

BACK AFTER A 5 YEAR ABSENCE, THE 13<sup>TH</sup>

# 'DARK & DIRTY'

## Nighttime 10k Trail Run

Sat EVENING, Nov 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 \*\* 7:00 PM \*\* Reading, PA

*"We Provide the Organization, You Provide the Illumination"*

**Online registration on [www.pretzelcitysports.com](http://www.pretzelcitysports.com) ONLY so that we have a central source of emails to use for contacting people in the case of a postponement due to weather or other changes to the event**

We spend much of our lives "in the dark". We don't know the sex of the baby that's coming or, in some cases, even if it's ours. We don't know if we'll get that raise or failed that final or if we really do "rock between the sheets" or our spouse "settled" for us rather than their REAL love; a former crackhead on work release!! We're unsure if girls will still like their bicep or neck tattoos when they are grandmothers. And we have no idea what teens will be cuddling to at the end of a prom in 20 years, though we doubt that it will be "My Humps" or "I Like Big Butts & I Can Not Lie". It's almost as if there is a conspiracy out there to keep us uninformed, uncertain and as clueless as women that marry rap stars & expect good treatment and model fathers to their babies. My Dad used to have a shirt that said "I must be a Mushroom! People keep me in the Dark and feed me Crap". Sadly, that IS a true fact and is one of many things that almost led me to put my OWN self up for adoption, at 15. Many of you tell us you miss this exercise in stupidity. So, once again, we plan to keep athletes with no regard to their health and well being running into trees/rocks/each other at the 13<sup>th</sup> "not quite annual" Dark & Dirty Nighttime Trail Run. This course uses some of the more "run-able" double & triple track rustic trails overlooking Reading, PA. Less technical and wider trails are used since the only light on the trail will be whatever YOU, the RUNNER, provide; headlamps, flashlights, glow in the dark undies, sunny dispositions, bright relatives, etc. We'll also hang some glowing things at turns to make your way a little "brighter!!" You'll be amazed how you don't really mind the rocks, downed logs, mud, critters w/Uzis and frequently institutionalized volunteers on course, when you can't SEE them. You'll "ooh and aah" at the alternate beverage stop, our eclectic shirt and the sight of Reading's famous Pagoda despite the fact that is under restoration and will NOT, in all probability, be lit up. BUMMER! Like most of our races, this race finishes at the mega-fun Reading Liederkrantz German Singing & Sports Club where there'll be ice cold suds for purchase, music playing and people twittering about their "trials on trail". **LEGAL B.S.: YOU ALONE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR HEALTH & WELFARE WHILE RACING THIS EVENT.** We'll look for you until our batteries die or until YOU die, whichever occurs first. Actually, we're too OLD to look for you so if you get dinged, crawl to the water stop of the finish. And we'll have EMS on site but they have no night goggles to find you, so tuff! To reduce the number of stiffies left rotting on our course, we only allow runners under 18 to do this race **ONLY** if a parent is present at the race; our EMS's cannot work on them legally unless they are. Runners under 16 **MUST** have someone that is committed to running the entire race with them. Others discouraged from entering are those who foolishly plan to run just as fast as they do in the daylight and people who can say running phrases like "hammy", "groin pull" or "bleeding nipple" without giggling.

### AWARDS:

Top M & F (not eligible for age group awards) plus

0-29: 4M/4F    30-39: 4M/4F    40-49: 4M/4F    50-59: 4M/4F    60-69: 4M/4F    70+: 3M, 1F

Clydesdales: 3M, 3F    Prizes for the 2 most illuminated runners at the start

**Clydesdale Qualifying Weight:** Men: minimum of 210 lbs. or 185 if 5 ft., 9 inches tall or less. Women: minimum of 160 lbs., 145 if 5 ft., 4 inches tall or less. Honor system; bulk up on your kid's Halloween candy if necessary!

**REGISTRATION/ENTRY:** Reading Liederkrantz German Club, 143 Spook Lane, Reading. Reg. opens at 6 P.M.; we race at 7 PM. Fee of \$40 WITH a short sleeve cotton shirt OR \$35 WITHOUT a shirt, if entered by Wed, Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 2025. Afterwards, including raceday, \$45 WITH shirt and \$40 with NO shirt or when they run out. (VERY limited number of extra shirts will be printed so if you don't want to be shut out of a shirt, pre-enter even if it's after the cutoff date!)

