, for those 45 years of age and older. Entrants who meet the age criteria will be automatically entered in the MT Senior Olympics, unless they specifically request not to participate.

For More Information:

- Check our website at: <http://gallatingallop.com>
- Email the race director at: hellenga_gary@yahoo.com
- Call us at (406) 587-9271

Race Entry Form:

Make checks payable to Big Sky Wind Drinkers. Mail forms to: Gallatin Gallop, 1017 O'Connell Drive, Bozeman, MT 59715

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

(NOTE: Your email address will only be used to send you results and other event-related messages; it will not be provided to any third parties.)

Phone: Day _____ Evening _____ Gender (circle one): Male Female

Birthdate: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Current US Snowshoe Association Member? (Circle one): Yes No

Event (check one): ___5K ___10K

Entry fee: \$18 thru Jan 12th; \$20 after.

NOTE: Those 45+ as of 12/31/2007 will automatically be entered into the MT Senior Olympics competition unless you check here _____

Waiver: I acknowledge that this athletic event is an extreme test of a person's physical and mental limits and carries with it the potential for death, serious injury and property loss. The risks include, but are not limited to, those caused by terrain, facilities, temperature, weather, condition of athletes, equipment, vehicular traffic, actions of other people including, but not limited to, participants, volunteers, spectators, coaches, event officials, and event monitors, and/or producers of the event, and lack of hydration. These risks are not only inherent to athletics, but are also present for volunteers. I hereby assume all of the risks of participating &/or volunteering in this event. I realize that liability may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities being released, from dangerous or defective equipment or property owned, leased, maintained or controlled by them or because of their possible liability without fault.

I certify that I am physically fit, have sufficiently trained for participation in the event and have not been advised otherwise by a qualified medical person. I acknowledge that the Accident Waiver and Release of Liability form will be used by the event holders, sponsors and organizers of the event in which I may participate, and that it will govern my actions and responsibilities at said events.

In consideration of my application and permitting me to participate in this event, I hereby take action for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, and assigns as follows: (A) Waive, Release and Discharge from any and all liability for my death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft or actions of any kind which may hereafter occur to me including my traveling to and from this event, THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES OR PERSONS: United States Snowshoe Association (USSSA), the Big Sky Wind Drinkers, Bohart Ranch Cross-Country Ski Center, their directors, officers, employees, volunteers, representatives, and agents, the event holders, event sponsors, USSSA sponsors, event volunteers; (B) Indemnify and Hold Harmless the entities or persons mentioned in this paragraph from any and all liabilities or claims made as a result of participation in this event, whether caused by the negligence of releases or otherwise.

I hereby consent to receive medical treatment which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident and/ or illness during this event. I understand that at this event or related activities, I may be photographed. I agree to allow my photo, video or film likeness to be used for any legitimate purpose by the event holders, producers, sponsors, organizers and assigns. The Accident Waiver and Release of Liability shall be construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law. I hereby certify that I have read this document; and, I understand its content.

PARENT / GUARDIAN WAIVER FOR MINORS (Under 18 years old) The undersigned parent and natural guardian does hereby represent that he/she is, in fact, acting in such capacity and agrees to save and hold harmless and indemnify each and all of the parties referred to above from all liability, loss, cost, claim or damage whatsoever which may be imposed upon said parties because of any defect in or lack of such capacity to so act and release said parties on behalf of the minor and the parents or legal guardian.

Date _____ Signature _____ Guardian Signature _____
(if entrant is under 18)

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