Buffalo Bytes



Minutes, Not Miles, From Adventure

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CUSTER CONNECTIONS

This weekend is our 5th Annual Custer Off-Road Rally, June 9-11. We currently have almost 92 vehicles and over 202 people registered for the event, (last year we had 122 at this time) and we know there will be several people who register the day of the event as well.

We want to give a special thank you to the Custer Search and Rescue crew. They go above and beyond for us, and there's no way our event would be as successful without their help. This crew rides the route (many times), checks our coordinates for the selfie spots, marks the trail, creates the map for AVENZA, trains attendees on AVENZA and then rides the route the day of the event in case anyone needs help. They are such an amazing organization that does so much for our community!

The Forest Service staff has once again been an asset to this event as well. They were a big help in getting our route approved and will be assisting with an educational booth at the event registration/check-in.

Our Mayor and Chamber Board President have important jobs for this event as well...Mayor Bob Brown is leading a guided Mayor's Ride through Needles Highway and Board President Amy Bailey is leading a guided President's Ride to Mt. Rushmore on Friday night. We appreciate them volunteering to do these rides!

And of course, we have many AMAZING sponsors for this event:

- Begging Burro/Pounding Fathers/ Mt Rushmore Brewing Co
- Black Hills Powersports
- Nielsen Enterprises, LCC
- Rush Mountain Adventure Park
- Dacotah Bank
- NXTLAW PC
- Pacer Minerals, LLC
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- Southern Hills Title
- Starr Insurance
- Black Hills Energy
- Gold Pan Saloon
- Horatio's Homemade Ice Cream
- Alpha Builders, LLC
- Chalet Motel
- Craig Reindl of Western Skies Real Estate
- Custer Heating & AC
- Kitchens by Karla
- LFC Veterinary Service LLC
- Pizza Mill
- South Dakota Outdoor Shop
- VFW

We can't forget about everyone who donated items for the swag bags! (*The swag bags for the Tesla Rally were a big hit, and we know these will be too!*)

- American Family Insurance- Ronni Calvird Agency, Inc
- Beaver Lake Campground
- Black Hills Parks and Forest Association
- Denial
- Custer County Search and Rescue
- Frontier Photo
- Purple Pie Place
- South Dakota Outdoor Shop
- Monument Health
- Prairie Berry Winery/Miner's Brewing
- Western Skies Real Estate

We would also like to thank all of our GENEROUS Door Prize sponsors as well:

- Black Hills Parks & Forest Association
- Black Hills Powersports
- Claw Antler and Hide
- Custer Candy Company
- Denial
- Limestone Cattle Co
- Miner's Cup
- Mt Rushmore Brewing Co
- US Flag Pole Guy
- Wicked Espresso

A Big Thank you to everyone who helps to make this event possible!









Dawn Murray Executive Director

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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To have things added to Buffalo Bytes, please send to Amy: <u>abrazell@custersd.com</u>. Items need to be received by Wednesdays at noon in order to be added to weekly Buffalo Bytes. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 9-11 5th Annual Off-Road Rally

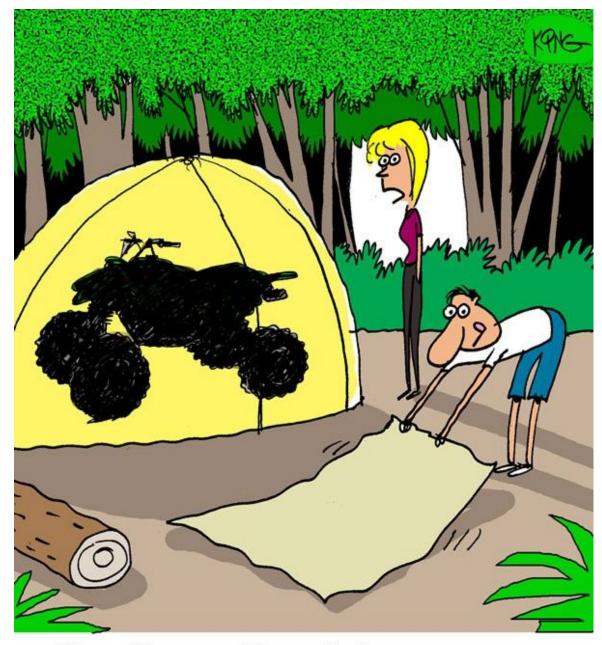
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June 13-15

Mickelson Trail Summer Trek

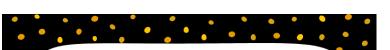
(in Custer June 12-14)

WEEKLY HUMOR



"I realize you like to baby your ATV, but shouldn't WE be sleeping in the tent?"

