

The PAGODA PACERS ATHLETIC CLUB proudly presents:

The 18th annual

2026 Berks County Junior High Cross Country

Fall “Run Off” Invitational

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2026 (rain or shine)

Place: Reading Fair Grounds

Address: 1216 Hill Top Road, Leesport

Directions: From 222 take 183 north to the traffic light at the WAWA/CVS pharmacy. Make a left on to West Leesport Road, at stop sign make a right onto County Welfare Road. Go approx. 1.5 miles and then make a left onto Hilltop Road. Go approx. 100 yards and make a right into the park.

Race times: Boys 7th and 8th grade run at 9am

Girls 7th and 8th grade run at 9:40

6th grade coed open race is at 10:20

Course: Wheel measured 2.0 miles on almost exclusively trail and grass fields. Less than 20 yards of paved surface. Very spectator friendly!!!!

***6th grade open race is approx. .6 mile (1st part and finish of the 7/8th grade race---very flat)

Who is invited to participate?

ALL 7th and 8th grade Berks County runners who are on the official roster of, and have competed for a BCIAA school district during the 2026 jh xc season. ***participants must have completed AT LEAST 3 races over the course of the season in order to be eligible for this race.

New race!!! 6th graders: cannot be school affiliated (parents must sign them up race day and sign a waiver in order to participate).

Awards: Top 5 boys and girls teams (10 total team awards)

Top 20 in each of 4 divisions for individual awards:

7th and 8th grade boys/ 7th and 8th grade girls (80 total awards)

**** 6th grade race: top 3 boys and top 3 girls finishers

Tee shirts will be available for sale for \$20

Unique Berks cross country posters are available for \$10

Rules: A PIAA official will be present and will adhere to the same rules of any BCIAA junior high meet. Finish line, scoring, and timing will be done with bibs from Pretzel City Sports.

***6th graders will also use race bibs on race day and have times posted

Team scoring: One team, per gender, per school. Top 5 finishers from each school count for team scoring. All other runners and non-teams will count as displacements.

***tiebreaker is determined by teams 6th place finisher order

Registration: Send your entire roster via email by October 7 (to lechnerp@comcast.net)

SEND ROSTERS in an EXCEL SHEET FORMAT!!!! Very important to submit it in the proper way!!!!

Enter in separate columns:

First name—last name—gender—grade—school district

Payment: \$15 per runner (up to 25 total runners per school)---any additional runners (above the 25) are free.

***6th grade runners are free!!!!

Please make check out to: Pagoda Pacers Athletic Club

Send to:

Philip Lechner

4220 Stoudts Ferry Bridge Road

Reading, Pa 19605.

***Check can be presented day of race at packet pickup!!!!

DUE TO PAST ISSUES WITH PAYMENT---payment MUST be received by race time!!!! COACHES---make sure to bring the proper amount with you!!! We will not send out invoices or wait months for payment (hope you understand and plan accordingly)!!!!

Any additional questions, please email or call Phil Lechner (lechnerp@comcast.net) 610-478-1861 (landline---please leave a message!!!) Thank you and hope to see everyone there!!!!

