

FAQs



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

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

Early Bib Pickup

Wednesday, December 10, 2025
3:30pm to 6:30pm
Central Coast VNA & Hospice
45 Plaza Circle
Salinas, CA 93901

Thursday, December 11, 2025
2:30pm to 7:30pm
Pacific Grove Tourist Information Center
100 Central Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA

Pre-race Pickup

Saturday, December 13, 2025
7:30am to 9:00am (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.

Q: What is the schedule for the day?

A: Enjoy a full morning of these festivities:

7:30am – 9:00am Registration*

7:30am – 9:00am Santa

8:30am – 8:55am Kids' 1k Elf Run

9:00am – 10:30am 5k Run/Walk

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 and Group.

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.