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THE MIDWEST'S OG FUNCTIONAL BOTTLE SHOP & NON-ALC TAPROOM

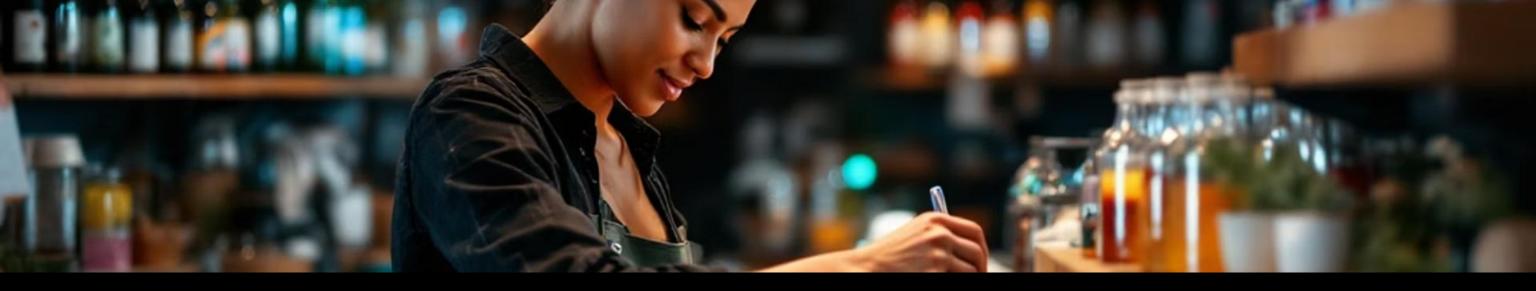
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### Sip Happens: The Rise of Alcohol-Free Cool on Campus

# Meet The Brand AND What They Do?



Midwest's first non-alcoholic bottle shop, based in downtown Lafayette. They offer 150+ zero-proof **beverages**—from craft beers to CBD-infused drinks designed for sober-curious students and healthconscious consumers.



#### Cracking the Campus Code: What's Holding GenNA Back?



#### **Midwest Pioneer**

While being first gives a market edge, **lack of category awareness** in the region creates a need for **continuous education** and **brand legitimacy**. Many consumers still associate "drinks" with alcohol by default.



#### **Proximity Drop-Off**

GenNA's food trucks on campus get great student response, but the downtown Lafayette store sees less footfall. It's likely due to **distance from campus**, making in-store visits inconvenient despite high interest during pop-up events.



#### **Unclear Market Size**

With GenNA being a niche concept, **a structured market survey is needed** to understand how many residents in **West Lafayette and Lafayette** are genuinely interested in **CBD-infused**, **alcohol-free**, **and wellness-oriented drinks**—a prerequisite for growth planning.

#### Turning Clicks into Customers: How our Campaign Drives Real Impact

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Addressing
Awareness Gaps

Targeted Purdue
students directly
on Instagram —
where they spend
time — helping
bridge the brand
recognition gap for
this niche,
emerging category.

Tested different ad narratives
(Hedonic vs. Utilitarian) to determine which resonates most with Gen Z students and motivates real action.

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Reframing the Message

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**Driving Store Visits** 

Encouraged
conversions via a
"Free Sampler"
CTA, designed to
overcome friction
caused by the
store's physical
distance from
campus.

with academic identity and self-improvement, responding to student values like wellness, focus, and performance.

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Matching Student Psychology

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Informing Strategic Planning

Generated early signals and behavior insights to help validate the potential market and guide GenNA's future outreach and scaling

#### Solo Focus or Social Spark? The Hypothesis Behind the Creatives

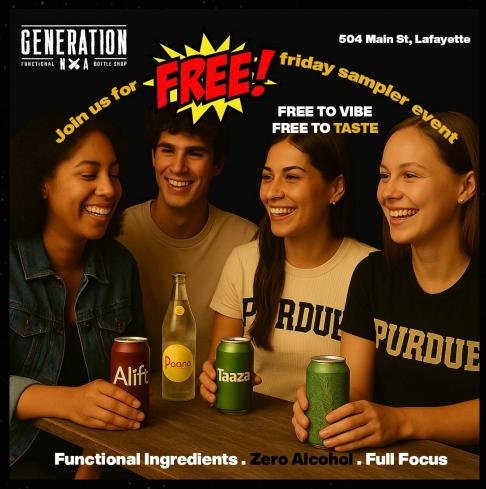
#### Ad A (Functional, Utilitarian)



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Ad B (Social, Hedonic)



Group setting highlighting fun and shared experiences. Emphasizes social benefits.

Solo student enjoying functional benefits. Focus on productivity and wellness.

