

Sundre Winterfest 2020 Mountain Survivalist Contest Rules and Information

Do you have what it takes to survive the mountains in winter?

COMPETITION SUMMARY:

A new Mountain Survivalist competition is being introduced this year at Winterfest. Fee to participate is \$40 per team. Participants will be competing in teams of two to showcase their shelter-building and fire-making skills. Teams will compete in three heats of three. It is a timed event; each heat will last no more than 1 hour. A final round will be held where the winners of each heat will face off against each other. Read below for full competition concept and rules.

The prize for the winning team will be two custom hand-made axes!

The competition will run from 9am to 4pm on Monday, February 17th.

COMPETITION GENERAL RULES

Teams of Two: Two people per team participating together. The Team must pay an entry fee of \$20 per team member or a total of \$40. Only a MAX of 9 teams will be accepted.

Tools to Bring: Each team is required to bring the following to use during the contest:

- a single knife
- a single axe/hatchet
- two cups
- and a single pot without a Lid
- No other tools or resources will be permitted, such as rope, string, fire starters, sharpeners etc.

Resources Provided: Each Team will be provided with resources of the same caliber. The following will be provided:

- a supply of wood
- a tarp
- some length of rope
- generic fire-starter
- two eggs per team (bring some salt if that's what you like!)
- two bags of tea.

The resources provided will be the same for each team. Contestants must exercise common sense in the contest area while using their resources and tools. As the contest will be held in the Greenwood Campground, no cutting down of trees, brush or disrespectful use of the area will be tolerated. See the general contest outline below, with special attention to the "**No Trace**" mentality.

Clothing: Dress appropriately for cold weather and realism. This contest is outside and, since there are multiple heats, can take up to several hours. Clothing themes or styles are welcomed and encouraged. Extra points may be awarded for unique or interesting teams that display creativity in the "Pioneer of Sundre spirit".

Scoring: Three judges will independently and simultaneously score the process and outcome of each team. Points will be tabulated. The winning team from each heat will then square off in a final challenge.

COMPETITION THEME:

The teams of two are tasked with the following situation.

You and your partner decided to go on a short winter day-hike in the mountains west of Sundre. You drove out several hours to enjoy the wilderness. Just after mid-day, you decided to return home from your hike due to the cold. However, you discovered the temperature drop made your vehicle unable to start and useless.

You knew your car was a beater, so you wisely told a friend that if you both had not returned by the end of their evening shift, your car probably broke down and help would be required. Your friend Steve said they would come to help you in their winter-equipped truck, as in this case they knew your exact location, but it would not be till late in the evening (11:30pm, about 10 hours after your vehicle broke down). Freezing temperatures of about -40 C are expected, with the potential for a light snowfall expected overnight. Your goal is to make a simple basic shelter along with a fire to keep warm while you wait by your vehicle for your friend Steve to arrive.

Your team of two must complete this teamwork-based basic survival skills test in a timely fashion. You will be judged on the quality of your shelter, the quality of your teamwork, the quality of your completion of the tasks and lastly the presentation of your skills and your survival camp.

Your goal is to make a basic shelter that will help you keep warm as well as a basic fire with a "No Trace Mentality". The shelter and fire must be easy to disassemble and non-natural resources taken with you. Furthermore, to make things interesting, you must Hard Boil your provided Egg to be suitable for consumption, as well as make a proper cup of Tea for both of you. Yes, you get to eat the egg and drink the tea.

TIE BREAK:

In the event of a tie, a **mystery task** will be assigned.

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