

SNALLYGASTER
MORE THRILLS! 2026 MORE CHILLS!
BEASTLY BREW BEHEMOTH
FEATURING MONSTROUS MERRIMENT
DOWNTOWN WASHINGTON DC

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10TH 2026
NOON TO 6 IN DOWNTOWN WASH DC
TICKETS AT SNALLYGASTERDC.COM

Named for the fearsome and toothy mythical beast said to terrorize the DC region at the turn of the century, Snallygaster returns to DC for its 14th installment as a rollicking celebration of craft beer, food, music and more.

For one day and one day only, we'll simultaneously unleash no fewer than 450 highly sought-after draft beers, gravity kegs and bottle + can pours from from 175 producers, and feature the best of the best in food trucks, music on two stages all day long, entertainment and family fun. If you have joined us at Snallygaster in years past, then you should know we plan to outdo ourselves for this year's party in downtown DC. If you have yet to attend what Washington City Paper readers have deemed "the Best Beer Festival in DC" every year for nearly a decade, then just know we are not like the other guys.

Each selection is hand-picked by Beverage Director/Partner Greg Engert and his team to represent the most outrageously delicious offerings possible

Specifics will be unveiled along the way (join the mailing list and follow @SnallygasterDC on Facebook and Instagram for all the latest) but festival goers can expect a veritable sea of small batch, highly sought-after craft brews from the finest American and international producers (many of which will make their DC debut right here, and only here), as well as a host of cask ales, gravity kegs and vintage bottle pours. Even better, brewers fly in from near and far to pour their selections for you, making Snallygaster an unparalleled opportunity to taste the rarest and most remarkable brews with the people that produce them.

WEBSITE: SNALLYGASTERDC.COM

SOCIAL: [@SNALLYGASTERDC](https://www.instagram.com/SNALLYGASTERDC)

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SNALLY FAQs

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

You can purchase your tickets online (available at snallygasterdc.com) in advance to guarantee your entry, as we fully expect the festival to sell out. Your ticket purchase gets you admission + unlimited (yes, unlimited) beer, wine and cocktail tastings.

Food and merchandise can be purchased a la carte throughout the venue. The two ticket package options are as follows:

The Kraken / General Admission / \$75

Gives you entry to the festival at 2 PM, a commemorative tasting glass, and includes unlimited beer, wine and cocktail tastings all day long.

The Basilisk / Early Admission VIP / \$150

Gives you entry at 12 pm for 2 hours of early access to all the beers, a commemorative tasting glass and unlimited beer, wine and cocktail tastings all day long. This ticket is key to tasting the rarest selections that may run out prior to the official 2 PM start time, as VIP tickets are in limited supply – plus, enjoy access to VIP amenities (including VIP bathrooms and expansive, shaded seating areas).

These advance ticket packages are available at snallygasterdc.com and are expected to sell out. You must be at least 21 years of age and have a valid photo ID to consume alcohol, no exceptions.

ABOUT THOSE BEERS

NRG Beverage Director/ Partner Greg Engert and his team curate each and every selection at Snellygaster, bringing the same approach they apply daily to their lists at ChurchKey, Bluejacket, The Sovereign, Shelter, and more. The program offers classic and innovative styles alongside little-known imports, rare and exotic ales in addition to the best of American craft drafts, as well as traditional cask ales, gravity kegs and cellared bottles. The Snellygaster list is all about balance: bringing the very best in craft beer from near and far to ensure plenty of flavors for every palate. The most recent beer list was epic and this year will be even better, with brewers like Cantillon, Trillium, Messorem, Fiden and Monkish pouring uber-rarities all day long.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

Snellygaster serves as the largest annual fundraiser for the Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture, a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a more equitable and sustainable local food system in the DC area. Ticket sales will continue to support Arcadia's demonstration farm in Alexandria (where they grow food using sustainable practices and host thousands of school children teaching them about farming & healthy foods), two Mobile Markets (a 28-foot school bus and second retrofitted truck) that make weekly stops to underserved and low-income neighborhoods to provide accessible and affordable food through SNAP, WIC and food assistance programs, as well as a Veteran Farmers Program. Not familiar with Arcadia? You should be, as they're doing some pretty cool things right here in our own backyard. Visit arcadiafood.org to learn more.



THINGS TO KNOW

WILL THE EVENT BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE?

Yes. While we will of course be considering the safety of our attendees first and foremost, we are confident that the festival will be an epic day, rain or shine.

WHAT SIZE BEER POURS WILL BE AVAILABLE WITH MY TICKET?

All beers will be available in 4 oz pours.
We're also going to be offering a selection of Bluejacket 16 oz cans during the festival.

WILL THE EVENT SELL OUT?

