

A Traveler's Guide to McCarty Party

[**ASIDE #1:** This invitation expects a passing familiarity with “Hitch Hikers Guide to the Galaxy”. If that story is new to you, get slightly educated [here](#).]

This is the story about a man named Arthur. Arthur was a kind soul from middle America tracking down the American dream. Looking for that intoxicating mixture of babes, beers, and buffalo. Arthur was indeed in search of the mythical McCarty Party.

Many before Arthur had intended to attend a McCarty Party in this lifetime, but the road to hell is paved with good intentions. But as you will come to find, the road to McCarty Party is paved with beer caps, lost innocence, some kind of thick blue liquid (usually used to clean combs, but that's not important right now).

But how does one track down a myth? First, don't panic. It is 2023... and the “Deep Thought” computer of science fiction has taken a turn into reality. So naturally, you'd ask Chat GPT.

So, Arthur typed into Chat GPT, “AI, AI... you are such a smarty, what's the road to McCarty Party?”

And Chat GPT responded, “What you ask is quite the quest, but first you must pass a basic test. Six gatherings the world calls the best, must have you as their happy guest. But all you can take on this prowl is your wit, your thirst, and of course your towel. Key lessons must be learned from each, to put McCarty Party within your reach.”

[**Aside #2:** A towel is about the most massively useful thing a party hopping traveler can have. Partly it has great practical value. You can wrap it around your face for the dust storms on the Playa; you can sleep under it beneath the stars on Munich's Italian Hill; use it to sail a mini raft down the intercoastal; wet it for use in hand-to-hand-combat; you can wave your towel in emergencies as a distress signal, and of course dry yourself off with it if it still seems to be clean enough.]

And so, as this seemed mostly harmless, he began...

Stop #1: Oktoberfest/Beerfest - Munich, Germany

Arthur got a crash course into the exhilarating world of beer gaming. Quarters, beer pong, monkey chug, and of course Dos Boot. Thirst was never an issue, as the libations flowed abundantly.

Stop #2: Burning Man – The Playa, Black Rock Desert, Nevada, USA

Swirling dust, scorching heat, and a sea of quirky expressions (and occasional nudity). Arthur learned that while a dry wit can be useful, dust lines can be just as intriguing as tan lines.

Stop #3: Carnival – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Arthur found himself amidst a spectacle of breathtaking beauty and an unbridled lust for life. Surrounded by vibrant souls and captivating sights, he experienced a sensory overload and a Viagra overdose.

Stop #4: Fantasy Fest – Key West, Florida, USA

Arthur stumbled upon a tribe of eccentric artists specializing in body painting. And thus, learned that tourist traps and booby traps are very, very different things. He even meets a group of friendly dolphins who thank him for all the fish.

Stop #5: Running with the Bulls – Pamplona, Spain

After almost facing off against a stampede of mighty buffalo (well, at least angry male cattle), Arthur had an adrenaline-fueled encounter. It was a perilous escapade, and his trusty towel came in handy to staunch the wounds he suffered along the way.

Stop #6: Dave Chappelle & Friends – Yellow Springs, Ohio, USA

In the eclectic town of Yellow Springs, Arthur stumbled upon a revelation. He unlocked his sixth sense: a sense of humor. Laughter became his greatest companion and protector, paving the way for unforgettable moments of Joy (Kenny said it was OK).

Through his travels and adventures, Arthur came to realize the ultimate answer to Life, the Universe, and Everything is of course 42. But what was the ultimate question? Obviously, it is “*What number McCarty Party is this?*” (Think about it...)

And with that revelation, Arthur had finally arrived at the McCarty Party of his dreams. As Arthur basked in the revelry, he realized that the McCarty Party was not just about reaching a destination; it was about the journey itself. It was about embracing the absurdity of life, finding Joy in unexpected encounters, and celebrating the connections forged along the way. Or maybe it was just about the beer. Either way is good.

You see hoping to one day attend a McCarty Party is not a strategy. The improbability of success, as in anything in life, comes when preparation meets opportunity.

So, my dear friends, let us gather under the sunny skies and raise our glasses to the 42nd annual McCarty Party – an unforgettable celebration that holds the key to Life, the Universe, and Everything. Join us for beer games, body painting, and feats of strength, and let the spirit of adventure guide you to this remarkable event. Your presence will make Arthur’s journey complete!

The end of the journey: The events of McCarty Party 2023

Theme:	The Answer to Life, the Universe, and Everything: McCarty Party 42
When:	3:00 pm Saturday July 15 th , 2023 (<i>except for golf, see below</i>)
Where:	Camp McCarty
Food:	Cork & Bottle (aka “The Pork Chop Wagon”): Cash Only: Menu
Charity:	Tunnel to Towers Foundation
Golf:	12:30 pm Saturday July 8 th (arrive at Camp McCarty by <u>11:30 am</u>) (Yes golfers, Saturday the week before the party.)

It is a mistake to think you can solve any major problems without beer.

Irrelevant Information

Rain Date: Sure. But you can bring a date if it's sunny too (an oldie, but a goodie). Remember, in case of natural disasters (hurricanes, earthquakes, mudslides, firestorms, Anheuser-Busch on Tik-Tok) we will still have a party and drink beer. We do, however, expect a strong beer front to move across the area. We believe as the storm surges you will be able to notice some Coors Lightnings on the horizon. Most importantly, remember that you are still responsible for your own companionship.

Other Stuff: We provide beer, entertainment, and a guaranteed good time (okay, not a *money-back* guarantee, but we mean what we say). If you want anything else, bring it along. (Please, no dogs, fireworks, nuclear weapons, anyone under the legal drinking age, guns, or marsupials. We have enough to worry about.)

