



Humans Dressed as Dung Beetles Race

Contest Details - Hokie BugFest - October 5, 2019

Who can enter:

Athletes and couch potatoes, individuals and groups (families, clubs, departments, etc.)
...this contest is for everyone!

How to enter:

Fill out an entry form and email it to hokiebugfest@gmail.com or mail it to 460 West Campus Drive, 302 Agnew (MC 0409), Blacksburg, VA 24061. Entry forms are available online at www.hokiebugfest.org. You may also register on the day of the festival. However, there is a limit of 6 entries per prize category, so early registration is encouraged.

Festival Check-In/Race Time/Winners:

All racers must check in at the Dung-Beetle Race Table on College Ave. by 2:00pm on October 5th. Races will start promptly at 3pm. Winners will be announced on College Ave. immediately following the races.

Prize categories:

Racers will compete as individuals or teams in two age groups. Age groups include youth (ages 10-16) and adult (ages 17 and up). Teams must consist of 4 participants. Prizes will be given for Fastest Dung Roller and Best in Show (most creative costume) for each individual and each team in each age group.

Rules:

- Racers must stay in their lane.
- Dung balls must remain on the ground at all times.
- Dung balls may only be pushed and maneuvered with the sticks provided.
- Only dung balls and sticks provided by Hokie BugFest will be permitted.
- **All racers must be dressed as dung beetles!!***

*Costumes:

For maximum mobility and comfort, racers are encouraged to prepare their dung-beetle costumes prior to the festival. However, costumes will be provided at the festival if needed. Some awesome examples of Humans Dressed as Dung Beetles include:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/pekemom/3474793289/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/528680443728713087/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/35114072068066113/>

Please note that *dung beetles walk on their front legs and roll their dung balls with their back legs*. However, at Hokie BugFest, all racers must stay on their feet and use the sticks provided to mimic a beetle's back legs. **Sooo...when designing your costume, your head should be the beetle's rear end, and your rear end should be the beetle's head!!** (see the first link above for a good example) Entomologists will be on-site to help ☺