

41st Annual Bryce Canyon Winter Festival

February 14th, 15th & 16th 2026

Celebrating 250 Years of America



• Ruby's Inn Activities •

The Winter tradition continues with fun and adventure for the whole family. Enjoy Family Activities, Crafting, Seminars, dancing and much more!

*Registration is required for some of the activities on this page. Due to large groups of young Children, all crafts and cookies will be moved over to Ebenezer's.

Festival Registration

Registration will be online.

If you have any questions come to the office window down the hallway across from the restrooms in the Main Resort!

Archery Classes*

Learn the Basic's of Archery. Mark Johnson (Moqui) will go through the parts of the bow and how to shoot it safely. From beginners to advance.

Archery Clinics*

Eric Quilter and Mark Johnson (Moqui) will instruct the finer points of archery in preparation for the Run/Archery Biathlon on Sunday Morning.

Must attend Archery Clinic to participate in biathlon.

Celebrating 250 Years of America!

Saturday at 2:50 pm

Come to the window at the Hallway Office (Across from Restrooms) and get yourself a festive treat!

Everyone is welcome!

Race Registration*

Registration will be online till 8pm the night before each race.

Entry fee is \$10 for each race and includes a long sleeve festival t-shirt.

Pay entry fee online.

Any questions go to the Adventure Center Desk in the Main Lobby!

Archery Competition

We are excited to announce a 300 Round Archery Shoot! Here are the event details:

- **Format:** Six ends of 5 arrows (total of 30 arrows per participant).
- **Scoring:** Each arrow scored from 0 to 10 points.
- **Target:** 40 cm targets at a distance of 10 meters.
- **Eligibility:** Open to participants aged 12 and older.
- **Categories:** Age and gender categories.
- **Awards:** Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category.
- **Participant Limit:** Maximum of 40 participants

Register early to secure your spot and compete for medals in your category!

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Nutrition Class

Cut through the marketing and learn the truth about nutrients and how your body uses them. Learn sustainable habits to help you perform better, lose weight, & stay on the diet roller coaster.

Brita has a Masters degree in Nutrition and worked for more than 5 years with school nutrition programs.

Run Better & Injury Free

A Focus on avoiding running injuries, while discussing efficient form and how to get faster. Dispel common running myths.

A must have for newer and experienced runners. Golden Harper holds a world-best for a 12-year old in the marathon at 2:45:34. He has a degree in Exercise Science and did his collegiate studies on running technique & running injuries. He grew up working & managing his family owned running store, & was an All-American Cross-Country runner.

CSI DINOSAURS Sunday Only

A hands-on dinosaur class with skulls and bones for the kids to discover the life of dinosaurs. Based on evidence the kids will figure out how the Diablo Ceratopsian died, which was found recently in the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument? Kids will paint your very own replica of a T-Rex tooth and deinonychus claw.

Home Décor Craft

American Flag Macramé - \$40

Make your own macrame American flag. The size is approximately 24 x18. Dowel included.

Make your own Embellished Hair Clip

Embellished Hair Clip - \$5

Come embellish your own hairclip with colorful gems and accessories.

Come have fun while supplies last.

HIIT Fitness

Nate Kern, Certified Fitness Instructor with over 16 years experience.

High-energy bodyweight HIIT workouts for all fitness levels. No equipment—just fun, fast-paced intervals set to upbeat, energetic music. Sessions include modifications for beginners and progressions for advanced levels, helping build strength, endurance, agility, mobility, and longevity. Move at your own pace, burn calories, and leave feeling strong and energized.

Winter Adventure Center

Located next to Ebenezers Barn and Grill. The Winter Adventure Center will only be opened during the Ice ribbon hours.

Opens daily from Noon - 8:00pm.

Friday

Ice ribbon - Noon - 8:00pm

Saturday

Ice ribbon - Noon - 8:00pm

Sunday

Ice ribbon - Noon - 8:00pm

Monday

Ice ribbon - Noon - 8:00pm

Kayaking Demos*

Want to learn how to kayak? Now is your chance! Half-hour kayaking demos will be held in the pool Saturday and Sunday mornings.

\$5 Fee. NO SHOW to activity will forfeit fee.

