



## Friends of Drake Well, Inc.

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“Friends of Drake Well, Inc. to Host MEET-U in 5 and ½”

On Saturday, May 20, Friends of Drake Well, Inc.’s innovative educational outreach program, MEET-U (Mobile Energy Education Training Unit), will host the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual MEET-U in 5 and ½ fundraiser at Drake Well Museum and Park. This event is a unique trail race that starts and finishes at Drake Well Museum and Park and utilizes the Gerard Hiking Trail in Oil Creek State Park. Registration and packet pick-up begins at 7:00 a.m. Walk-in registrants are welcome. The ½ marathon starts at 8:00 a.m. and the 5 mile run starts at 8:30 a.m.

Registration is \$40.00 for the 5 mile run and \$50.00 for the ½ marathon. Registration includes a goody bag and free post-race refreshments. Participants must be 13 years of age to enter the 5 mile run and 18 years of age to participate in the ½ marathon.

All finishers will receive an award. Age group winners, based on 10 year increments, and overall winners will receive unique artisan awards related to the history of Pennsylvania’s Oil Region.

All proceeds from the MEET-U in 5 & ½ trail race will benefit the MEET-U educational outreach program.

Developed in 2009 as an educational partnership between Friends of Drake Well, Inc. and Drake Well Museum and Park, the MEET-U program features a 44’ exhibit trailer that travels throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York and West Virginia, spreading awareness of energy creation, development and utilization. The goal of this outreach program is to educate school children and the public on the historic and modern uses of energy in an effort to improve the future of energy consumption. To date, over 150,000 people have visited the educational exhibits in the MEET-U trailer at schools, fairs, and other community events.

Located off Route 8 south of Titusville, Drake Well Museum and Park is open year round. Spring/Summer hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m. Drake Well Museum is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in partnership with Friends of Drake Well, Inc. and is part of the Pennsylvania Trails of History® ([www.PATrailsofHistory.com](http://www.PATrailsofHistory.com)).

For more information about MEET-U in 5 and ½ or other museum programs, call (814) 827-2797, visit [www.drakewell.org](http://www.drakewell.org) or find us on Facebook at Drake Well Museum.

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