**Cash or check only on raceday;** VERY shaky internet service at the site so we can't process credit cards or electronic payments. No mailing of shirts or awards; no refunds. Rain or shine; (may delay race start if "lightening"). Again, runners under 18 are allowed to do this race ONLY if a parent is present at the race and runners under 16 MUST have someone that is committed to running the entire race with them. Racing with Fido IS permitted IF you stay toward the back for the first ¼ mile or so and if their legs are long enough that it won't take them 3 hrs. to finish (same goes for runners!). MUST be on a VERY short leash at all times, unless their name is Earnie. **NOTE: MANY OF OUR SIGN-IN STAFF ALSO HELP AT REMOTE SPOTS ON THE COURSE. TO GET THEM OUT THERE ON TIME, IT'S CRUCIAL THAT RUNNERS BE REGISTERED BY 6:50!!**

**WHAT YOU GET:** Short sleeve shirt with a memorable design but no ads, one or water stops with unusual beverages, indoor johns, covered pavilion, unhealthy post race grub, wheel measured course, a German BeerGarten with a chance to buy fine beers/ales at almost outlet prices, results on [pretzelcitysports.com](http://pretzelcitysports.com) the first business day afterwards and the right to say you did something that boring, wimpy people you know (your spouse or significant other, for instance) say is "stupid & dangerous" and surely not representative of how responsible you are.

## **ON-LINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED ON [WWW.PRETZELCITYSPORTS.COM](http://WWW.PRETZELCITYSPORTS.COM)**

**(optional, a nominal processing fee applies, closes on Wed of race week at midnight)**

**IMPORTANT NOTE #1:** The distance listed for this race is a "projected" distance. The course has yet to be finalized. We are confident that we can get a full 10k on fairly "follow-able" trails but guarantee that it will be in the 5.5M to 10k range and that the distance will be listed on a revised race application posted on [www.pretzelcitysports.com](http://www.pretzelcitysports.com) in early Fall.

**IMPORTANT NOTE #2:** This race was discontinued due to the extra work it entails on our part versus daytime races and the sagging attendance it was experiencing. We've had multiple requests to bring it back so we did. But be aware that this year's attendance will go a LONG way in determining if this race is held again in the future!

**IMPORTANT NOTE #3:** By signing up online, you are legally agreeing to the following waiver:

WAIVER: I know that running a trail race, in light or in darkness, is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run unless I am medically able and properly trained. I also know that there will be traffic, hazards, debris and poor footing on the course and assume the risk for running on it. I also assume any or all other risks associated with running or attending the race including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the affects of the weather, getting lost, wildlife and insect attacks and all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry fee, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue, and waive, release and discharge Pretzel City Sports, all municipalities in which the event is held, the race director, course officials, all other organizations directly or indirectly associated with the race, any and all sponsors including their agents, employees, assigns or anyone acting for on their behalf, or anyone else associated in any way with the race, from any or all claims or liability for death, personal injury or property damage of any kind of nature what so ever arising out of, or in the course of, my participation in this event(s). This waiver extends to all claims of every kind or nature what so ever, foreseen or unforeseen, known or unknown. By entering this race, I am granting permission to Pretzel City Sports to use any pictures or likenesses of me secured at the event in any way they see fit without review, restriction or compensation. BY SIGNING THIS, I ATTEST THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS WAIVER:

**GPS/MAPQUEST INPUT:** 143 Spook Lane, Reading, PA Near intersection of "Spook Lane & Hill Rd"

**NO MAP EXISTS OF THE COURSE, SO PLEASE DON'T ASK! YOU CAN'T READ IT ANYWAY WHILE RUNNING, SINCE IT'S DARK, YOU MORON!**

**Questions? Concerns? Contact Head Case: Ron Horn, [rhornpcs@aol.com](mailto:rhornpcs@aol.com), 610-779-2668 day or night (within reason and NOT during an Eagles Game or the post-game wrapup show)**