



Dear Coach,

It is with great pride that the Boyertown Athletic Department announces the resumption of a tradition, the 55th running of the Venzke Relays, on Monday April 20, 2009. Throughout its history the Venzke Relays have been known as a premier relay carnival, and every effort will be made to make sure that the latest edition of these famed relays meets or exceeds those standards, from running on our state of the art eight lane all weather track to our fully automated photo eye finish system. This year we will run the Relays the Monday before the Penn Relays so get your team ready for the Penns by running at the Venzkes.

Please consider this your official invitation to bring your team and participate in what promises to be a special night as the Boyertown Area community welcomes back the Venzkes!

History of the Venzkes:

Originated by Francis "Doc" Sell who started the Venzkes on May 10, 1939 and directed these relays for 16 years, the first Venzke Relays saw 18 schools participate. At its height the Venzke Relays saw as many as 60 schools sending approximately 1,000 athletes to compete. The Relays have been held under the lights since 1960. During the span from 1939 until its last running in 1997 the Venzkes had been run every year with the exception of 1943, 1944, 1945, (due to wartime restrictions) 1986 (construction of Memorial Stadium, current home to the Venzke relays) and 1989 (due to torrential rains that flooded the cinder track, which has been recently replaced with a state of the art eight lane all weather track surface).

Registration Information:

Registration for this year's running of the Venzke Relays will be done by logging onto Direct Athletics.com. On this site you will be able to enter your teams into the different events (listed on the attached page). Cost for this year's Relays are the following:

Senior High (Grades 9-12)

Boys Team:	\$100
Girls Team:	\$100
Both Boys and Girls Teams:	\$175

Junior High (Grades 7-8)

Boys Team:	\$75
Girls Team:	\$75
Both Boys and Girls Teams:	\$125

We look forward to welcoming everyone to Boyertown as we restart a tradition, the Venzke Relays.

Sincerely,

Anthony Palladino
Athletic Director

Joe Miller
Venzke Coordinator

Ron Hofmanner
Venzke Coordinator

TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out one form per school (i.e. one for your HS team and one for your JH team)

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Please make all checks payable to "Interscholastic Sports Account".

School: _____

Boys Coach: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Girls Coach: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

AD: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Entry Information (please circle which choice is applicable)

Senior High Boys (\$100)

Senior High Girls (\$100)

Both Senior High Boys and Girls (\$175)

Junior High Boys (\$75)

Junior High Girls (\$75)

Both Junior High Boys and Girls (\$125)

PLEASE SEND ALL FORMS IN BY MARCH 16, 2009. CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE SENT OUT LATER, AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON THE ENTRIES ON DIRECT ATHLETICS.

Please send payments to:

The Venzke Relays
c/o Boyertown Athletic Department
120 North Monroe Street
Boyertown, PA 19512