#### The Right Audience, The Right Spend





Primary Segment: Gen Z students located in West Lafayette, Indiana



#### Psychographics:

- Sober-curious and Wellness Focused
- Value Functional benefits like focus, energy and relaxation
- Seek alternatives to alcohol for health, academic, or lifestyle reasons



Proximity: Campaign targeted users within 25 miles of campus



Key Insight: Students were more responsive to individual benefit appeals (e.g., academic focus, functional ingredients.





Duration: 10 Days (April 2025)



Total Budget: \$100

- Ad A (Functional Focus): \$50
- Ad B (Social Focus): \$50



Platform: Instagram (Feeds, Reels, Stories, Explore)



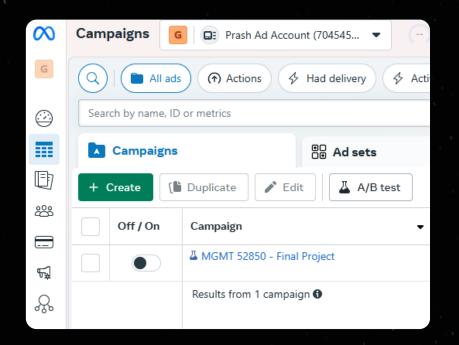
\$100 total (\$5/day per ad variant), CPC-optimized

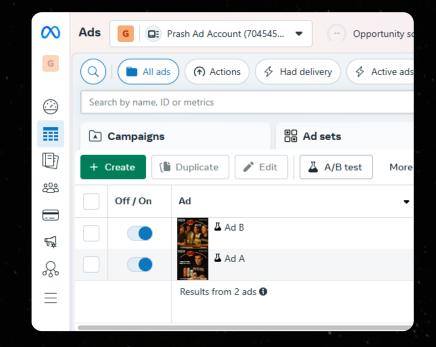


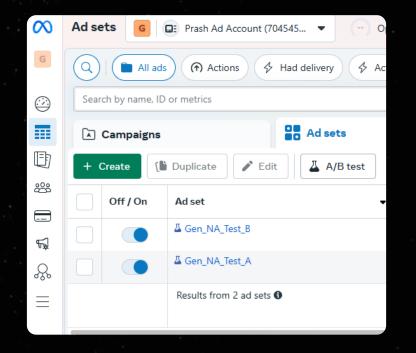
#### Target Filters:

- Age: 18-50
- Interests: Non-Alcoholic drinks, health & wellness, student life, Purdue University
- Devices: Mobile Users Only

