

THE BERKSHIRE BLAST

"The Last Hurrah!"

We have a great committee and plans are coming together to make the final BGB SPECTACULAR!!! **We have picnics, hikes, "THE Splashmob," coffee & donuts, baseball, bowling, and more in the works for a week of fun leading up to the FINALE!!!** We hope to see you during the week of July 13 - 22, with the Greatest Event on Earth taking place on July 21, 2018 in picturesque Pittsfield in the beautiful Berkshires!!!!

We have a New Venue!

"The Last Hurrah!" is moving!!!! As we celebrate 7 great years in the Berkshires, we are very excited to see it happen at a new venue! This year we will be moving all the fun to the Berkshire County 4H Fairgrounds in Pittsfield, MA, less than 2 miles (as the crow flies) from Bousquet Mountain! Here we will have space to play, hang out, and just have fun! There is plenty of parking for everyone, registration and raffles will be in a separate building, vendors will be under one roof in a large pavilion, the 4H volunteers will be providing food to purchase from their concession (there will be no picnic lunch tickets to pre-buy), and there will be plenty of room for family fun and games. There are picnic tables in the food concession pavilion, but attendees are still encouraged to bring lawn chairs to be able to sit and visit with friends.

Registration Packages are on sale, at a discounted rate until May 1, 2018, in our store at <https://shop.berkshiregeobash.com/t/registration>. If you know you would like a certain something for a souvenir from the final Berkshire Geobash, you can guarantee getting it by pre-ordering your package. This helps us in planning to order enough of everything to make everyone happy! Pre-sales of registration packages will close at midnight, June 1, 2018

to make sure everything will be available at the Berkshire Geobash event.

Volunteers Wanted! DATE CORRECTION: Please have all volunteer forms submitted to Donna LaRoque and Pam Mitchell by **July 1, 2018**. Each year the Berkshire Geobash has been a huge success because of the great work of volunteers who help at all the different tables, events, and stations. This event could not happen without their help! If you would like to be a part of this great team of volunteers, please visit our volunteer page at <http://www.berkshiregeobash.com/volunteers.html> and complete the form. Thank you so much, in advance, for helping to make everyone's experience a wonderful one. And many thanks to ALL of the great people who have volunteered to help with past Berkshire Geobash events! We cannot wait to see you in July!

The “Official” Geocoin is in the process of being minted by Oakcoins so that it will be here when we open the registration doors on Friday, July 20, 2018. This beautiful coin was designed by Kookie03 (Emma Kostyun, 14 years old), our youngest member on the planning committee. This coin captures a few different and memorable BGB events from the past. It's a must have for any geocoin collector!

Once again The Pathtags are being designed by 1311 (Michael King), an area artist and BGB committee member. We truly appreciate his talent and willingness to share it as he designed 7 unique pathtags! Yes, that's right! This year there will be 7 pathtags in our collection to represent 7 years of the Berkshire Geobash. **There will be this years “official” pathtag included in every registration package, and a set of 6 pathtags sold separately.** If you love pathtags, you'll want to be sure to order these for your collection!

Cache-N-Dash is back! This year there will be a Cache-N-Dash, but it WILL

NOT BE UP A MOUNTAIN! You will have to come to see for yourself what this new challenge will be.

FTF Frenzy will also be back, but this year we are changing it, hoping for more participation in the contest. It will take place from Wednesday, July 18, 2018 to Friday, July 20, 2018, and as in the past, with the awesome help of MadMin and the Seanachai, caches will be published at random times throughout the **day (and night?), so don't forget to set your notifications.**

Limited, vintage BGB inventory is for sale in our store. Many prices have **been slashed to make room for this year's new inventory.** If you are looking for some of the souvenirs from past Berkshire Geobash events, please visit our store at <https://shop.berkshiregeobash.com/>. Supplies are limited, and once something is gone, it's gone for good.

This year, because of the sheer importance of this special and final event, the BGB committee has gone all out and hired the renown meteorologist *Sunny Ann Bright*, from the National Weather Service in Washington, DC., to monitor the weather for our event. In a recent interview with several of the BGB **officials, Sunny has promised that the weather forecast for this year's event will** be the best yet, with clear blue skies and plenty of sunshine. So be sure to join us for THE LAST HURRAH!