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Testicle Festival Returns to Virginia City, Nevada

29th annual Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry and St. Patrick's Day Parade bring tasty testes to Virginia City, Nevada, March 14, 2020

VIRGINIA CITY, Nev. (Jan. 30, 2020) – Virginia City, Nevada, is a small mountain mining town that isn't shy when it comes to talking about testicles. That's because every year it hosts the [Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry and St. Patrick's Day Parade](#), a festive celebration of its Basque roots and an all-out Irish party like no other. In 2020, the 29th annual Oyster Fry is set for March 14 in historic Virginia City from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. including a parade, costume contests, music and of course, tasty testes that are served up by daring cooks from around the region.



Often referred to as the “testicle festival,” the Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry is one of the largest St. Patrick's Day celebrations in northern Nevada and draws thousands of revelers up to the Comstock to

partake in the delicacy, along with the Ball Breaker Saloon Crawl, a tour of the town's saloons featuring samples of themed adult beverages.

"The Oyster Fry is one of our biggest annual events," Deny Dotson, tourism director for Virginia City Tourism Commission, said. "It kicks off our whole event season and really sets the tone for the rest of the year. Being in March, which is an otherwise typically slower month, we love the energy and enthusiasm this event brings to our local businesses."

Tastings begin at 10 a.m. with cooks competing for the title of "Best Rocky Mountain Oyster Cook in the West," along with cash prizes. At noon, the St. Patrick's Day Parade marches down C Street where the more outlandish outfit, the better. Tasting packages and crawl cups are available in advance [online](#).

- Skeptical About a Testicle: \$7 for three tastings
- Flight of Ten: \$15 for 10 tastings
- Balls & Beer for Four: \$95 for 40 tastings and four Ball Breaker Saloon cups
- Ball Breaker Saloon Crawl: \$20 for a cup
- Leprechaun Cup: \$8 for a designated driver cup for free non-alcoholic beverages along the crawl
- VIB'er (Very Important Baller): \$50 for 5 "fast passes" to skip the lines at your favorite booths and one tasting to all remaining booths, plus two Coors Lights at the event bar

The Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry is sponsored by Dolan Auto Group, Coors Light, Bucket of Blood Saloon, Mustang Ranch Lounge and Camelot Party Rentals.

For more information on Virginia City, Nevada, and the Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry, visit VisitVirginiaCityNV.com.

A short 30-minute drive from the Reno-Tahoe International Airport takes visitors to one of the largest historic districts in the United States - [Virginia City, Nevada](#). Come experience this mining "boomtown" as it was in the 1800's. Step back in time while visiting the numerous historic buildings, saloons, churches and museums or take a mine tour or even ride a real steam train. The Comstock Adventure Passes offer the best value with discounted attraction packages. For lodging, event calendar or Comstock Adventure Passes, [visit online](#) or call 775-847-7500. The Visitor Information Center is located at 86 South C Street, Virginia City.

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