

2nd annual HERBIE'S HOME "TOWN LOOP"

SATURDAY AUGUST 16th, 2008

Bellefonte Middle School
100 N. School Street, Bellefonte PA

4 MILE RUN/WALK 8:30 A.M.

AND/OR

16 MILE (non-competitive) BIKE RIDE 10:30 A.M.

**** 2 MILE KAYAK/CANOE (advance registration only) 1:30 p.m.**

Jeremy Michael Herbstritt, a 1998 BAHS graduate, was pursuing a graduate degree in Civil Engineering at Virginia Tech when a lone gunman took his life on April 16th, 2007. Jeremy was a hardworking, ambitious young man with a unique passion for life. He loved life and was full of it. He had a passion for running marathons and other long distance races. He enjoyed nature, kayaking down the Bald Eagle and Juniata Rivers, camping, planting a yearly vegetable garden, studying engineering, teaching, eating "fire in the hole chicken" wings from Bonfatto's and hot fudge sundaes from the Twin Kiss. He was proud of his family and friends and enjoyed spending time with them and boasting about their accomplishments. Jeremy was certainly talkative. There was never an awkward silence when he was around. He was one of the nicest guys you could ever meet. He was always willing to lend a helping hand. If you needed a ride somewhere or a friend to talk to, you could count on him. You would never hear Jeremy complain or make fun of those less fortunate than him. He treated others with respect and dignity. He was a true Christian; not someone who simply attended church on Sundays. He was true to himself and others and certainly someone we all should aspire to be like.

Jeremy attended Penn State after high school, obtaining a B.S. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology with a minor in Chemistry in 2003. In 2004, he returned to PSU to pursue a second B.S. in Civil Engineering. He graduated with honors and went on to Virginia Tech in 2006 with the intention of pursuing an M.S. and PhD. in Civil Engineering. While at Virginia Tech, he worked as a teaching assistant and conducted valuable research on dams in the Roanoke River.

Jeremy's dreams were shattered on the cool, rainy morning of April 16th. He had intentions that year of finishing a research project he had already started. He had also planned on attending his youngest sister's high school graduation, going on many weekend kayak and camping trips, attending two good friends' weddings, persuading his younger brother to major in engineering and running another marathon with his oldest sister. Those dreams were shattered; Jeremy was robbed of the opportunity to become an engineering professor, get married, start a family and to meet his nieces and nephews. We hope that each of you will learn from Jeremy's example, help us to continue his legacy, and help make this world a better, safer place. We ask each of you to keep his spirit alive through the energy and passion of your daily activities.

We have planned a 4 mile run/walk to begin at 8:30 a.m. and a 16 mile (non-competitive) bike ride at 10:30 a.m. along with fun, family oriented activities that will start and end at the Bellefonte Area Middle School. The 4 mile run/walk course chosen was a route Jeremy traversed frequently through Bellefonte, training for marathons, sharing his passion with his family and simply enjoying the outdoors. We hope to make it an annual event and chose Bellefonte Arts Festival weekend as an added attraction that would benefit both events.

COURSE: Wheel measured courses. **RUN/WALK:** starts at the middle school and traverses the perimeter of the town of Bellefonte. **BIKE RIDE:** consists of 2 loops out Jacksonville Rd around Lyonstown Rd. and back, including a loop through the Parkview development and finishing with short loop through Parkview Heights.* **KAYAK:** starts at Tussey Outfitters (Bellefonte) finishes at Curtin Village (advance registration required-see attached sheet for details!)

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 Pre-Registration per individual event (by **August 1st**) - \$20.00 per individual event (after August 1st and on Race Day)

***BONUS:** If participating in 2 or more events entry fee only \$20 total pre-registered, \$25 after August 1st
T-Shirts guaranteed to first 300 entrants. Race Day Registration begins at 7:15 a.m.

For more information: <http://herbiehtl.googlepages.com>

“FREE Parking available at Bellefonte Area High school; PLEASE do not park on the streets surrounding the middle school.”

