

## Event Activities

- T-shirts for 1st 250 Registrants registered by 4/15/2024.
- Pre Race Packet Pick Up will be available.
- Great Raffles
- Educational Vendor Fair
- Pet Friendly - Well behaved leashed pets welcome. Pet water stop available. Dog Biscuits available at the finish line.
- Walker's and strollers welcome
- Pre and Post Race Refreshments
- Cash Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place female and male winners.
- DJ
- Kid's Fun Run
- Kid's Activities
- Medals awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners by age bracket.

*Fun For the Whole Family!*

### **Proceeds benefit:**

- ◆ Addiction's Care Center of Albany
- ◆ Schenectady YWCA Women and Children's Program
- ◆ Second Chance Opportunities
- ◆ The Summer Leigh Smith Memorial Scholarship at Guilderland High School
- ◆ Dawn Vitti Special Dog Scholarship

The team with the most members and the team with the largest amount of money donated will receive \$100 donated to a charity of their choice.

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Search for the 8th  
Summer Smith 5k  
Addiction  
Awareness  
Memorial Run.**

Summersmith5k.com



# *8th Annual Summer Smith 5k Addiction Awareness Memorial Run*



**Run The Race...  
Stop the Stigma!**

*Guilderland High School*

*Guilderland Center, NY*

*May 11th, 2024*

*9 am Memory Ceremony*

*9:45am Kids Fun Run*

*10 am Race Start*

# 8th Annual Summer Smith 5k Addiction Awareness Memorial Run

The 8th Annual Summer Smith 5k Addiction Awareness Memorial Run is an event that will be held Saturday, May 11th, 2024 at Guilderland High School in Guilderland Center, NY.

Our goal for the Summer Smith 5k Addiction Awareness Memorial Run is to reduce the stigma surrounding the disease of addiction. Our intention is to provide education and awareness regarding the disease of addiction and share the hope of recovery through this event. If one person is saved, or one conversation is started between a parent and a child, then our goal will have been reached.



*June 11th, 1983—January 9th, 2015  
Free at Last*



Register Now!

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## Summer's Story

Summer Leigh Smith was a loving mother of three young boys who lost her 12 year battle with addiction on January 9, 2015. As a young child, who was raised in Guilderland, New York, Summer was a victim of childhood sexual abuse. This abuse later led to her use of drugs and alcohol to cover the pain and shame she felt. She once told her mother, "I was an addict before I even knew I was".

Summer had just completed a positive year in recovery when on January 9, 2015 she suffered a relapse her body could not sustain. Although the path was difficult, she never gave up on her desire to have a life lived in recovery. We believe it would be Summer's wish for her story to be told, knowing that it could have a positive impact on another person's life.

Summer was never shy about her addiction, and we wish to follow in her footsteps. We have established this race in Summer's honor to help stop the stigma surrounding addiction and help support those in recovery while providing education and prevention services to those who have not yet chosen this path.

*With belief in a life  
lived in recovery,  
Summer's Family*