Pay your sign up fee Online.

Watercolor Classes

Brian Thayne will teach the basics of watercolor painting. Brian will do a watercolor demo on Saturday at 6:00 PM in Ruby's Inn lobby. Stop by and watch the master at work. He will also have artwork displayed in the lobby. Brian will offer watercolor classes: one for adults and two for children.

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Free Family Dance - Festival Sounds

Fun for the whole family. Festival Sounds has been DJ'ing weddings and dances for over 20 years all over Utah. They know all the right music and all the right moves on the mic to keep your event going. Their specialties are weddings, parties, schools and live sound! The DJ's knows all the music very well so the guests have a great time.

Cookie Decorating

Use your creativity to decorate a cookie! This class is for all ages, but children under 10 should be accompanied by an adult.

Crafts for Kids

Bring the kids and enjoy a variety of projects that are easy and fun to create. Small children should have a helper come along.

Play with Clay

Get your hands dirty playing in the mud! Create your own masterpiece by using basic hand molding techniques. Fun for all ages!

Family Movie Night - "Zootopia 2"

Bring your pillows, blankets and wear your PJ's! We will be serving popcorn and drinks to all who attend!

Presentation - Let's Get Wild

Interactive presentation on Wildlife of Utah. Will discuss the natural history of predators and their prey and how animals communicate. Learn interesting facts such as: Why don't deer feet freeze when it gets -40 degrees. Presented by Darrell McMahon.

Astrophotography

A walk through the night sky and a rank beginners guide to astrophotography.

We will discuss deep space objects, how to see them, and how to capture pictures using the latest generation of affordable smart telescopes (nothing like those taken by the Hubble telescope) that can excite the imagination, and a lifelong curiosity.

Conditions permitting LaMar will host a star party at Rubys Inn Rim pavilion. Shuttle service will be provided. Dress for the cold and take pictures using his telescopes or bring your own if you have them.

Meet at Activity Desk in Rubys Inn Main Lobby by 6:30pm.

Introduction to Astronomy

Astronomy without the heavy lifting. You will learn stargazing tips from the naked eye to small telescopes and everything in-between. These tips will be useful here at Bryce and at home also.

Win 2 Nights at Ruby's Inn



Photo Contest

Snap and share your scenic photos of Bryce Canyon and favorite Winter Festival activities and share your photo with us on Instagram, facebook or X(Twitter)!

Use the hashtag:

#BryceWinterFest

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Foot Health: How to Fix and Prevent Foot Pain

We'll discuss long term solutions (not Band-Aids) to common foot problems, such as Plantar Fasciitis, Bunions, Neuromas, Neuropathy, Metatarsalgia, & more. The science of chronic foot pain and the actual root cause of most foot problems will be discussed. We'll also look at how most footwear & insoles may help initially, but lead to more long term problems. Finally, we'll look at the practices, exercises, footwear, and more that can lead to long term foot freedom & strength

Making Leather Journals

Discover the art of leather journal making! These one-of-a-kind handcrafted books are perfect for capturing your sketches, journaling your thoughts, preserving cherished recipes, and more.

Join us for a FREE live demonstration and see the process firsthand. Want to create your own? Purchase a kit for \$35 and assemble your leather journal during our demonstration. We will walk you through the process so you leave this class with a completed handcrafted leather journal created by you!

Guest Speaker : Suzanne Russo Adams, MA, AG®

*"Associate Professor, History Department
Director, Center for Family History and Genealogy
Brigham Young University"*

Suzanne Russo Adams, MA, AG®, is an Associate Professor of Family History and the Director of the Center for Family History and Genealogy at Brigham Young University. She holds undergraduate degrees in Family History/Genealogy and Sociology and a master's degree in history from BYU. An Accredited Genealogist® specializing in Italian research, Suzanne has extensive professional experience, including leadership roles at Ancestry.com and FamilySearch, where she focused on record strategy, acquisition, and digitization for the United States, Latin America, Europe, New Zealand, Australia and the Pacific Islands.