Make checks payable to: “Jeremy Herbstritt Memorial Fund”

Mail entries to: Kim Gasper/Race Director

104 Fieldstone Lane

Bellefonte, PA 16823

For additional information email kgasper@basd.net

RUN AWARDS: -Overall Top Male & Top Female;

-Awards to top three in the following Male & Female Age Groups:

-13 & under, 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+

-A special award will go to the top 20-29 yr. old (Jeremy’s age group)

AMENITIES: T-shirts guaranteed to first 300 and race day (while they last); refreshments, time clock at finish, mile splits, water stops, entertainment, kids’ activities, door prizes & raffle, fun family oriented event, Bellefonte Arts Festival nearby.

****BIKE HELMETS REQUIRED & MUST BE PROPERLY SECURED AT ALL TIMES DURING THE RIDE!**

“For and in consideration of permitting my child and/or ward to participate in Herbie’s Home “Town Loop” run and/or walk and/or watercraft and events, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the District, its Board, administrators, employees, agents, the race organizers and directors, the Bellefonte Borough, Spring Township and all other organizations directly or indirectly associated in any way with this race from and against any loss or expense, to include reasonable attorney fees, arising out of my child’s and/or ward’s participation therein.”

“For and in consideration of my participation in Herbie’s Home “Town Loop” run and/or walk and/or watercraft and events, I hereby agree to release and hold harmless the District, its Board, administrators, employees, agents, the race organizers and directors, the Bellefonte Borough, Spring Township and all other organizations directly or indirectly associated in any way with this race from and against any loss or expense, to include reasonable attorney fees, arising out of my participation therein.”

Last Name _____ **First Name** _____

ADDRESS _____ **CITY** _____

State _____ **Zip** _____ **Sex:** M F **Race Day Age** _____ **Date of birth** ___/___/___

PHONE () _____ **Email:** _____

T-SHIRT (Adult Sizes) S M L XL

PLEASE (X) EVENT(S) YOU PLAN ON PARTICIPATING IN:

_____ **4 mile run/walk** _____ **16 mile bike ride** _____ **2 mile kayak/canoe** _____

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** ___/___/2008

PARENT SIGNATURE (if under 18 yrs. old) _____ **DATE** ___/___/2008

*****2 mile Kayak/Canoe Event***
Tussey Outfitters
(located on Route 150 in Bellefonte, PA)
1:30 p.m.

Description: intermediate stream/swift water experience/sense of adventure/previous experience recommended

Start: Tussey Outfitters (Bellefonte) **Finish:** Curtin Village

Canoe/Kayak: *limited* watercraft rental available – MUST call Ed ahead – TUSSEY OUTFITTERS

308 West Linn St (On Spring Creek)
Bellefonte, PA 16823
(814) 355-5690

Note: Shuttle available back from Curtin Village
Children 16 yrs and under MUST be accompanied by an adult!
Guides will be available with this group!

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

**NO RACE DAY REGISTRATION FOR KAYAK
EVENT ONLY!**

For more information: <http://herbiehtl.googlepages.com>

PRE-RACE PASTA DINNER

***Trinity United Methodist Church
Corner of Howard & Spring St.
(downtown Bellefonte- behind Omega Bank)
FRIDAY, AUGUST 15th
2 p.m. – 9 p.m.***

***COST: \$6 (INCLUDES PASTA, SAUCE, MEATBALLS,
SALAD, ROLL/BUTTER AND DESSERT)***

COFFEE, TEA, WATER AVAILABLE

EAT IN /TAKE OUT AVAILABLE

Name _____ PHONE _____

Total # dinners ____ x \$6

Total Cost \$ _____

Circle One: Eat-In Take-Out

**Please include pasta dinner reservation in with your
registration or mail to:**

Kim Gasper
Herbie's Hometown Loop
104 Fieldstone Lane
Bellefonte, PA 16823

Checks made payable to: **“Jeremy Herbstritt Memorial Fund”**