#### **Campaign Structure**





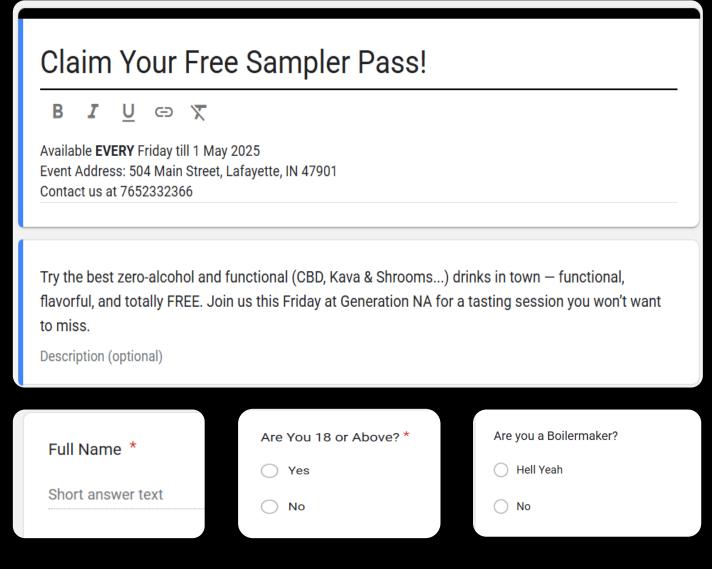


1 Campaign

2 Ad Versions

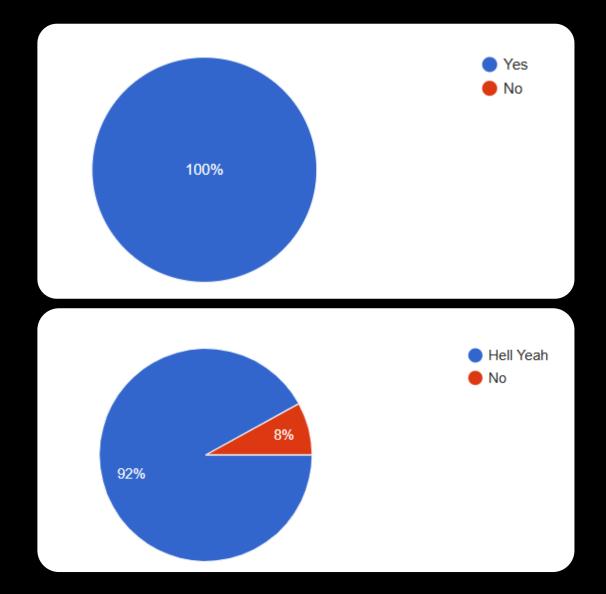
2 Ad Sets

#### The Response Window: How Users Engaged with Our CTA



#### Form Purpose

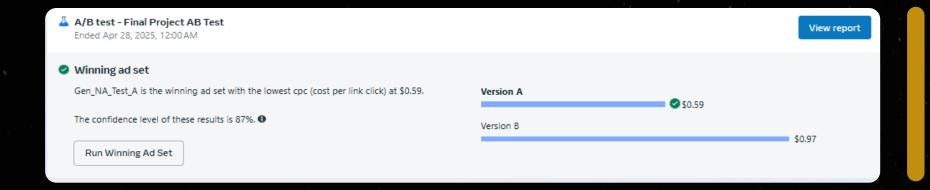
This quick form served as our primary call-to-action, collecting essential details to confirm event eligibility and student status for the Free Friday Sampler.



#### What We Learned

✓ 100% of respondents were 18+, confirming age
● 92% Purdue Students showed strong alignment
with our target psychographic: wellness-curious
Gen Z

#### Results and Interpretation



#### **Engagement and Interest**

Ad A saw higher engagement (2.3% vs. 1.5%) and CTR (1.07% vs. 0.74%), showing that functional, individual benefits resonated better with audience



#### **Conversion Effectiveness**

Ad A not only drove more traffic (88 clicks vs. 57 clicks) but also converted at a higher rate, suggesting that the functional benefits created stronger motivation to attend the event.

## Gen\_NA\_Test\_A had the highest link click-through rate with 1.08%. View by CPC (cost per link click) to find out if there was a winner from the test. CTR (link click-through rate) Version A Gen\_NA\_Test\_A 1.08% Version B Gen\_NA\_Test\_B CTR (link click-through rate)

#### Efficiency

Ad A was more cost-effective with a CPC of \$0.60 compared to Ad B's \$0.92, resulting in a much lower CPA.

#### **Conversion Funnel**

- We targeted **250,000 people** were through Meta's ad platform
- Generated 15,917 impressions at a low cost of \$0.006 per impression
- Reached 6,973 unique users, with a cost per reach of \$0.014
- Secured 294 engagements across both ads (\$0.34 per engagement)
- Achieved 145 link clicks to the landing page (\$0.72 per click)
- Collected 25 form submissions from interested users (\$4 per submission)
- Drove 15 verified in-store visits, with a cost of \$6.70 per attendee



Audience Size 250,000

Impressions 15,917

Reach 6,973

Interactions 294

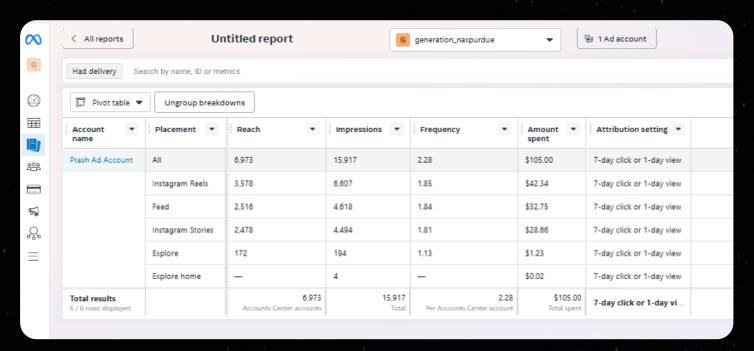
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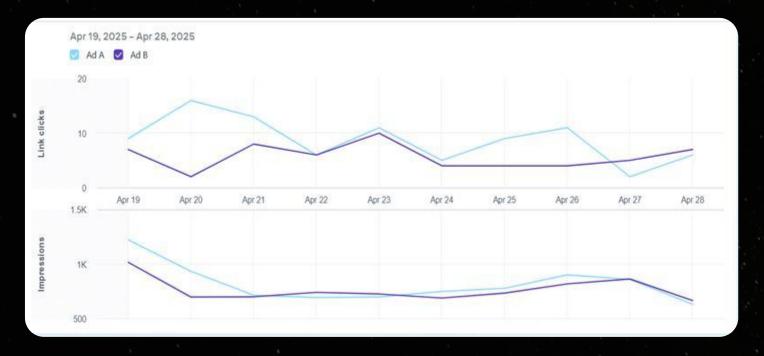
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Event Footfall 15



#### Key Findings and Insights





#### **Ad A Insights**

Early Spike & Volatility: Peaked at ~15 link-clicks on Apr 20 from ~800 impressions (CTR ≈1.9%), then fluctuated between 6–13 clicks thereafter.