CHAMBER HAPPENINGS





Let's make



Mother Lode Sponsor- \$500+ Gold Panner Sponsor- \$250 Miner Sponsor- \$150 Prospector Sponsor- \$75

> Contact Dawn dmurray@custersd.com

Gold Discovery Days fun for everyone!

Approximately 100 students in the Custer School District have been identified as students in need. If you or your business would like to sponsor wristbands to be given to local students please contact the Chamber at 605-673-2244 or info@custersd.com



Gold Discovery Days, Custer, SD Celebrating 100 Years ADVANCE SALES COUPON S20 PER SESSION Boot for any one sossion Present this card to Mac's Carnival

Ticket box to receive Arm Band No. 0004 July 20 - July 23, 2023



Sponsorship Form

The 100th Gold Discovery Days Anniversary cups have arrived! Pick them up at the Custer Chamber.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

2023 CUSTER CHAMBER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

LET US SPOTLIGHT YOUR BUSINESS! PLEASE SEND A FEW WORDS AND PICTURES TO BE FEATURED IN BUFFALO BYTES AND ON SOCIAL MEDIA.



To have your business featured in our Member Spotlight, please contact Amy Brazell at <u>abrazell@custersd.com</u>



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AREA EVENTS

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SATURDAYS

8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

June through October

Located in Way Park in front of **Custer County Courthouse**

Featuring produce, food and crafts from local farmers and artisans

For more information contact **GORDON CLEVELAND** 605-673-5230















Black Hills National Forest 2023 MOON WALK SCHEDULE

June 3

Wild for Water

Amy Hammesfahr / Wildlife Biologist – Black Hills National Forest, Northern Hills Ranger District Spearfish Canyon Nature Area – Roughlock Falls Trail

Water is fundamental to sustain birds, mammals, and our planet. Water not only provides wildlife with drinking water, but can serve as shelter, a resting spot, or a place to cool off. Some wildlife species can modify the flow of streams and restore desiccated watersheds. Join Forest staff for a walk along the Roughlock Falls Trail and discover what wildlife species can be found within (and around) Spearfish Creek.

July 1 Stepping Back in Time

Janie Knutson / Archeologist – Black Hills National Forest, Mystic Ranger District

Mystic Ranger District – Spokane (Ghost Town)

Established in 1891, Spokane was once one of the booming mining towns in the heart of the Black Hills. Spokane served as a mine, mill, and place to call home, until the town's last caretaker left the area during the 1970s. This guided hike will highlight the remains of a true wild west ghost town. Discover what you can do to protect your local history and cultural resources. Come ready to be transported back in time and enjoy an evening learning about mines, a notorious murder mystery, and ghost towns in the Black Hills National Forest. NOTE: Spokane is located four miles south on Playhouse Road from its start at Highway 40.

August 5

Looking for Signs of Life

Bradley Block / Recreation Program Manager – Black Hills National Forest, Supervisor's Office Bearlodge Ranger District – Carson Draw Trail System (Trail #87)

The Carson Draw Trail System provides an incredible backdrop of scenery while exploring the ponderosa pine forest. Ranging from mid-season wildflowers to an array of wildlife, the beautiful Bearlodge Ranger District offers adventurous treks for the casual hiker. Join Forest staff on an easy walk through a pine forest, searching for signs of life ... bring your little Junior Forest Rangers.

September 2 Be a Buffalo

Lydia Austin / Visitor Services Program Manager – Custer State Park – South Dakota, Game, Fish and Parks Dept. Custer State Park – Buffalo Corrals (Wildlife Loop Road)

Custer State Park is home to one of the largest publicly owned bison herds in the nation. September signals the time of year for the Buffalo Round-Up and park efforts to manage the herd size. Take a casual walk through the buffalo corrals and learn about the management practices of our beloved Custer State Park – the crown jewel of South Dakota State Parks.