Please accept this invitation as our yearlong greeting card. Therefore:

Happy Birthday, Congratulations, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Get Well Soon, Thinking of You, Please Do Not Bend, Spindle or Mutilate, Have a Nice Day, Don't Slap Pandas, Nuke the Whales, Go woke and go broke

Detailed Information

Twelve Things You Need to Know about McCarty Party 2023, before you get here

1) Good Beer: Of course, (almost) all beer is good, but some of it just better than others. And obviously we'll have lots of good ole fashioned American macrobrews. But this year beer master Mike McCaffrey has prepared something special. He has made a McCarty Party lager as special as this great nation. We are giddy with excitement.

2) Swimming Pool: So... we have a small swimming with a large deck around it. As we learned during McCarty Party Two (on the farm, with a pond and some inner tubes), water and the McCarty Parties don't mix well (kind of like the Kardashians and professional athletes). Accidents at a party should be carnal, and not of a paramedic nature. The pool will not be used during the festivities.

3) Parking: All parking will be down in the parking area/island. It's a good area to watch the submarine races. (Let us know if you need directions to Camp McCarty, or pointers on going parking with your best girl.)

4) Food: A wise man once said, "A man drinks like that and he don't eat... he gonna die." Which is why we thought food might be a good idea. Do you like pork chop sandwiches? We do too. Cork & Bottle (The Pork Chop Wagon) will be back again. Here is their [menu](#). So, bring your hunger and an extra few dollars (they take **Cash Only**). And while we appreciate that women don't understand that there is "no need for you to bring anything", ladies if you must, please confine it to useful staples like jello shots. But really, no need for you to bring anything.

5) T-shirts: Want a McCarty Party T-shirt? Of course, you do! Then win one of our time-honored events like Stupid Beer Tricks, the Lager Relays, Taking the Bras off the Debutantes, Beer Drinking for Time and Distance, or Flip Cup. The 2023 version is destined to be an instant classic. You can't buy T-shirts... you must earn them.

6) Golf: If you are a man and plan to play golf with us on **Saturday the 8th** (or just ride around in a golf cart and drink beer) you must let us know. If you are good (as beer is), you have already done this. If you are a weasel (as the French still are), we await your call, email, or text. We provide transportation to and from the golf course. Rendezvous point is Camp McCarty **by 11:30am** on Saturday. Tee times begin at 12:30pm at Majestic Springs Golf Club between Waynesville and Wilmington. Plan to spend \$50 for 9 holes and a cart (\$25 for golf and \$25 for transportation and beer, as we have to buy beer from the course). FYI – our beer bunnies are happy to accept your tips (hint, hint). Course details can be found at: <https://www.bestgolfmanagement.com/ms-home>

7) Charity: While McCarty Party is a free party (other than the food wagon, as mentioned above), it is also a charity event. A charitable donation of \$10 or \$20 (or whatever you would normally spend on a Saturday night out) would be appreciated. This year our beneficiary is the Tunnels to Towers Foundation (<https://t2t.org/>). Your donations are deeply appreciated.

8) Underwear Underground: Several uninterested party goers have wondered aloud, “Will there be an Underwear Underground again this year?” Really? In our continuing quest to stay irrelevant in these politically incorrect times, the “underwear only” policy will once again be observed in the Pub after midnight. A fully attired version of the party will continue in all the other areas of Camp McCarty. However, participation has been dwindling for this aspect of the party in recent years. Pick it up people, or else. (Do I hear, “Challenge accepted!!!”?)

Incidentally, underwear is defined as an undergarment worn next to the skin (like boxers, knickers, panties, and the like) used to preserve the wearer's modesty, as well as for erotic effect. We like to think of it as being naked beneath our clothes. As we would encourage everyone to participate, we'd also encourage you to plan ahead. Those proclaiming that they are “going commando” will not be taken at their word.

9) Body Painting: For those ladies for whom the Underwear Underground is not risqué enough, we will again have a professional body painter, available from 9pm till midnight. For examples, go to <https://vesselsartstudio.com/body-painting-at-fantasy-fest/>. Please try to keep your designs simple, so we can get as many folks (ladies) painted as possible. An amateur division can be made available after midnight. This is how finger painting evolved.

10) Law Enforcement: For those of you who will be arriving after dark or leaving before daybreak, don't be alarmed by the law enforcement officers at the end of the driveway and/or down in the parking area. They work for us and are there to prevent under-age, would-be drinkers from crashing the party... and over-age, over-served patrons from driving when they shouldn't. In short, they are here to help keep people and property safe... so plan accordingly! Remember... if you walk down the driveway naked, they have body cams.

11) Intoxication Stations: Although McCarty Party is all about the beer, to jumpstart the festivities, upon arrival you will be shown to our Intoxication Stations. And much like a spoonful of sugar makes the medicine go down, a nip of spirituous liquor makes the process that much more enjoyable. Nothing painful, just some fun to kick-off your McCarty Party experience.

12) Facilities (Bathrooms): You may not be aware of it, but alcohol is a diuretic (i.e., it makes you pee a lot). As we have learned in the past, the hard way, our well and septic system can't keep up with the demands of a McCarty Party. So again, this year we'll have shiny clean porta-potties for the ladies and plenty of trees for the gentlemen to address their calls to nature. Thank you for recycling (of fluids) back to mother earth.

More Information: For more information on these and other hot topics, please go [here](#) for our **Frequently Asked Questions**. And by the way, you can't spell Dale without “ale.”

Contact Info

If you have never been to Camp McCarty (which wouldn't make much sense, but we suppose it is possible) please drop a note and we will email you a map. Or call and you will be mocked in person. See you on the 15th!

Dale & Mike

<https://mccarty.party>

McCarty Party... hustle, scrap, (don't) fight, win.