



For Immediate Release

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OBGC Statement Following Field of Screams

2026 Closure Announcement

Olney, Maryland - [OBGC](#) recently learned that Steelhead Events and Productions (SHP), the outsourced operator of the Field of Screams fundraising event, announced that Field of Screams will not open this year.

OBGC leadership is disappointed that SHP did not obtain the necessary approvals to enable the event to operate, and disputes the operator's financial characterizations and statements within the press release. It is important for OBGC leadership to point out that the \$3.5 million SHP has cited as the amount of revenue generated by the event may mislead the public's understanding of the proceeds OBGC has received from SHP. While SHP has operated the event for 14 years, the net proceeds to OBGC have been declining steadily and have dropped off significantly in the last six years. The net proceeds do not come close to funding our youth scholarship program.

Further, the public should know that OBGC is currently involved in arbitration with SHP about the agreement to operate Field of Screams at OBGC. While we cannot comment further on the specifics, OBGC remains willing to work with all appropriate parties to move the matter forward in compliance with the applicable requirements. OBGC appreciates Montgomery County's continued efforts to work with all parties involved.

Community support of OBGC is more important than ever with record numbers of children enrolling in our programs. As always, thank you for your ongoing support!

-Brad Scott, Executive & Athletic Director, OBGC