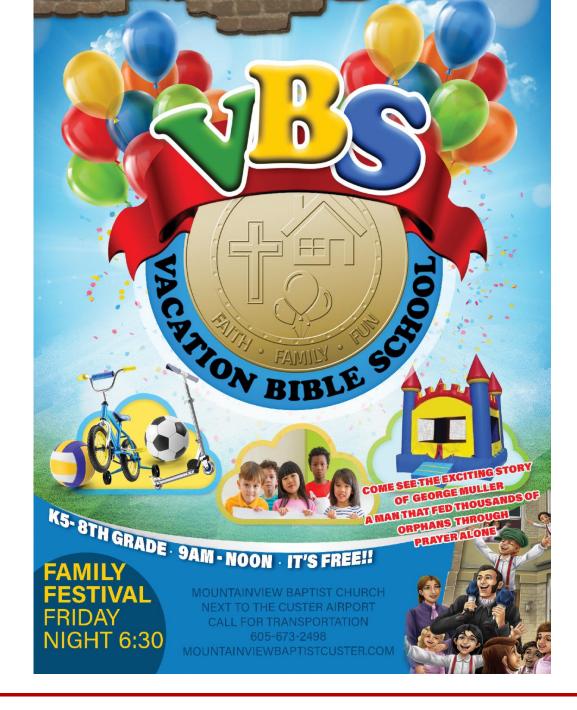


Supporting Wonder and Exploration since 1946

The Black Hills Parks and Forests Association (BHPFA) is offering 2023 Moon Walk Collector's Pins at each event for \$5.00 each. The sale of lapel pins support the interpretive and educational efforts across the Black Hills National Forest. The Moon Walk Programs are supported by BHPFA through financial assistance and staffing; BHPFA is a non-profit partner with the U.S. Forest Service.

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Join us for a good old-fashioned Show & Shine. Bring your classic down to S&B to show off what you have been working on all Winter.

The smoker will be rollin' and we will be servin' up delicious food for the whole family.

<u>All proceeds will go to support the</u> <u>students attending the HOSA</u> <u>National Conference</u>



Black Hills National Forest 2023 JUNIOR FOREST RANGER PROGRAMS PACTOLA VISITOR CENTER

For the first time in many years, the Black Hills National Forest is offering Junior Forest Ranger Programs at the Pactola Visitor Center. Each program is family friendly, especially for adventurous little forest explorers. Pack a lunch and then plan to spend an early Saturday afternoon overlooking the beautiful Pactola Reservoir. Each program is from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. and conducted by visitor center staff and volunteers. NOTE: The Pactola Visitor Center is located along Hwy 385, north of Hill City, South Dakota about 14 miles.



#FindYourForest and #JuniorForestRanger

June 10 (National Get Outdoors Day) / 1:00 p.m. Sensing the Forest

There are many ways to learn about the forest using all our senses. Join Forest staff for a fun experience as we "sense" the outdoors and make nature journals to keep track of your forest experiences throughout the summer. Did you know ... National Get Outdoors Day, held each year on the second Saturday in June, is a nationwide event coordinated by the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable and the US Forest Service.

July 15 / 1:00 p.m. Animal Outhouses

Did you know that scientists can learn about wildlife by looking at their droppings? Dissecting owl pellets is a fun and interesting way to learn about food chains, habitats, and how scientists collect and use data. Bring your little Forest Rangers to the visitor center for a fun story and then explore an owl pellet like a wildlife biologist.

August 5 / 1:00 p.m. Fire In Nature

Learning to be fire-aware in order to prevent wildfires is an important part of keeping the forest safe. Did you know that the Forest Service also uses fires as a way to keep the forest healthy? Spend a Saturday afternoon at the visitor center and learn how fires are used for the good ... and also learn how to help prevent forest fires.

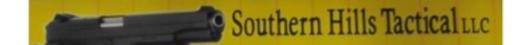
August 19 (National Track Trails Day) / 1:00 p.m. Animal Hide and Seek

Animals have many ways to disguise themselves. This makes them very good at being able to play hide and seek. Join Forest staff to learn how and why animals use camouflage, then take part in making your own camouflage vest!

