PRETZEL CITY'S 24TH ATTEMPT TO GET RUNNERS TO LOVE THESE TOTALLY UNLOVABLE TRAILS!

"UGLY MUDDER"

12K TRAIL RUN*READING, PA*SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2027 *9 A.M.

NEW FOR 2027-NOW IN EARLY APRIL! EARLIER START.

NOTE!! MAY BE THE LAST ONE EVER! DEPENDS ON TURNOUT

Online registration ONLY so that we have a central source of emails to use for contacting people in the case of a postponement due to weather

There are certain vegetables that many people not only dislike, they LOATHE!! Three that come quickly to mind are broccoli, Brussel sprouts and cauliflower. Now, your Aunt Betty (at Xmas), well-known chefs and Betty Crocker's entry level cookbooks do everything they can to reel you in to consuming these healthy options. They mix broccoli with mayonnaise and little bits of cheese and serve it cold. They cover Brussel sprouts in a sauce of maple syrup and bacon bits and tell you to "enjoy this appetizer" rather than "eat your greens, you brat!" And they chop cauliflower into almost rice-like pieces and tell you that it will absorb almost any taste and make it its own. But in the end, you KNOW just what they're serving; broccoli, Brussel sprouts and cauliflower. The Ugly Mudder is a lot like this. We can dress it up with unique water stops also serving yellow liquids with suds. We can entice you with a race shirt without 400 ads on it. We can greet you with volunteers that are sweeter than a Miss America contestant. But in the end, you are STILL running trails uglier than a last-minute Prom date. It has some beautiful sections that will lull you into false expectations. But for the most part, it uses the worse crap for trails that we could find on Mt Penn. Rocks, roots, downed trees and downed runners will liter your journey to the finish line. The course is almost entirely different from our Chilly Cheeks course and about 25% easier, mostly due to fewer outrageous uphills and technical downhills. But it AIN'T easy; just "less tuff". Yet, it CAN be finished by anyone that just started the "couch to 5k" program just 2 weeks earlier. Come see why this outrageous event has lasted for 24 years 'cause this MAY be the last one we'll ever hold. **IMPORTANT! YOU SOLEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY & WELFARE IN THIS RACE!** Mangle a body part along the way. Have someone kiss your boo-boo and carry on or drag your open wound to an aide station so we can get you back to our EMS before you bleed out. Get lost? You have a better chance of finding gasoline priced below $3.00/gal. This race STILL can kick one's booty so runners discouraged from coming include those below 14 unless accompanied by an adult, those that still don't know how to "stream" entertainment and those who think the Dallas Cowboys players were going to be at this year's Super Bowl, other than by buying a ticket to the game.

Registration on www.pretzelcitysports.com required

(small service fee applies, closes at midnight on Wed the week of the race. Raceday signup available (CASH OR CHECK ONLY!) but number of shirts for walkups is HIGHLY suspect)

LOCATION/REGISTRATION: **Reading Liederkranz German Club, 140 Spook Lane, Reading, PA.** Reg. opens at 8 a.m., race at 9. **WITH SHIRT** Fee: $40 if entered by **Sat, March 27, 2027**. Afterwards, $50 while shirts last; (including raceday), $45 when gone. **WITH NO SHIRT** Fee: $35 if entered by **Sat, March 27, 2027**. Afterwards, $45 (including raceday). VERY limited number of extra shirts printed so if you don't want to be shut out of a shirt, pre-enter even if it's after the cutoff date! We race in rain, snow or bitter cold yet on rare occasions, we MUST postpone it. Check our site above after 6:30 AM the day of the race **ONLY if roads are pretty much impassable (not just a little "sub-par")**. **If postponed, it'll be THE NEXT SUNDAY:** same time, same place, better weather. No refunds, mailed shirts or awards, no outside alcohol allowed on site. **CASH AND CHECKS ACCEPTED ONLY ON RACEDAY** Dog's OK IF you stay toward the back for the first ¼ mile or so, pet must be comfortable around other people/animals and on a VERY short leash at all times.

YOU GET: Short sleeve shirt-sizes S thru 2X, indoor toilets, a covered finish line area, lots of goodies at the finish line, WELL marked course, plenty of parking, 2 water stops with varied drinks, finish place posted immediately & results on www.pretzelcitysports.com the next day. EMS on site, LOADS of awards, covered finish area, etc. Variety of hot & cold grub and a cash bar at the finish.

AWARDS: 1st & 2nd Top M & F plus: 0-29 4M, 4F 30-39: 5M, 5F 40-49: 5M, 5F 50-59: 5M, 5F 60-69: 5M, 4F 70+: 3M, 2F Clydesdale Awards: Top 3 M & F. Men: minimum of 210 lbs. or 185 if 5 ft., 9 inches tall or less. Women: minimum of 160 lbs., 140 if 5 ft., 4 inches tall or less. Honor system; no scale on site

SECOND REMINDER: On RARE occasions, there's weather that even WE won't hold a race in and it's getting far more frequent as global; warming continues to rise. If in doubt, a postponement will be listed on the pop-up on www.pretzelcitysports.com by 6:30 AM that Sun. If postponed, it will be moved to the following **SUNDAY!** Same time, same place, almost assuredly better weather!

Questions? Contact Ugly Head: Ron Horn, rhornpcs@aol.com, 610-779-2668 day or night (but NOT during an Eagles game).

Be sure to check out the www.pretzelcitysports race application page for other great summer and fall upcoming trail races such as the Half Wit Half, the Double Trouble, the Labor Pain 12 hr trail race and the Evansburg Challenge. Each HIGHLY memorable in their own unique way!