

The three rounds of Green Beer Day

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Green Beer Day is FINALLY here! The day we wait for all year has arrived, so let's make it count. There are three distinct rounds to Green Beer Day, each important in its own way. Most importantly, make sure you have an awesome GBD shirt. Don't be the idiot wearing last year's design or, worse, a generic green shirt. Ugh. I hate that guy.

ROUND ONE: 12 a.m. to 8 a.m.

If you aren't awake and wearing said awesome shirt by 4:30 a.m., you've already wasted your day. Just because the bars are closed doesn't mean the parties are. This is a holiday, a very sacred holiday, at that. Sleeping in is not allowed! Naps are acceptable, of course, but only between rounds.

Hit up a party prior to the necessary GBD sunrise pub crawl. I like to call these "breakfast parties" because this is the time you grab your GBD breakfast. This breakfast can be anything from green eggs and ham to green-dyed muffins. It doesn't matter what you devour at your breakfast party, so long as it's green.

When the bars open their pearly gates, you are already waiting in line, ignoring the crisp morning air biting at your ears and slowing your heart rate. You can deal with frostbite later—what matters now is getting some green beer inside your belly.

Round one comes to an end at 8 a.m., or when the few dedicated students straggle off to their first class. For those of you not in morning classes, your first round can last as long as you can ...

ROUND TWO: 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Still feeling the euphoric effects of round one? Excellent! That means it's time for round two! Your head might be spinning, and your poor life decisions are already stacking up, but you're not even halfway through this wonderful day, so suck it up.

If you haven't ordered Bagel and Deli yet, make sure you accomplish this task during round two. Save Bruno's for round three, if you can still manage eating, that is. It doesn't matter if you actually order whatever the green bagel is, just order something from B and D. Bagel and Deli is an Oxford institution, just like Green Beer Day. You just can't celebrate GBD without a bagel in your hand. You just can't.

But back to round two. A majority of students will have at least one class during this time slot, so this is when that champion spirit must shine through. As you struggle to decipher what your professor is saying, remember that there is more GBD ahead of you. Don't waste too much of your energy on academics, you have to save it for round three!

ROUND THREE: 6 p.m. to whenever you pass out

You've made it to round three, congratulations! Of course, at this point, you hate green beer day. You never want to see a green liquid again. You're planning on destroying every bit of green clothing you own. But before you do any of that, you still have one final round to complete.

round: Sitting on roofs, chilling in strangers' yards, playing with matches (just kidding), finding GBD memorabilia that other people have lost, etc.

While this round is more reminiscent of a zombie movie than a holiday celebration, a majority of the day's greatest memories and pictures will come from this round, so don't pansy out after one and two. Keep it up, champ—you're almost there!

A few notes: Frequent hydration breaks and naps between rounds are necessary. It's useful to have a back-up GBD shirt in case something unpleasant happens to the first top (I'll let your imagination run away with that one). Professors don't love GBD as much as we do, so avoid inviting them to go uptown with you later. I learned that one the hard way. (Sorry, Dr. Campbell.)

Most importantly, be safe. I'm not just saying this — I'm being serious. Don't be an idiot and overdo it.

HAPPY GREEN BEER DAY!!!!!!!



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