

It is now less than 30 days to the **GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH**, the **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Berkshire Geobash**, to be held on Saturday, July 22, 2017 at Bousquet Mountain in Pittsfield, MA. Click on the link to view the **BGB#6** website for the most current information available <http://www.berkshiregeobash.com/home.html>.

If you are interested in joining us for the delicious BBQ lunch, the BBQ Tickets, which are on sale up to **July 15, 2017**, are available in our shop at <http://shop.berkshiregeobash.com/t/bbq-tickets>.

If you want to show your true geocaching colors, and keep warm at the same time, then you need to purchase some raffle tickets for the famous one-of-a-kind **Berkshire Geobash** Geocaching t-shirt quilt. This will be the final quilt to be raffled at the **Berkshire Geobash** and only 500 tickets will be sold! So get your tickets now in our shop at <http://shop.berkshiregeobash.com/products/bgb-5-quilt-affle-tickets>.

This year we have a beautiful one-of-a-kind **Berkshire Geobash** plaque to raffle which was designed and handcrafted by our very own committee member, the crafty **bdubs213**! Again, only 500 tickets will be sold! You can get a preview of the plaque in our shop at <http://shop.berkshiregeobash.com/products/bgb-5-year-geocoin-plaque>.

NEW, NEW, NEW! This year we are planning a haunted night hike to find "ILLNAN's Haunted Night Cache" (GC16ZG4) on Tuesday, July 18 in Becket. We'll be meeting at the parking area at 8:30 pm, and everyone should bring a flashlight and bug repellent. Check it out at the following link [https://www.geocaching.com/geocache/GC16ZG4\\_illnans-haunted-night-cache](https://www.geocaching.com/geocache/GC16ZG4_illnans-haunted-night-cache).

The **Berkshire Geobash** is very excited to co-host the Freight Yard Pub "Afternoon Delight" with the High Pointers! This will be the perfect venue to relax and enjoy the company of cachers and hikers. The geocachers will be able to enjoy a great meal before coming to the Pre-registration Event that evening. To find out more about this new and exciting ACTIVITY, which will be held on Friday, July 21 at the Freight Yard Pub in North Adams from 1:30PM to 4:30PM, go to <http://highpointers.org/archives/4089/comment-page-1>.

This year, as in the past, there will be **GEOCACHING WORKSHOPS** to help you learn more about this wonderful hobby of ours. If you haven't had the chance to meet a reviewer face-to-face, this will be your chance, as **both** Seanachai and MadMin will attend this year and lead a Q&A. Check the schedule you will receive when you check-in at **BGB#6** for exact workshop times and locations.

Are you planning to be in the Berkshires for more than a day? Do you want the full **Berkshire Geobash #6** experience? This year we have events beginning on Friday, July 14 and continuing all the way to Sunday, July 23. Where else can you attend a MEGA that gives YOU 18 events in 10 days? Nowhere! To see the list of events, and to fully discover and enjoy the Berkshires and surrounding areas, go to <http://www.berkshiregeobash.com/satellite-events.html>. Each event has a link embedded so you can check out details!

#### **How about 103 First-To-Finds in the Berkshires?!**

Are you ready to get FTF's while on vacation in the Berkshires? For those cachers who like to come into town early, you will have many opportunities to collect FTF's, if you so choose!! Some cachers have been known to stay up all night and day, for all 3 days, just to be ready in a minute's notice of new caches published randomly around the County! Of course this couldn't be done without the dedication of our cache placement committee and state reviewers, MadMin and Seanachai! **Many thanks to all who help with this endeavor!**

The rules are simple - from Wednesday to Friday the week before the **Berkshire Geobash**, set your phone and/or computer to notify you of new caches published within a 50 mile radius of your accommodations in the Berkshires. Be ready to leave any event, campfire, your friends or family at a moment's notice when your device starts to ring, buzz, or vibrate. Don't expect to see much of anyone as you hurry to GZ and claim the FTF's. There will be prizes awarded for first, second and third place winners!

The rules for the FTF Frenzy are as follows:

FTF Frenzy new caches will be published at random times, night & day on Wednesday, July 19, 2017, Thursday, July 20, 2017, and Friday, July 21, 2017. To participate in the contest, you must sign the log in the cache container, and log your find on the cache listing (note if you were FTF). Only logs that are officially logged on the geocaching website by 10 AM on Saturday, July 22, will be counted.