For More Information: Black Hills National Forest / Pactola Visitor Center ~ (605) 343-8755



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South Dakota Enhanced Conceal Carry Class

This is a One Day Class Saturday June 17th 2023 9:00am to 4:30pm

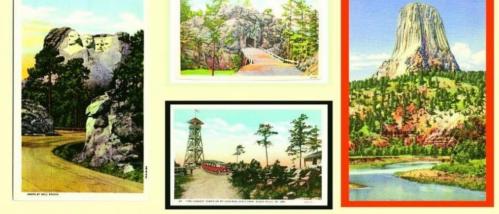
The Enhanced Permit allows you carry in 38 states including MN, NE, WI, NV, NH, WA, and SC Class size is limited so register early. For additional information or to register for the class you may contact the instructor at www.sodakian.com

Contact us at 605-673-3222 or by e-mail at southernhillstactical@gwtc.net

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ART EXPRESSIONS GALLERY OF CUSTER



"Next Time Let's Travel First Class, Alright" Del in Planes, Trains and Automobiles



YOUTH, TEEN AND ADULT CATEGORIES • ENTRY DETAILS ON ART Expressions facebook page or at the Gallery • Vote for People's Choice • Closing Reception on Saturday, June 17th 4-7 PM

Art Expressions Gallery and Gifts of Custer 17 North 5th Street, Custer, SD, PO Box 3024

Visiting Artist Christina Schunke

JUNE 19-24 • ART EXPRESSIONS GALLERY DOWNTOWN CUSTER, SD







Argyle Volunteer Fire Department Pancake Feed

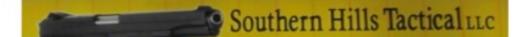




9am-Noon Saturday June 24th, 2023 Free Will Donation

Argyle Volunteer Fire Department 12000 Mountain Lion Ln (605) 673-5823

Come join the fun. Breakfast includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, and coffee. All proceeds will benefit Argyle Volunteer Fire Department.





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Black Hills National Forest and



South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Dept.

2023 NATURALIST PROGRAMS PACTOLA VISITOR CENTER

The Black Hills National Forest and South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks Department are teaming up and offering educational programs at the Pactola Visitor Center. Each program date is a Saturday, and the programs are being conducted from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. by Naturalists from Custer State Park. NOTE: The Pactola Visitor Center is located along Hwy 385, north of Hill City, South Dakota about 14 miles.

#FindYourForest and #FindYourPark.

June 24 / 1:00 p.m. Being Creative with Fish Prints

Fishing is a popular recreational activity at the Pactola Reservoir. But do you know which species live in the reservoir and surrounding waters within the Black Hills? Do you know how they interact with one another? This lively program uses fish prints to create posters and other artistic items, while participants learn about the fisheries in and around Pactola. Why not become a Junior Forest Ranger while having some "messy" fun?

July 22 / 1:00 p.m.

Learning about Animal Furs and Tracks

Animal furs and tracks often provide clues on where animals live and how they interact within their environment. Together, furs and tracks allow nature enthusiasts to learn more about the outdoors and the types of wildlife species that live within a region. Join the program and become a wildlife detective for an afternoon of hands-on engagement and wildlife education.

August 26 / 1:00 p.m. Insect Investigations

OK ... not everyone appreciates insects. However, they play a critical role in the outdoors, and some species have interesting life cycles, habits, colorations, camouflage, and predatory lifestyles. If you are looking for a great Saturday afternoon activity near the lake, this event is perfect for kids. Get ready to discover something new about the outdoors!





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Songbird of the Black Hills Labor Day Weekend Sing-Along Event

Saturday, September 2 / 7:00 p.m. Sheridan Lake Campground

When nature and music join forces, inspiration flows. These are the elements that have motivated the Songbird of the Black Hills (Sally Svenson) to write her songs. Through her music, she delights in sharing her love of this diverse region with others.

Sally has spent over four decades exploring and experiencing the Hills with all its varied habitats and vistas. She served as the Custer State Park (CSP) naturalist for eighteen years. Sally spent an additional sixteen summers in CSP as an entertainer at the Blue Bell Chuckwagon. The inspiration for new songs continues to flow.

You are invited to join the Songbird of the Black Hills for a late-season evening of campfire music featuring the Black Hills stories behind her original songs (sing-along tunes included).