Rooted in Story: Family History and the Miracles of Discovery

Drawing on decades of experience in genealogy, this talk shares quiet miracles witnessed through years of family history work and moments of discovery—some small, some surprising—that show how learning about those who came before us can create connection. It also offers a few simple ideas for preserving and sharing family stories and invites the audience to begin seeking out their own ancestors.



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Yoga - Relax & Release

Bill Held teaches "Relax and Release"
This yoga class promotes relaxation throughout your entire body - from calming your mind to releasing tension in your extremities all through the use of your breath.

Smartphone Photography - Creative Apps

We will explore creative ways to edit your smartphone photos. I will introduce the attendees to a group of apps that add interesting and creative effects to their photos. These apps allow the user to be fully in control of their camera, making it the perfect camera to always have with you.

"Photography Workshop - Smartphone"

Come join our Smart phone class! Hints, tips, and ideas on taking better pictures with your smart phone. Understand the strengths and weaknesses of camera phones and how to emphasize the good. This will be an open discussion where you can feel free to share your ideas and success stories!

"Photography Landscape"

An introduction to tips and techniques to significantly improve your Landscape Photography, professional photographer Lloyd Eldredge.

Simple Line Dancing Instruction

If you can walk, you can dance! Come learn simple, fun Western line dances. Even if you have never danced before, you can do this!!!!

Yoga - Functional, Alignment, Stretch

Amber Allen is a certified yoga teacher. She's been a yoga instructor for 7 years and focuses on functional and alignment-based classes.

Saturday: "Functional yoga" - you'll practice yoga poses to improve the function of daily movement.

Sunday: "Alignment yoga"- you'll learn how to align the body during yoga poses to support your body's joints and its general structure.

Monday: "Stretch yoga" - you'll slow down and let the body stretch and relax.

Yoga - Basics, Balance & Vinyasa Flow

Tanya Kern - Certified Yoga Instructor with over 16 years experience, offering an inclusive, functional approach that honors the mind-body connection. Classes are practical, accessible, and adaptable yoga for every body.

Saturday: "Family Friendly Flow" - A fun family class where all ages come together to learn basic foundations of poses and intentional breathing in a welcoming space.

Sunday: "Practical Yoga" - A supportive, all-levels class for every ability, focusing on practical, functional movement with accessible options and modifications.

Monday: "Slow Flow" - A slow, flowing class designed to gently lengthen muscles, release tension, and encourage deep relaxation through mindful movement and breath.

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Using Your Multiple Brains to do Cool Stuff

Meet your multiple brains! Understanding and learning to access the wisdom of your multiple brains creates opportunities for inner honesty and personal understanding. It's also a ridiculous idea, and bound to be entertaining. So come join success and relationship coach Michael Eldredge as we explore our multiple brains.

Geologic Wonders of Bryce Canyon

Why are more hoodoos found here than any other place on earth. Travel back in time with us and find out how they formed.

How to Grow Love and Not Kill Each Other

Success and relationship coach Michael Eldredge shares stories from his 10+ years working with couples in this open format examination of relationship dynamics.

The Activity Desk

located inside the lobby of Ruby's Inn, will be open daily from 8 am to 6 pm. Our staff can answer any questions you may have about Winterfest and provide information about the surrounding area.

Additionally, you can register in person for all races at the Activity Desk. If conditions require, traction devices are also available for rent.

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Winter Festival National Park Service Programs Bryce Canyon National Park

* Reservations required. Program locations will be given when you sign up at the Visitor Center. Sign ups are day-of-the program, beginning at 8 a.m., first-come, first-served.

Ranger Talk

Join us at the Visitor Center Plaza for an exciting talk hosted by one of our knowledgeable rangers. Delve into a captivating topic—handpicked by the ranger—that explores our natural, cultural, or historical resources. Each 30-45 minute session promises to surprise and enlighten, offering a unique perspective that connects you deeper to the wonders around us.

Bryce Canyon Geology Talk

Ever wondered how those enchanting rock formations known as hoodoos are crafted by the forces of nature? Join our rangers for an engaging 20-30 minute geology talk at the breathtaking Sunset Point. Discover the fascinating story behind these towering wonders and deepen your understanding of the geology that shapes our world!

Entrance fee to Bryce Canyon required to access National Park activities

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