

Frequently Asked Questions for CORNSTOCK: Cornhole for a Cause!

What is it? It is safe outdoor entertainment with the goal of raising funds to support Youth Services. There will be friendly cornhole competition every hour, live music, food truck fare, the Thirsty Goat Pub, a Creemee stand and a chance to explore Retreat Farm trails and grounds. Register four or more players at youthservicesinc.org/cornstock, choose your play time, and discover how easy it is to raise money to cover your entry fee, support Youth Services, and win prizes.

When is it? Saturday, May 21! The rain date is Sunday, May 22. Allow a half hour to park, pass through the gate and be checked in at the cornhole courts on The Retreat Farm and meet up with your group 15 minutes before your turn. Bags will fly every hour between 1-6pm on 12 sets of cornhole boards.

Where is it? CORNSTOCK will take place on Farmhouse Square at The Retreat Farm on Rt. 30 in Brattleboro. There is parking all along Rt- 30 as well as a large lot beyond Grafton Cheese Co.

Who can participate? Anyone and everyone! Novices and seasoned tournament players are both welcome and everyone in between! The common denominator is a commitment to support Youth Services and to have fun! Family members and friends not registered in advance to play can enjoy the afternoon as spectators for a \$5 donation per person. If there are still open lanes the day of the event, the entry fee will be \$50 per person.

Who will I play against? Since you're registering at least 4 players minimum, you already have an opposing team of your choosing. As such, you can be as competitive or laid-back as you want with whatever rules as you wish, as long as it doesn't interfere with teams in neighboring courts. The only caveat is that you will need to contain your game to the hour playing time allocated to your group. If you've come as part of a larger group, you might work out a round robin or another way to compete between more people and establish your own prizes for the top scorers.

What time should I arrive? Come early, grab some food and drinks and meet up with your group. There will be live music, food truck fare, maple creemees and craft beers to make this an afternoon not to be missed! All players should have finished with registration 15 minutes before their playtime, to make sure we have the bracket ready by start time.

What rules do we use? We will distribute several suggestions for rules to follow but deciding on a set of rules will be left up to your group so touch base with your team leader. There will be some fun challenges each hour in addition to the open play. Volunteers will be present to help novice players learn some basic throw techniques.

Are we playing for a prize? Yes & No! Instead of winners of cornhole, Youth Services will award prizes to those who raise money for Youth Services through peer-to-peer fundraising, regardless of your playing ability. Most of all, you are playing for fun! Just remember this is a fundraiser and we are supporting Youth Services. If within your group you want to make the game more competitive or award a prize, feel free to do that in your allotted 1 hour playing time!

What should I bring? Are bags and boards provided? Yes, we will be supplying all of the equipment for this event. We suggest bringing a chair or blanket for sitting on the grass and a hat, umbrella or rain poncho and money for food and drink and cash for a 50/50 raffle. If your team is wearing a themed uniform, you may win a prize!

What is the plan for inclement weather? If steady rain or a significant weather advisory is forecast, we will move the event back a day to Sunday, May 22 if the outlook is significantly better. If there are occasional showers, with no thunder and lightning, chances are the event is still a go. Unless you're the Wicked Witch of the West, you shouldn't melt out there. We will always stop CORNSTOCK for weather if conditions become unplayable or dangerous. If the projected weather forecast is questionable event day, visit youthservicesinc.org/cornstock after 9 am to determine if postponed.

Is this COVID-safe? Cornstock has been designed to be a safe outdoor, socially distant activity in the fresh air. Players will have ample space between teams and will be required to sanitize their hands before playing. The crowd will be limited to no more than 500 attendees. The event will follow the changing recommendations provided by the State of Vermont. See <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19>