Under permit from the Black Hills National Forest, Forest Recreation Management (FRM) operates most of the campgrounds and developed recreation sites on the Forest during the summer months. In an effort to engage its late-season campers, vacationers, and local outdoor enthusiasts, FRM is sponsoring the Labor Day Weekend musical program at Sheridan Lake Campground.



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Volunteers Needed!

If interested in becoming a volunteer here at the 1881 Courthouse Museum, please contact either Melissa or Oonagh at (605)673-2443.

Or email us at 1881courthousemuseum@gwtc.net

CUSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE ART GALLERY

420 Mount Rushmore Road, second floor

Custer, South Dakota



Showcasing the photography of Kimberly Nelson. NOW THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2023 Endorsed by Custer Area Arts Council



Black Hills National Forest

PACTOLA VISITOR CENTER

Find Your Forest



Hours: Daily 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Recreate responsibly. For questions, please contact:

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15 FOR \$100



OCTOBER 2, 2023

(NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN)

raffle tickets today!

Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase raffle tickets; all values are Scan QR Code to purchase approximate; raffle begins April 1, 2023 at 8:00 am MST and ends October 1, 2023 at 11:59 pm MST; drawing will be held via Facebook Live on October 2, 2023 at 12:00 pm MST on Facebook Live; winner will also be contacted directly.

NEWS FROM THE STATE



YOU'RE INVITED

Join us Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 10 a.m. CT/9 a.m. MT for the "Travel South Dakota Stewardship Campaign – Forever 605" webinar. Travel South Dakota's Secretary of Tourism, James Hagen, and Global Marketing & Brand Strategy Director, Mike Gussiaas, will share details and creative for a new stewardship campaign focused on encouraging locals and visitors alike to travel responsibly. They will also touch on key ways for industry partners to plug into this program and share future plans about how this program and campaign may evolve.

What: Travel South Dakota Stewardship Campaign – Forever 605 Date and Time: Thursday, June 15, 2023 @ 10 a.m. CT/9 a.m. MT Presented By: Secretary James Hagen and Mike Gussiaas Cost: Free!

Please <u>register</u> ahead of time. This webinar will be hosted by Travel South Dakota via Zoom. Contact Industry Training & Legislative Relations Manager, <u>Bailey Carlsen</u>, with any questions.

REGISTER NOW >>

How to Connect

This webinar will be available via Zoom. For most participants, joining the webinar will be as simple as clicking the link provided in the confirmation email. If you are uncertain if you can connect, you can read about the system requirements on the <u>Zoom website</u>.

Once you call into the session, please turn your phone to mute during the webinar. Participants will be able to submit questions by typing them into the messaging functionality during the webinar. There will also be time for Q&A at the end of the session. If you only want to listen and/or run into any problems with logging on to Zoom, phone-only access is an option.

This webinar will be recorded. A link to the recording will be sent to participants following the presentation and will be available on <u>SDVisit.com</u>

PRESS RELEASES

Mount Rushmore National Memorial News Release



For Immediate Release: June 7, 2023 Contact: Earl Perez-Foust, <u>earl_perez-</u> <u>foust@nps.gov</u>, 605-574-3115



<u>Over two hundred new citizens to be naturalized</u> <u>at Mount Rushmore</u>

KEYSTONE, SD — On June 14, 2023, Mount Rushmore National Memorial will host a Naturalization Ceremony in honor of Flag Day. The National Park Service, the U.S. District Court for the District of South Dakota and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will welcome more than 200 people from over 60 countries.

The event will take place in the outdoor Amphitheater located in front of the Lincoln Borglum Visitor Center from 11am until 1pm. The public is welcome to attend the ceremony and join in the celebration. The ceremony will also feature performances by the Iron Bull Singers, Dakota Choral Union, and the Ellsworth Air Force Base Honor Guard. In addition, Pennington County Auditor's Office will have a booth setup for voter registration.

Naturalization ceremonies at national parks are made possible through a partnership between USCIS and NPS. USCIS and NPS currently have a signed Memorandum of Understanding that advances the meaning and stature of citizenship by building connections between new citizens and America's parks. First signed in 2006, and renewed in 2021, the agreement has led to special naturalization ceremonies held at many of the 400 places safeguarded by NPS across the country, including Ellis Island, Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, Rocky Mountain National Park, Yosemite National Park, Cesar Chavez National Monument, Cabrillo National Monument, Acadia National Park and numerous Memorial Parks on the National Mall.

www.nps.gov

About the National Park Service. More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 424 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at <u>www.nps.gov</u>, and on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>YouTube</u>.

