

“THE GROUNDHOGESE”

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The Official Newsletter of The Punxsutawney Groundhog Club

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The 120th Annual Groundhog Picnic and Phil Phest



Well Groundhoggers, that's another Picnic and Phil Phest for the books. It was quite a dreary, rainy day, but we appreciate all those that came out to join us! The good thing was Punxsutawney Phil didn't seem to mind the weather too much. He appeared to know that the day was one of importance, the day he receives the Elixir of Life. An interesting thought, isn't it? A special groundhog punch that extends Phil's life by seven more years with each sip. Try to wrap your brain around that one, seems almost like the Fountain of Youth for our furry little friend. A lot of people try to guess what is mixed in the secret concoction. Although the Elixir canister resembles a keg for libations, rest assured that's not what its contents are. In the past Handlers have often hinted or joked around about what all is in the recipe. What we do know though, is that it doesn't work on humans, so we won't be bottling and selling it. Perhaps part of its magic is that those contents are only mixed together once a year, in one location on the earth- in Punxsutawney, PA for Phil at the Annual Picnic! Congrats Phil on 4 more sips—28 more years of life and longevity! Let's see how many the 121st Picnic will bring in 2019!



Groundhog Day FAQ Answers

- Visit www.groundhog.org for detailed answers to the FAQ's and the complete guide of information.
- The buses start shuttling visitors at 3 a.m. from the three busing locations. Aldi's, Walmart, and McDonald's. The last bus picks up is at 6:30 a.m. If you are not on a bus by 6:30 a.m., you will miss the event. The cost is \$5 round trip. All passengers are searched prior to boarding the buses by the police. There is a handicapped shuttle located at the Aldi parking lot.
- It is not recommended to take a bag or a lawn chair to Gobbler's Knob.
- There is not a fee to get into the Knob for the event.
- Phil does his Prognostication at about 7:28 a.m. Between 3 a.m.- and that time there is entertainment on the stage at the Knob. There are port-a-potties, a bon fire, a concession stand, and souvenir stand. It is a cash only event concession stand!
- The weather is usually cold. So, dress appropriately! The entire event is outdoors so be prepared. We do have emergency services on staff if there are any issues and warming tents as well.
- There is a firework shop that starts at 6:30 a.m. at Gobbler's Knob on February 2nd! It is a must a see.
- There are events all throughout the community from February 1st- February 3rd. Make sure to check them out!



Phantastic Phil's

If you come to Punxsutawney in the next couple weeks, you will notice 5 of the Phantastic Phil's are off of the street. Those Phil's are undergoing structural repairs to bring them back their once pristine appearance

They are the ones located at:

Phil's Burrow

The High School

The Middle School

Jenks Hill

Mulberry Square

They will be returned soon!

The 6th Annual Worldwide Adventures of Phil Photo Competition

Wow, Groundhoppers! What a year! We are currently receiving the entries for the Worldwide Adventures of Phil. So far it looks like Phil had quite the summer! Thank you to all those that participated in this year's competition. Here is a reminder of all the great prizes this year! The Winners will be announced the week of October 15th! Good luck to all those that participated!

Prizes for National, International, and GHC Member Category

1st Place: 2 Inner Circle Section Passes for Gobbler's Knob on Groundhog Day 2019, a Gobbler's Knob Parking Pass, and a Groundhog T-Shirt

2nd Place: 2 Inner Circle Section Passes at Gobbler's Knob on Groundhog Day 2019 and a Groundhog T-Shirt

3rd Place: 2 Inner Circle Section Passes at Gobbler's Knob on Groundhog Day 2019

Prizes for Phil Phriends 12 & Under

1st Place: \$50 Worth of Groundhog Day Souvenirs

2nd Place: \$25 Worth of Groundhog Day Souvenirs

3rd Place: \$10 Worth of Groundhog Day Souvenirs

The Groundhog Club is on...

Make sure to follow us on Instagram—punxsyphil



Gobbler's Knob Brick Program

Yes, Groundhoppers! Bricks are still available for purchase on the stage at Gobbler's Knob! We will be able to place the engraved bricks until the ground freezes!

If you would like your brick placed on the stage before Groundhog Day 2019, the deadline to submit your order is November 2nd. Any questions you might have about bricks or your order email the Groundhog Club directly at director@ghogclub.com.

[Click here to order!](#)



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH, 2018
AT GOBBLER'S KNOB

Registration Time/Check In: 9 a.m.
5K Start Time: 10 a.m.
2.2K Fun Walk Start Time: 10:15 a.m.
Rain or Shine

Age Categories: 14 and Younger 15-19
 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70+

Awards

Overall top 3 male/female finishers and in each age group will receive awards.

Early Registration Fee: \$20

Registration Fee after 10/19/18: \$25

T-Shirts are not guaranteed if participant registers after 10/19/18.

Course Information: The race and fun walk will begin at Gobbler's Knob 1548 Woodland Ave Punxsutawney, PA 15767. The course will include the grounds around the Knob, the Gobbler's Knob Trail, a portion of Woodland Ave Ext, and Pine Tree Road. The course will be distinctly marked. The race will finish with running the 'trek' past the Knob Stage.

Virtual 5k Run: \$25

Can't make it to Punxsutawney, but still want to participate? All virtual runners will receive a t-shirt and participate medal. Virtual runners will not be in contention for timed place awards in age categories or overall places. All virtual runners must register by 10/19/18, medals & shirts will be sent out at the time of registration. Virtual Runners are encouraged to dress up and run their 5k in a costume and submit a picture with time to the Groundhog Club to be entered to when the Virtual Runner Costume Contest! Pictures will be shared on social media!



