

# 2016 Dakota Territory Challenge

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Dear Four Wheeling Enthusiast:

The Black Hills 4-Wheelers are proud to present the **34<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DAKOTA TERRITORY CHALLENGE!** The Challenge will be September 1<sup>st</sup> through September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

The Dakota Territory Challenge offers everything from scenic trails to technical rock crawling. Trails are assigned general ratings that outline the vehicle requirements along with posted trail descriptions. All vehicles undergo a technical inspection and are given a trail rating. Review the vehicle requirements and come prepared!

The event headquarters will be at the Whispering Pines Campground, located at the junction of US Highway 385 and Silver City. The General Store has groceries, gift shop, and cabins are available for rent. Call 605-341-3667 for rentals or reservations if arriving early.

We ask that you indicate the size of your trailer on the application so the campground can park everyone accordingly. [www.blackhillswisperingpines.com](http://www.blackhillswisperingpines.com)

Camping spots are first come, first serve. Check in with the campground upon arrival. Do not pull into a campsite without registering!

**Registration deadline is July 15<sup>st</sup>, 2016 and limited to the first 75 paid vehicles!**

We will offer sweatshirts, t-shirts, and hats with the Challenge theme. If you wish to pick up the order at the event, please pre-order, limited merchandise will be on hand at the event. Pre-order prices are discounted 10% and orders placed at the event will include shipping costs. Details on page 7.

We have switched from CB to VHF/UHF radios for trail communications. Details on page 4

We will not be doing CrawlLotto this year. The event has run its course for now.

Please review the Event Rules, Registration details, Trail Ratings, US Forest Service Permit Requirements, and Schedule of Events, (subject to change before the event) before registering!

Should you need more information or help with a specific situation, please email or call us.

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## Permit Requirements

A Forest Service permit is required for each OHV using trails in the Black Hills National Forest. Permits can be purchased at location listed below and online: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/blackhills/passes-permits>

Mystic Ranger District, 8221 S. Hwy 16, Rapid City SD 57702	605.343.1567
Northern Hills Ranger District, 2014 N. Main Street, Spearfish SD 57783	605.642.4622
Supervisor's Office, 1019 N. Fifth Street, Custer SD 57730	605.673.9200
Black Hills Visitor Information Center, 1851 Discovery Cir, Rapid City SD	605.355.3600
Pactola Visitor Center, Southside of the Dam on Hwy 385	605.345.8755

**It is your responsibility to have your permit for the event.**

## Trail Ratings

The rating system is based on a 1-10 scale with 10 being the hardest. Traction devices are considered limited slips or devices that require a certain wheel speed to engage. A locker does not require wheel spin to engage.

**Difficulty 5:** At this rating you are starting to stretch the capabilities of a stock vehicle and the novice driver. Body damage possible. Low range, high clearance, and 4 wheel drive required,

**Difficulty 6:** Larger than stock tires, 1 locker or 2 traction devices required; Winches advised due to large boulders, steep inclines, etc.

**Difficulty 8:** Not advisable for novice drivers; potentially dangerous situations; maximum ground clearance, lowest gears, Body damage likely. 35"+ tires, 2 lockers, and winch are required

**Difficulty 10:** Purpose built buggy style vehicles, 39"+ tires, 2 lockers, and winch are required

**Vehicle with a lower trail rating maybe allowed on the trail at the trail leaders discretion**

### **VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS – Checked at technical inspection**

1. Fire Extinguisher
2. Roll Bar on Soft-Tops
3. Spare Tire – Can be left at the trailhead on a trailer
4. First aid kit
5. Seat Belts for all occupants
6. Muffled exhaust system, no open headers
7. Ash tray in all vehicles that smoke
8. Recovery Points (Front and Rear)
9. Registration, Insurance, and OHV Permit
  - a. Vehicles trailed to the trailhead must have insurance and permit