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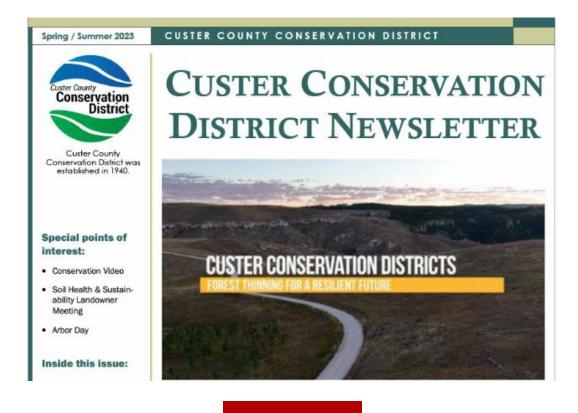
Earl Perez-Foust, *he/him* Program Manager Interpretation and Education Office: 605-574-3115 <u>Mount Rushmore National Memorial</u>





Custer Senior Center

June Schedule



Read Newsletter

Click here to Check out the Custer School District Calendar for upcoming school events!

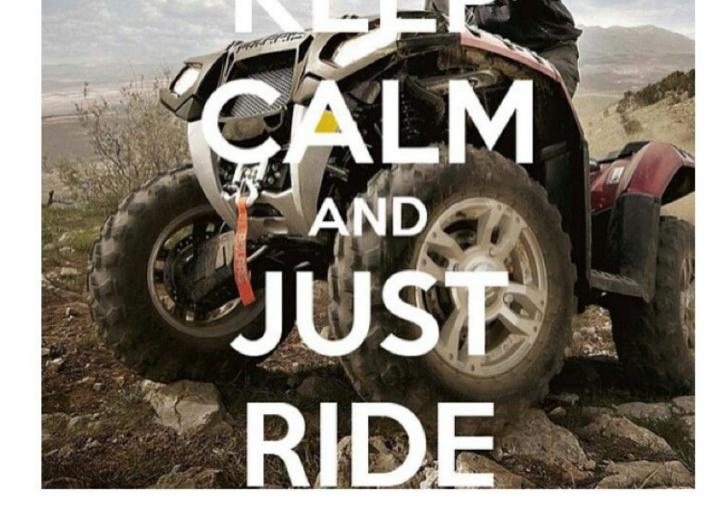


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WEEKLY INSPIRATION





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PLEASE EMAIL Skogen@Skogenkitchen.com

Job Positions

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- Dishwashers
- Full time
- Part time

Ph: 605.673.2241 E: skogen@skogenkitchen.com W: www.skogenkitchen.com



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Email resume to paula@pacerminerals.com or apply in person at 25429 US Hwy 385, Custer, SD



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Please apply in house: 308 Mt. Rushmore RD Custer

Or By Phone: 605-981-9047

Requirements: Must have a Positive Attitude!

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

PAID ON-THE-JOB EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY

WHERE: CUSTER SENIOR CENTER

TITLE: CUSTODIAN

SCHEDULE: PART TIME

PAY - \$10.80 PER HOUR

THIS POSITION IS PART OF THE SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM (SCSEP)

SCSEP is an on-the-job experience and employment program designed to help low-income individuals age 55 and older update their jobs skills, build work experience and confidence, and continue to have economic security and well-being.

Eligibility:

Individuals applying for the SCSEP must meet specific eligibility requirements in order to participate:

- · A resident of South Dakota
- 55 years of age or older
- Unemployed
- A limited household income of no more than 125 percent above of the federal poverty level

Participant Benefits:

As a participant of the SCSEP will:

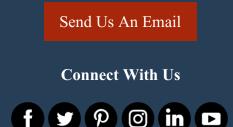
- Earn income South Dakota Minimum Wage
- Receive training and experience to help develop employment skills
- Receive free annual physical exams
- Have the chance to obtain full- or part-time unsubsidized employment upon completion of program
- Partake in meaningful social and physical activities
- Engage in activities to support independence

Be sure to check out the Help Wanted section on our Website:

Our Address: 615 Washington Street Custer, SD 57730

Phone Numbers:

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