Check out all the states we have Virtual Runners in!

Florida
New York
Pennsylvania
Iowa
Indiana
Illinois
West Virginia
Virginia

Let's try to get some more states participating Groundhogs!



Thank you to all those that participated in the Online Scavenger!

The Grand Prize Winner will receive:
TWO INNER CIRCLE SECTION PASSES ONE, PARKING PASS FOR GROUNDHOG DAY 2019, AND ONE ENGRAVED BRICK THAT WILL BE PLACED ON THE STAGE AT GOBBLER'S KNOB.

The winner will be announced after 5 p.m. on October 5th! Check Phil's Social Media and www.groundhog.org to see who won.
Good luck!



The Punxsutawney Groundhog Club is continuing its efforts to raise funding for the project called, Destination: Gobbler's Knob. The primary focus of this project is constructing a visitor center that will be an interactive learning environment, groundhog sanctuary, souvenir outlet, and historical memorabilia display. This visitor center will be the launching point for tourism in our area. The GHC is about to release the name of the contractor that has been selected to do the project along with the timeline.

How can you help?

There are many ways to support this project, here are few ways:

- Monetary Donations
- By visiting Punxsutawney now and after we have the project complete
 - By communicating the exciting project to others
 - Continued support of Groundhog Day and Punxsutawney Phil
- Communicate to us way that we can improve a visitor experience year-round

The goal is to have the visitor center ready and open for Summer 2019. It is going to be a fun and exciting year for the GHC and Punxsutawney. We would like to thank our current donors to the project and express our sincerest gratitude for the support.

[Click Here for more information!](#)

GHC Bucket List Give-a-way!



GHC Member **Bucket List** Give-a-way
The Inner Circle appreciates each and every member of the Groundhog Club!

To show our appreciation,
we are going to be doing a great give-a-way!
Below is what will be included.

All Tickets and Items are for the 2019 Groundhog Day Celebration!

- 1 Parking Pass for Gobbler's Knob
- 2 VIP Passes to the Inner Circle Section
- 2 Members Only Reception Tickets
- 2 Groundhog Ball Tickets
- 2 Annual Groundhog Banquet Tickets
- 2 Bucket List T-shirts

One lucky GHC Member will be selected Monday, January 6th 2019

The Rules for the Give-a-way are:

- Only members with up to date memberships will be entered to win.
- Only one winner will be selected.
- The package is non-transferable to other members.
- The winner and guest are responsible for their own lodging and transportation to Punxsutawney, PA.

The Winner could be You!

**** We do not have a date yet of when the Inner Circle Section Passes and Parking Passes will be available for purchase. We will email the membership and let you know soon!****

GROUNDHOG DAY 2019

Save the Dates

Yes... you read that correctly. We are talking about Groundhog Day 2019 Get ready for a great year! We wanted to give you some 'Save the Dates' for some of our events!

Breakfast with Phil
Sunday, January 27th

The Preliminary to Gobbler's Knob Got Talent
Sunday, January 27th

Groundhog Day Celebration in Barclay Square
Friday, February 1st- Sunday, February 3rd

The GHC Members Only Reception
Friday, February 1st

The Annual Groundhog Club Banquet
Friday, February 1st

Cutting Edge Dueling Pianos
Friday, February 1st

Groundhog Day at Gobbler's Knob
Saturday, February 2nd

The Groundhog Ball
Saturday, February 2nd

We will also be planning a Groundhog Day Trivia Night, The Groundhog Grub Food Tour, Phantastic Phil Walking Tours, Phil 101, Weddings, Kids Corner, Musicians, Magicians, Groundhog Bingo, and much more! For more details about Groundhog Day 2019 visit www.groundhog.org.

Trivia Question

Question: What county is Punxsutawney, PA located in?

Submit your answers to director@ghogclub.com.
The first three people to answer correct will win a prize!!



GOT WINE?
GET YOUR 'PHIL' AT THE

Gobbler's Knob Wine Festival

Saturday, October 6th, 2018

Session 1: 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Session 2: 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.



The Gobbler's Knob Wine Festival will be held this, Saturday October 6th, 2018 at Gobbler's Knob.

There will be two sessions. The First Session is 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. and the Second Session is 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

The regular ticket price is \$25 and you will receive a wine glass. This event is a complimentary tasting!

The designated driver ticket is \$10. All attendees of the wine festival must be 21 years of age or older, no matter the ticket type.

There will be great vendors will be present with some of your wine related needs! A vast spread of appetizers are included with the purchase of either ticket! The most important aspect of the event is, that each session will have an appearance by Punxsutawney Phil! There will be live music to enjoy during both sessions.

Here is the list of attending wineries:

Laurel Mountain Vineyard
The Winery at Wilcox
Bee Kind Winery
Shadow Vineyard & Winery
Woody Lodge Winery
Deer Creek Winery
Groundhog Winery
Black Dog Wine Company
Twisted Vine
Wapiti Ridge Wine Cellars
Bear Creek Wines
Country Vineyard & Winery
Allegheny Wine Cellars

[Click here](#) for tickets!

Mini classes during the Wine Festival At Gobbler's Knob
with Adrienne Eye and Santosha Yoga
Yoga is included in the price of your ticket.

*Yin & Win
with
Aromatherapy*

Sip from your favorite glass while enjoying gentle fun stretches, and lovely essential oils to get your best self on. Oil blends will be available for purchase and for energy, relax, headache, and more! Tip your glass....and stretch more!



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for details!

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