



# BLAIR REGIONAL YMCA

## 2026 COMMUNITY WELLNESS CHALLENGE SERIES

### RACE OF CHAMPIONS

The first event of our race series begins and ends in Altoona. This is a great start to our series with a challenging course running up Broad Avenue Extension. This race offers a 5k run, 2 mile run and a 2 mile walk.

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2026 at  
Location: 8:00AM Blair Candy, Altoona

### HOLLIDAYSBURG DIAMOND DASH

The Diamond Dash will offer a 10k run, 6k run & 5k walk. The race will start/finish in the Hollidaysburg Diamond; a great tour of the Hollidaysburg Borough and the thriving downtown.

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2026 at  
Location: 8:00AM Hollidaysburg Diamond

### JULY 4<sup>th</sup> ANGIE GIOIOSA MEMORIAL RACE

In its 53<sup>rd</sup> year, this race includes a 15k run, 5k run (certified), 2 mile walk and Lollipop Run for ages 6 & under. This race attracts upwards of 1000 participants with a massive spectator following. This year, we will be celebrating America's 250th birthday!

Date: Saturday, July 4, 2026 at 7:30AM  
Location: Mishler Theatre, Downtown Altoona. Registration at Heritage Plaza 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

### CANOE CREEK TRIATHLON & RACES

Our 36<sup>th</sup> annual Triathlon features a half mile open lake swim, followed by a 13 mile rolling hills bike ride, finishing with a 5k rolling hills run. You have the option to do a Duathlon (run, bike, run), 5k run or 2 mile walk instead of the triathlon.

Date: Saturday, August 1, 2026 at 8:00AM  
Location: Canoe Creek State Park, PA

### OCTOBER HALF-MARATHON & RACES

The 19<sup>th</sup> annual Half Marathon & Races will consist of a 13.1 mile run, 10k run and a 5k walk. The race will start/finish at the YMCA. This race is our fastest growing race based on prior year participation levels.

Date: Saturday, October 3, 2026 at 7:30AM  
Location: Blair Regional YMCA

### TURKEY TROT RACE

The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Turkey Trot Race consists of a rolling 5 mile run, 2.5 mile run and 2.5 mile walk. This is one of our most popular family events for locals and those visiting from out of town.

Date: Saturday, November 28, 2026 at 8:30AM  
Location: Blair Regional YMCA

### TWILIGHT RACE

Bring the family along to start your New Year celebration early with a 5k run, 2 mile run and 2 mile walk through Lakemont Park's Holiday Lights on the Lake.

Date: Thursday, December 31, 2026 at 4:00PM – 5k Run, 4:30PM – 2 mile run, 5:00PM – 2 mile walk  
Location: Lakemont Park, Altoona