Due to safety concerns and in the interest of everyone having the best time possible, there is a maximum capacity restriction that we must abide by. We fully expect tickets to sell out prior to the date of the event, so please make sure you buy advance tickets online to ensure you are all set.

HOW CAN I FIND SPECIFIC BEERS INSIDE THE EVENT? IS THERE A MAP?

Once released, you can find our full lineup of beers online at [Untappd.com](https://untappd.com).
Search for Snallygaster 2026 and click 'Menus' to find our beers sorted by Monster (beer zones).
Physical maps are available at both entrances and at a kiosk in the center of the event.
You can also find a link to the online map in the 'Details' section of Snallygaster's Untappd page.

IS THERE A GROUP DISCOUNT?

Yes! Snally is better with friends, so we're throwing in 1 free ticket for every 9 Kraken passes purchased.

CAN I BRING MY CHILD WHO IS UNDER 21?

Yes! We'll have an entire family-friendly section where kids can do fun activities such as face-painting, pumpkin decorating and more. Children under 12 do not have to pay. Kids over 12 can gain entry for \$10.

WHAT KIND OF FOOD WILL BE AT SNALLYGASTER? CAN I BRING MY OWN?

We are not permitting any outside food and drink at Snallygaster, but there will be plenty of options inside!
Check our social media (@snallygasterdc) and snallygasterdc.com as we announce this year's vendors.

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WILL WATER BE AVAILABLE? CAN I BRING IN A REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE?

We will have plenty of water stations throughout the festival site, and festival-goers are welcome to bring in a reusable water bottle to cut back on plastic use and stay hydrated throughout the day.

ARE THERE GOING TO BE VEGETARIAN FOOD / GLUTEN FREE BEVERAGE OPTIONS?

There will be vegetarian options. There will also be wine, cocktails and ciders available which are gluten free.

WHAT IS YOUR REFUND POLICY?

All ticket sales are final. We will not refund advance ticket packages or admission if the event is forced to end early or is canceled the day of due to extreme weather or any other "Act of God."

CAN I BRING MY DOG TO SNALLYGASTER?

Because we're on a paved area, we're kindly asking everyone to please leave their furry friends at home.

CAN I BRING A BAG TO SNALLYGASTER?

WE ALLOW: Bags that are clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and do not exceed 16" by 16" by 8" - We also allow small non-clear clutch bags measuring 5" by 7" by ¾" or smaller, in addition to one of the clear plastic bag options described above, diaper bags and medical bags. **WE DO NOT ALLOW:** Any non-clear bag larger than 5" by 7" by ¾" / any clear or non-clear bag larger than 16" by 16" by 8" / backpacks (including clear backpacks) non-clear drawstring bags / computer bags / messenger bags or camera bags.

IS MY REGISTRATION/TICKET TRANSFERABLE? IS IT OKAY IF THE NAME ON MY TICKET DOESN'T MATCH THE ATTENDEE'S?

All ticket sales are final and tickets are transferable. We'll be scanning tickets upon arrival, so there is no need to change the names on tickets if they are transferred to someone else.

DO I HAVE TO BRING MY PRINTED TICKET TO THE EVENT?

No, display your ticket on your smartphone to get scanned and admitted to the event.
A printout of your ticket will do the trick, too!

DO YOU NEED VOLUNTEERS?

It takes a lot of humans to make this beast breathe. If you think you've got what it takes to pitch in, help out and join the fun, please fill out the simple volunteer form at snallygasterdc.com and then wait to be contacted by one of our official Snally wranglers.



GETTING THERE

HERE'S HOW TO FIND US

Snallygaster takes place in the heart of downtown DC – we're on Pennsylvania Ave NW in the shadow of the Capitol. There are two entrances for Snallygaster: 7th & Pennsylvania and 3rd & Constitution.

There are plenty of ways to get to this year's festival at 7th Street & Pennsylvania Ave. NW (actually on Penn between 3rd & 7th).

METRO ACCESS

Take the Green or Yellow Lines to the Archives / Navy Memorial / Penn Quarter stop, or the Red Line to Judiciary Square.

BUS ACCESS

There are many Metrobus routes that stop near the festival including the 30N, 30S, P6, RS, and MC-100. The Circulator also stops at 7th street & Madison Avenue NW.

DESIGNATED DRIVERS AND PARKING

For designated drivers, there is some street parking and public parking lots located in and around the area, but to be honest, this thing is so monstrous we really discourage driving here. Uber and Lyft? Absolutely!

CAPITAL BIKESHARE

There are several stations close to Snallygaster, the closest is located at 6th Street and Indiana Ave NW

BEST WAY TO STAY ABREAST OF THE BEAST?

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TO JOIN, AND WE'LL SEE YOU IN OCTOBER!

