FAQs



Q: When and where can I pick up my bib?

A: There are four opportunities to pick up your bib:

Early Bib Pickup

Wednesday, December 9, 2026
3:30pm to 6:30pm
Central Coast VNA & Hospice
45 Plaza Circle
Salinas, CA 93901

Thursday, December 10, 2026
3:00pm to 7:00pm
Pacific Grove Tourist Information Center
100 Central Avenue
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Friday, December 11, 2026
3:00pm to 7:00pm
Pacific Grove Tourist Information Center
100 Central Avenue
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Pre-race Pickup
Saturday, December 12, 2026
7:30am to 8:45am (7:30am to 8:30am for Elf Run) Lover's Point Park
17th St & Ocean View Blvd, Pacific Grove, CA

Q: Can I pick up my friend's bib?

A: Yes, you can pick up someone else's bib if you bring their written permission.

This way there is no confusion and prevents undue stress for all!

Q: What is the schedule for the day?

A: Enjoy a full morning of these festivities:

*7:30am – 8:45am Registration & Check In**

8:30am – 8:55am Kids' 1k Elf Run

9:00am – 10:30am 5k Run/Walk (Timed and untimed)

10:30am – 10:45am Top Finisher Awards Ceremony and Costume Awards

** Arrive at least 30 minutes before the race if you want to **register** the morning of the race!*

Make your morning easier by registering online in advance at https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/PacificGrove/RunRudolphRun.

Q: Where can I park?

A: Allow time and arrive early as parking will be difficult. Shared rides are encouraged. If you must bring your car, parking can be found in the neighborhoods adjacent to the course (see Course Map). Observe all posted parking signs.

Q: What are the medal categories?

A: For those who have selected the timed 5k option, there will be medals for the top 3 male and female finishers in the following groups:

Over all winners (regardless of age)
11 and under
12 to 19
20 to 29
30 to 39
40 to 49
50 to 59
60 to 69
70 and up

Q: Are strollers allowed?

A: Yes, strollers are allowed on the course for both races.

Q: Can I bring my dog?

A: Yes! Dogs are welcome on the course. They must be on a leash.

Q: What if I can't finish the entire course?

A: At any point, you can turn around and return to the finish line. However, If you are a timed runner and want to compete for a medal, you must reach the turnaround point for the chip to register that you ran the whole course.

Q: What are the categories for the costume contest?

A: After the race, prizes will be awarded at Lover's Point Park for best costumes in the following groups: Adult, Child, Group/Family, Big Dog, Little Dog.

Q: How will costumes be judged?

A: Costumes will be judged by an ARC Board member team during the event. Winners will be informed and prizes will be awarded at conclusion of the race around 10:30.