

REGISTRATION FORM

Last Name _____
First Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone (____) _____
email _____

Adult Pre-Registration (if postmarked by 4/8/26) \$30.00
Adult Registration (After 4/8/26 at the door) \$35.00
Youth (under 16) Pre-Registration (if postmarked by 4/8/26) . \$15.00
Youth (under 16) Registration (After 4/8/26 at the door) . \$20.00
Big Trout Contest (Sat/Sun) \$10.00 Additional
Community Trout \$2.00 Additional

I will be participating in the Big Trout Contest
 I will be participating in the Community Trout Contest
 I fished in this tournament in prior year(s)

Mail Entry To: **Bald Eagle Creek Tournament**
c/o Tenille Hockenberry
120 Capstone Lane
Port Matilda, PA 16870

I hereby release the Bald Eagle Creek Trout Tournament Association, all participating organizations, landowners and all participating sponsors of the Tournament from any loss of property, bodily injury, or loss of life that may occur before, during or after this Tournament. This includes waiving all liability for exposure to Covid 19 during this event. I also have read the rules carefully.

Entrant's
Signature _____

Parent/Legal Guardian
Signature _____

Please feel free to make photocopies of the registration form to pass along to friends. Multiple entries can be mailed in the same envelope.

(OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

BADGE NO. _____

2026 BALD EAGLE CREEK TROUT TOURNAMENT

Welcome to the 28th Annual 2026 Bald Eagle Creek Trout Tournament. The Tournament is scheduled for April 11th and 12th. To qualify for cash prizes, a tournament donation is required. (see registration form for amount and deadlines).

VERY IMPORTANT! - The Tournament Headquarters will again be inside the Port Matilda Fire Company (PMFC) at 101 E. Plank Road, Port Matilda, PA.

Community Trout – The cost to participate is \$2.00 per registered fisherman and you must enter this contest prior to the start of the tournament. One of the tagged trout will be randomly chosen to be the Community Trout. If the chosen tagged trout is caught, the fisherman will receive 100% of the money collected if he/she is participating in this contest. If the community trout is caught by someone not participating in this contest, the fisherman will receive the value of the tagged trout only. If the community trout is not caught or is caught by a non-participating fisherman, the tournament committee will keep one-half of the money and the other half will be rolled over to the next year. Nobody caught this trout in 2023, 2024 or 2025, so the pot will include \$769 plus 100% of the 2025 funds collected!

BACK AGAIN IN 2026! 40 Bonus Appreciation (\$50 Value each) BECTT
Tagged Trout – Will be stocked on Friday evening mixed in with the regular tagged trout to allow anglers more opportunity to catch these fish during the tournament. We are the only trout tournament in PA that does this!

In 2025, we had a total of 622 Tagged Trout valued at \$14,380

We will again have two sections of stocked water in 2026. The largest section runs from Hannah Meadow to upper limit of Delayed Harvest - "All Tackle" water located on the Wildlife for Everyone Property. The other section is the Village of Julian, PA. Maps are available upon request at the headquarters.

Proceeds from this event directly benefit the Bald Eagle Sportsmen's Club, Inc.

Big Trout Contest

All registered fisherman may also elect to participate in the Big Trout Contest. To be eligible, each participant must contribute an additional \$10.00 prior to the start of the tournament. The qualified participant catching the largest tagged trout (specifically identified for use in this year's event) will not only receive the sponsored amount for the trout caught, but will also receive a large percentage of the funds collected for the Big Trout Contest. Additional place winners in the contest will receive cash awards as well. Larger tagged trout have been pre-measured for the Big Trout Contest. You must present the tagged trout in live condition at check-in station. The three place winners will be determined by the length of the tagged trout. The payout will total 50% of what is taken in for the contest. Total Big Trout payout for 2025 was \$850.

Primitive Camping Is Back again in 2026!!! Camping will be permitted in the Port Matilda Community Park again this year! Park gate will open noon on Friday before the event. You will also need to sign a camping rules and waiver form before setting up. These forms are available at our headquarters, or you can print one off on our website. See our website for camping updates!

The **PMFC** will again be our food service provider. They plan to have food and drink for sale starting Friday afternoon. They will post their complete operating schedule at the event.

Aquatic Imitations will be our bait, tackle, and fly vendor this year. (814)309-3474 AquaticImitations.com, 311 US Route 22, Hollidaysburg, PA

You may pick up your badge at the Port Matilda Fire Company from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday April 10, 2026 or any time after 4:00 a.m. on Saturday April 11, 2026. **Please remember you must pick up your badge before participating in the Tournament.** We will not be mailing the badges to you.

Fishermen under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, and/or have written permission to participate in this event.

Make checks payable to the Bald Eagle Creek Trout Tournament. If you have not registered by the April 8th pre-registration deadline, please bring your completed application form with you on Friday afternoon or whenever you decide to register.

If you have any questions pertaining to the Tournament or your visit to Port Matilda, you may call 814-404-3029 or check us out online: www.BaldEagleSportsmens.Club/Trout-Tournaments or on



Please DO NOT contact the Port Matilda Fire Company with questions about this event!

See you in April !!