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## Event Rules

1. **No Alcohol/Illegal Substances allowed on the trail. This includes any time you are participating in an event trail ride or being a spectator of an event trail ride.** Failure to respect this rule will result in being asked to leave the event and reported to the proper authorities.
2. **NO PETS** allowed in Challenge camp or on Challenge trail rides. This includes dogs. You will be asked to camp at another location if you bring your dog.
3. VHF/UHF radios will be used by the trail leaders for trail communications. We encourage participants to purchase one of these radios for the event. The BaoFeng UV-5R+ radio can be purchased on Amazon.com for ~\$35.00. Programming will be available at the event. The trail leader is responsible for the conduct of the trail ride and his/her decisions are final. If you leave a trail ride before the conclusion, you must contact the trail leader before leaving.
4. Drive responsibly to protect the environment and only where motorized vehicles are permitted. All participants must abide by U.S. Forest Service rules and regulations. Do not take items from historic sites; leave history for all to enjoy.
5. Always maintain visual contact with the vehicles behind you. Stop and wait for the vehicle behind you if you lose sight.
6. Vehicle technical inspections will be conducted for required safety and trail equipment.
7. All vehicles must be registered four-wheel drives. Must have proof of liability insurance. The BH4W's are not responsible for accidents, damage, or injury to persons or vehicles. All drivers must be at least 18 years old and are responsible for the occupants of that vehicle. All occupants must be registered, paid for, and sign a waiver. No motorcycles, three wheelers, ATV's, etc., will be allowed at any time.
8. Forest Service OHV Permit.
9. If you arrive before Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> or stay past September 5<sup>th</sup>, you will be required to pay your own camping fees for each additional night.
10. Refrain from smoking at all while on the trails, it is only allowed in an enclosed vehicle.
11. All trail repairs requiring cutting, grinding or welding will only be allowed at the discretion of trail leader and under direct supervision due to fire dangers.
12. Failure to follow DTC rules will result in being asked to leave the event without a refund.

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## Schedule of Events

### THURSDAY, September 1<sup>st</sup>

10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Check-in/technical inspection
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Social hour, complimentary soft drinks
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Merchandise Ordering Open
Dinner Bell (~7:30 pm)	Challenge Welcome and Driver's Briefing
8:00 pm - 8:15 pm	Tentative Night Run

### FRIDAY, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

7:00 am	Trail ride sign up
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Late check-in and technical inspection
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Trail rides depart camp
4:00 pm - onwards	Trail rides return to camp
7:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Merchandise Ordering Open
Dinner Bell (~7:30 pm)	Door Prizes give-away (must be present to win)
9:00 pm - onwards	Group Campfire or fix your broken rig and/or ego!

### SATURDAY, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

7:00 am	Trail ride sign up
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Trail rides depart camp
4:00 pm - onwards	Trail rides return to camp
Dinner Bell (~6:00 pm)	DTC Dinner – Bring your own plates, utensils and drinks
8:30 pm - onwards	Group Campfire or more fixing

### SUNDAY, September 4<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am	Trail ride sign up
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Trail rides depart camp
4:00 pm - onwards	Trail rides return to camp
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Merchandise Ordering Open
Dinner Bell (~7:30 pm)	Special Awards, Campfire

### MONDAY, September 5<sup>th</sup>

Any Time	Pack up, head home, and plan for next year's Challenge
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## Registration

**Registration deadline is July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016!**

The 2016 registration fee for each vehicle, driver, and four nights of camping is \$210.

Registration fees postmarked **after July 15<sup>th</sup>** will be **\$260** for each vehicle, driver and four nights of camping.

Each additional passenger 16+ is \$60 regardless of application deadlines.

Registration is limited to 75 paid vehicles.

The registration form is a fill-able pdf form. If possible please use a computer to fill out the registration and order forms (or neatly print). It is available to download from our website and web forum.

[www.bh4wheelers.com](http://www.bh4wheelers.com) & [www.bh4wheelers.com/4x4board](http://www.bh4wheelers.com/4x4board)

Please return pages 6 & 7 with payment. Mail or email to the following:

Craig Grunenfelder                      [bh4wheelers@gmail.com](mailto:bh4wheelers@gmail.com)  
12916 Pony Express  
Piedmont, SD 57769

Cancellations prior to August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 will be refunded after the event. Notifications for registration transfers must be received by August 15th, 2016. Returned checks are charged \$35 NSF fee. Please make sure that you sign the application before mailing it.

Group attendees put all registrations together in the same envelope. Large Groups (8+) may not be able to trail ride together every day.

PayPal is available for payment, if you wish to use it email the completed PDF registration form to [bh4wheelers@gmail.com](mailto:bh4wheelers@gmail.com) and we will sent a request for payment.

Postcards verifying your registration will be sent out by July 31<sup>st</sup> confirming your registration via email or post.

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## 2016 DAKOTA TERRITORY CHALLENGE APPLICATION

Last Name:	First:		
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Country:
Vehicle Type:	Year:	Plate:	
Contact Phone #:	Emergency Contact:		
Email Address:	Emergency Contact #:		

**Registered driver and 1 vehicle: \$260**

If camping note the type, Tent, RV, Camper, 5th Wheel, etc:

Overall camping length if other than tenting (do not include detachable trailers that can be parked outside of the camping spot):

	Last Name	First Name	Age	
<b>Passengers age 16 and older \$60 each</b>				
<b>Passengers under 16 Free</b>				

**TOTAL REGISTRATION \$**

I hereby have read and understand all Rules and Regulation's posted in this application.

Signature:

Date:

BH4W's reserve the right to reject any applications - BH4W's reserve the right to cancel the event at any time.

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