

FALMOUTH CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Falmouth, Pennsylvania

Falmouth Goat Race
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FALMOUTH'S GOAT RACES AND GOAT FUN CONTINUE

A LANCASTER COUNTY TRADITION

The fun-loving folks in the Village of Falmouth (PA) will stage their annual Goat Race and family celebration Saturday, September 25. The event will be held at Governor's Stable Park, just off PA Route 441 in Falmouth, Lancaster County.

The "running of the goats", originally started as a joke by a group of local residents sitting around the coffee table, has been entertaining local folks and visitors for over three decades.

Word of the event has spread, and this year a small town in Washington state will recreate the Falmouth goat races in their area.

UNPREDICTABLE GOAT RUNS ARE FUN FOR ALL

The festivities, sponsored by the Falmouth Civic Association, will kick off at 10:00 AM with opening ceremonies and music by the Elizabethtown Area High School Pep Band. Musical entertainment will be provided throughout the day by Blu Grace, Lancaster County Country-Christian musicians.

The goat races begin at 11:00 AM and run throughout the day. In addition to the racing heats by goats and their handlers, plenty of other goat-related activities will entertain visitors. Goat judging will crown the best-dressed goat along with the biggest, smallest, prettiest, and ugliest. For visitors without their own goat, goat-on-a-stick racing is fun for children and grownups. The Goat Rodeo includes pole bending, an obstacle course and barrel racing. Visitors can also get a temporary goat tattoo to celebrate the event.

MORE ENTERTAINMENT AND COMPETITIONS

New at this year's event: a living history camp set up by the 42nd Mississippi Infantry, Company F, re-enactors group. They will recreate the lives of the Confederate soldiers and civilians during the Civil War.

The Flyball Jet Set returns to Falmouth with its entertaining and amazing performances by racing dogs.

The pedal tractor pull always proves to be a popular and entertaining contest for the whole family. The event features contestants pulling a heavy weight attached to a kiddie push-pedal tractor. Entry is open to all ages.

Everyone is a winner in Kids' World where simple and inexpensive games of chance and a petting zoo entertain smaller children. Youths are invited to try the karaoke, and pony rides will be available for a small fee.

CRAFTS & GOOD FOOD

Visitors will enjoy an interesting variety of crafts by regional crafters and area artists. Along with the goat items, visitors can stop at booths with hand-crafted wooden toys, brooms, quilting, jewelry, beads, candles, blankets, garden items, ceramics, collectibles, holiday items and more. Information about the booths is available by contacting Patti Shay, 717-244-0561; girltalk@comcast.net.

Breakfast service starts for early-birds at 6:30 AM. Lancaster County home-style food will be served throughout the day and will feature such regional favorites as chicken corn soup, ham loaf patties and home-made ice cream. Contact: Food Stand Coordinator Myra Miller (daytime) 717-766-3555 or (evening) 717-938-2103; bug01@epix.net.

The Falmouth Goat Race is run on the hard work of volunteers and the generosity of sponsors. Three major sponsors are Covanta Energy, Pennfield Country Life Products and Three Mile Island. Other sponsors are listed on web site falmouthgoatrace.org.

This year, the stick goat racing will be run by the Dauphin County 4-H Fur and Feathers Club. The assistance of volunteers is always welcomed and needed.

Admission to the Goat Race and entertainment is free. There is a nominal \$3 car charge for parking.

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