AGAIN Our headquarters will be indoors at the Port Matilda Fire Company located just north of the Signal Light along Old Route 220.**

All checks and prizes will be issued at this location

Prize payouts must be redeemed by 3:00 PM on Sunday, April 12th

2026 BALD EAGLE CREEK TROUT TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

Site Bald Eagle Creek

Date April 11 and 12, 2026

Headquarters: Port Matilda Fire Company
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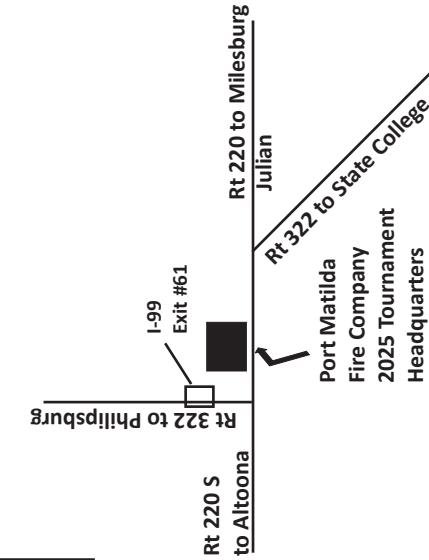
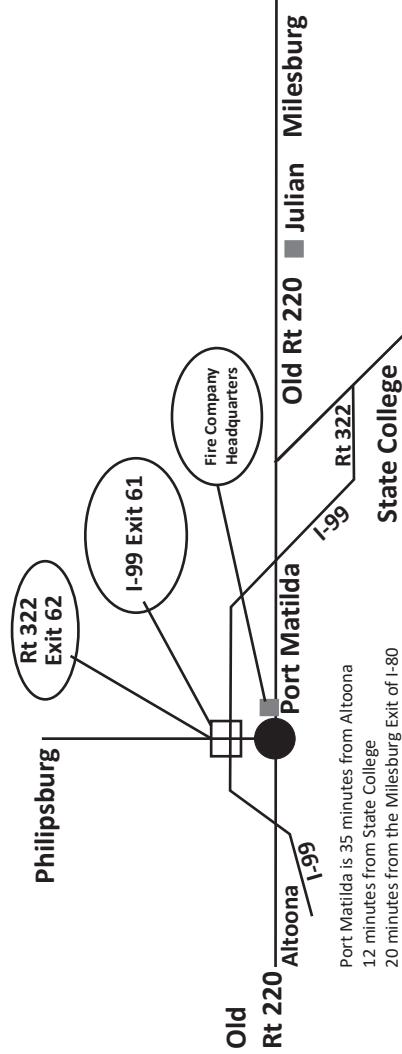
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RULES

- Each participant must be properly registered, must display official tournament registration button, and if over 15 years of age, must possess a valid PA State Fishing License. All PA Fish & Boat Commission Rules Apply.
- Again for 2026** - All caught tagged trout must be brought back to the headquarters/check-in station(s) in "Live condition" as determined by tournament officials, in order to qualify for cash prizes. This includes the pre-measured Big Trout Contest fish as well. **Participants are permitted** to bring in multiple tagged trout at one time at your own risk of them still being in "Live condition". Because this process is considered a catch & keep and part of your daily creel limit, as defined by the PFBC, you may only turn in 5 tagged trout per day. Any other trout that you decide to keep that day would further reduce the number of tagged trout you could turn in for cash prizes so keep that in mind. **Note:** We will be providing ice bags if you would like to use them in bringing your live trout back to the check-in station(s) however buckets with or without aerators have worked well in the past for participants as well.
- The lower limit of the upper section of stream butts up against a PFBC Delayed Harvest - "All Tackle" catch and release water. See PFBC Regs. You cannot keep trout in this area and we will not be stocking tagged trout in this area either!
- All fish must be legally and fairly caught. No lifting, snagging, or net line permissible.
- Only fish caught by registered participants are eligible for prizes.
- New Start Time** - Entrants may begin fishing Saturday at 7:00 a.m. and must stop fishing by 7:00 p.m. with the check-in stations open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Entrants may begin fishing on Sunday at 7:00 a.m. and must stop fishing by 2:00 p.m. with the check-in station open from 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. No tagged fish will be accepted after the closing times.
- Any individual found in violation of the rules before or during the event will be disqualified.
- Respect property owner's rights. Stay off posted lands and clean up after yourselves.
- Again for 2026** - God Speed Property is posted and will not be stocked with tagged trout. Please do not trespass on this property.
- All prize money must be claimed prior to the end of the tournament.
- Organizers and volunteers of this event are eligible to participate. If you believe this is not acceptable, you can choose to not participate in this event.
- Again for 2026** - We are also adjusting our actual physical stocking procedures so that those volunteers who are actually physically stocking the tagged trout into the stream are not also participants in the tournament. Tournament participants may still help in the process with getting the fish to the non-participating volunteers along the stream, who will then actually be physically stocking the tagged trout into the stream. The stocking activity will continue to be open for all participants to observe, however **participants will not be permitted to do the actual stocking of the tagged trout into the stream.**

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Mecco Construction

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