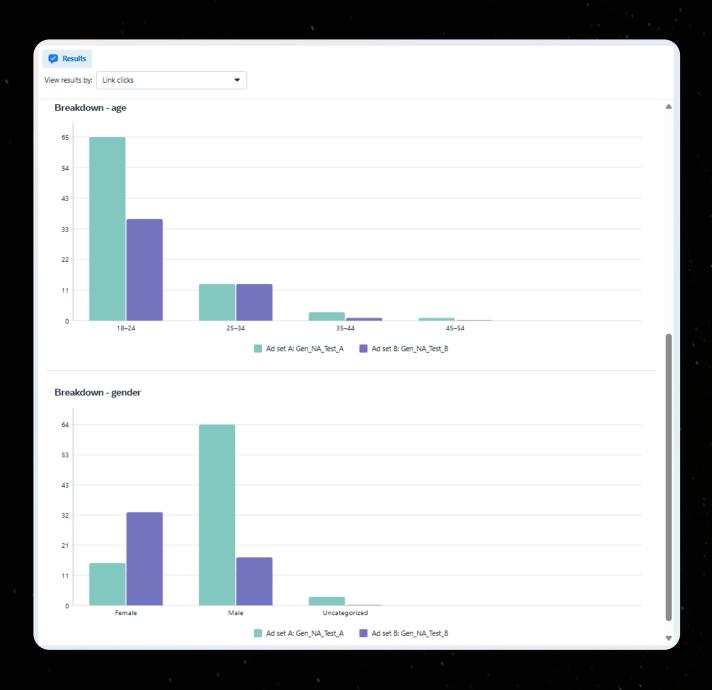
Mid-Campaign Lull: Dipped to 6 clicks on Apr 24 and just 4 clicks on Apr 27 despite ~600 impressions- sign of ad fatigue.

#### **Ad B Insights**

Steady Engagement: Hovered in a tighter band (5–11 clicks) with a peak of ~11 on Apr 23 (700 impressions; CTR  $\approx$ 1.6%).

Late-Campaign Uptick Modest rise in clicks toward Apr 28 as impressions ticked back up.

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#### Ad A - Demographic Insights

Age: Over 80% of its 81 link-clicks came from 18–24 year-olds (≈65 clicks), with negligible traction beyond 25, suggesting its messaging strongly resonates with the youngest cohort but fails to engage older segments.

Gender: Clicks skews heavily towards male (≈65 vs 15 female), signaling a need to tweak creative or targeting to boost female engagement.

#### **Ad B- Demographic Insights**

Age: Roughly 60% of its 47 link-clicks also came from 18–24 year-olds (≈35 clicks), with a healthier tail in 25–34 (≈12 clicks) indicating broader age appeal than Ad A.

Gender: Clicks leans towards female (≈32 vs 15 male), showing this variant resonates more with women; consider shifting budget toward female-heavy audiences and testing tweaks for male viewers.



#### **Challenges and Limitations**

#### **Ad Rejection Due to Content Guidelines**

Meta flagged ads mentioning "alcohol" or "non-alcoholic," causing delays, multiple revisions limiting how clearly, we could describe the product category.

#### **Narrow and Specific Target Audience**

Targeting only Purdue students limited reach, reduced data for analysis, and made findings harder to generalize beyond campus.

#### Form Drop-Offs and Tracking Limitations

Some forms were incomplete, and store visits couldn't be fully tracked without user confirmation.

#### **Brand Awareness Baseline Was Very Low**

Low brand awareness led to confusion or skepticism; stronger pre-campaign buzz was needed.

#### Recommendations & Next Steps

#### **Emphasize Functional Benefits**

- Highlight ingredients, focus, and wellness advantages. Connect products to academic success.
- Use academic or study-related visuals to reinforce the connection between product use and improved student life outcomes.

#### **Test Multiple Platforms**

- Expand future testing to TikTok and Snapchat, which are widely used by college students.
- Run retargeted ads to re-engage users post-click and encourage them to complete the desired action.

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#### **Introduce Referral Incentives**

- Leverage peer influence by allowing users to invite friends for perks (e.g., "Bring a friend, get a free sampler pack").
- Coupons for attendees to bring a friend for an additional discount on the next visit.









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