We are pleased to announce the running of the 35th Annual Kutztown Fools Run presented by Service Electric Cablevision on Saturday, March 28, 2026.

The Bob Focht Memorial 10 Mile and Sally Miksiewicz Memorial 5K road runs are two of the most anticipated events on every runner's Spring calendar. Once again the Steve O'Neil Memorial 2 Mile Walk will also be held. Proceeds from this event will support the Optimist Club of Kutztown and the Donald Peters Memorial Scholarship Fund.

This year marks the 20th year the Fools Run is managed under the auspices of the Optimist Club of Kutztown with over \$170,000 in scholarships distributed the first 19 years.

With the support of our sponsors and the running community, the Optimist Club of Kutztown will continue to provide scholarship assistance to the most promising and deserving students in our service area to attend Kutztown University.

# **ONE DAY ONLY EVENT**

SAVE on registration

AT WWW.PRETZELCITYSPORTS.COM

REGISTER ONLINE ON FEBRUARY 2nd, 2026

FROM 12AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT AND SAVE \$5.00

( A small service fee will be applied)

The entire Fools Run family welcomes your participation in this year's event.

Kutztown Fools Run C/O Optimist Club of Kutztown P.O. Box 196 Kutztown, Pa. 19530

# The 35th Annual Kutztown Fools Run



March 28, 2026 9:00AM CHIP TIMING

Bob Focht Memorial 10 Mile Run Sally Miksiewicz Memorial 5k Run Steve O'Neil Memorial 2 Mile Walk

Through the countryside of Kutztown,
Pennsylvania to benefit the
Donald Peters Memorial Scholarship Fund
Administered by the
Optimist Club of Kutztown Foundation

Benefiting High School Seniors from the Brandywine Heights, Fleetwood, Kutztown and Hamburg Area School Districts. www.kutztownfoolsrun.com

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#### **INFORMATION**

- The races start and finish on College Blvd. in front of the Kutztown Fairgrounds and Kutztown University Lot 1 parking area.
- The Bob Focht Memorial 10 Mile race starts at 9:00am and the Sally Miksiewicz Memorial 5K begins at 9:10am. The Steve O'Neil Memorial 2 Mile walk starts at 9:15 am.
- Race day registration is Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 7:00am to 8:30am at Beltzner Hall on the Kutztown Fairgrounds. Check our website for updates.
- The races are run rain or shine. The race director will have the right and responsibility to cancel the days events due to extreme and dangerous weather.
- There are no refunds in the event of cancellation.
- Visit www.kutztownfoolsrun.com.
- Contact: Ken Remick—267.566.3638
   Kutztownfoolsrun@gmail.com

## The Courses

- The Bob Focht Memorial 10 mile course is a scenic out and back road loop with time splits at the 5 mile mark. The course is mostly flat with an uphill climb at 1, 2, 8 and 9 miles, down hill at 3.3 miles.
- The Sally Miksiewicz Memorial 5K course is a mostly flat out and back course with an uphill climb at the beginning of the run heading toward the KU campus
- For the safety of all runners NO scooters, in-line skates, headphones, animals, or jogging strollers are permitted on course.
- The 10 mile course will close after 2 hours and 30 minutes. The course will be vacated at 11:30am.
- Water will be available on both courses 1,3,5,7,9 mile markers for 10 miler— 1 1/2 mile marker for 5K

## **ENTRY FEES**

40.00per 10 Mile runner until March 25, 2026

\$35.00 per 5K runner until March 25, 2026

\$25.00 per Walker until March 25, 2026

With DRI-TECH SHORT SLEEVED SHIRT-WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

\$30.00 race day registration WITHOUT SHIRT

Optional Online Registration Available https://www.pretzelcitysports.com/onlineregistration/

(Nominal service fee applies, closes midnight March 25, 2026)

#### Donations accepted

#### AWARDS

- Gift Certificates to overall and master (over age 40) male and female winners of the 5k and 10 mile race.
- Awards will be presented to the first, second, and third place finishers in the following age groups for both races: 17 & under, 18-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70+

# **DIRECTIONS**

From Allentown/NJ: 178/U.S. 22 West to PA 737 South. Follow 737 five miles to first light. Right on Main Street. Right onto North Whiteoak Street.(2nd light). Proceed about 4 blocks. Left into Kutztown Fairgrounds parking area.

**From Philadelphia:** I-476 (NE Extension of PA Turnpike) to Lehigh Valley exit (exit 56). Follow directions from Allentown/NJ. above.

**From Harrisburg:** I-81 North to I-78 East. Exit at PA 737 South. Follow directions from Allentown/NJ above.

From Lancaster/Reading: U.S.222 North to Kutztown Exit. Turn left on North Whiteoak Street (4th light) Proceed about 4 blocks. Left into Kutztown Fairgrounds. Follow parking signs.

## **ENTRY FORM**

Please print, detach, make check payable to **KUTZTOWN FOOLS RUN** and mail to:

KUTZTOWN FOOLS RUN c/o Pretzel City Sports 112 W 36th St Reading, PA 19606

(Complete all Lines Please print legibly)
Select your event: 10 Mile(9am)
5k(9:10am)2Mile Walk
*Last Name:
*First Name:
*Address:
*City:
*State: *Zip:
*Phone: ()
*E-Mail
*Age on Race Day: DOB//_
*Gender: (circle) Male Female
*T-shirt Size: S M L XL XXL
Emergency Contact*
Emergency Phone*
* Must complete*
Release (must be signed by all participants) In consideration of the acceptance of the entry, I hereby waive/release any and all rights or claims for damage or injuries against the spectators, officers, and members of the Optimist Club of Kutztown; race officials; the municipalities through which the 'Run' takes place; as well as any other person connected with the 'Run', their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and families or for any and all injuries which I may suffer while taking part in the 'Run' or as a result thereof.
*SIGNATURE (by parent or guardian if under 18)