

2017 Dakota Territory Challenge

The Black Hills 4-Wheelers are proud to present the:
35th ANNUAL DAKOTA TERRITORY CHALLENGE
August 31st through September 4th, 2017

The Dakota Territory Challenge (DTC) is a trail ride event offered over 3 days. We have trails for ALL LEVELS. Scenic, Mild, Medium, and Hard technical rock crawling trails are all available each day of the event. Club members are available on every trail to guide, spot, assist each participant as needed. Trails are assigned 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 available for rent. Call 605-341-3667 for rentals or reservations if arriving early. www.blackhillswisperingpines.com

We ask that you indicate the size of your trailer on the application so the campground can park everyone accordingly.

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 15st, 2017 and limited to the first 55 paid vehicles!

We have reduced the size of the event this year. Several reasons for this change, but ultimately we feel it gives the participants a better overall experience and maximizes the fun factor. In the past 4 years we have had ~65 rigs so don't delay in filling out your application. Vendor applications are also available, contact Craig for more info.

Sweatshirts, t-shirts, and hats with the Challenge theme are offered for the event. If you wish to pick up the order at the event, please pre-order. Pre-order prices are discounted 10%. We will have limited merchandise on hand at the event, we also can mail any orders placed at the event via Flat Rate postal rate. Details on page 6.

VHF radios are used for trail communications. Details on page 3.

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 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. We will have a few radios available for purchase 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 1st or stay past September 5th, 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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Registration

deadline is July 15th, 2017, limited @ 55 vehicles

The registration fee for one vehicle, driver, and four nights of camping is \$210. Each additional passenger 16+ is \$60.

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

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). Fyi, there are some issues with Apple products and pdf forms, contact me if you need assistance. It is available to download @ www.bh4wheelers.com or www.bh4wheelers.com/4x4board

Please return pages 5 & 6 with payment, please retain the rest of this application for reference.

Mail or email to the following:

Craig Grunenfelder bh4wheelers@gmail.com
12916 Pony Express
Piedmont, SD 57769

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

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

Cancellations prior to August 15th, 2017 will be refunded after the event. Notifications for registration transfers must be received by August 15th, 2017. Returned checks are charged \$35 NSF fee. Please make sure that you sign the application before mailing it.

Postcards verifying your registration will be sent out monthly as received via email or post.

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VENDOR - 2017 DAKOTA TERRITORY CHALLENGE APPLICATION - VENDOR

Last Name:	First:		
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Country:
Vehicle Type:	Year:	Plate:	
Contact Phone #:	Emergency Contact:		
Email Address:	Emergency Contact #:		
<p>If camping note the type, Tent, RV, Camper, 5th Wheel, etc:</p> <p>Overall camping length if other than tenting (do not include detachable trailers that can be parked outside of the camping spot):</p>			

Vendor fee for event is donation of merchandise with a value of \$500 dollars or more

	Last Name	First Name	Age
Passengers age 16 and older			

	Description of item	Quantity	Value
Items donated			

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

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Approved and Accepted by the Black Hills 4 Wheelers for the Dakota Territory Challenge

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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2017 DAKOTA TERRITORY MERCHANDISE PRE-ORDER

Last Name:		First Name:	
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		ADULT LINE								
		S	M	L	XL	2XL		3XL		
ADULT T-SHIRT	\$17					\$20		\$23		\$
LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT	\$26					\$29		\$31		\$
LADIES TEE	\$18					\$30				\$
LADIES HALTER TOP	\$16									
HOODIE	\$38					\$41		\$42		\$
ZIP HOODIE	\$42					\$45		\$47		\$
BASEBALL HAT	\$23									\$
BLACK/GREY BEANIE	\$23									\$

		CHILDRENS LINE				
		4-5	6-8	10-12	14-16	
CHILD'S T-SHIRT	\$17					\$
CHILD'S HOODY	\$38					\$

Merchandise Prices and Availability Guaranteed Only for Pre-Orders

Grand Total	\$
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The theme for this year's event is: Make Crawling Great Again

The logo and layout is still in the works but rest assured it will be amazing and simply rock. The logo will be on the back of all items. Email or call with any questions regarding the merchandise styles, design, and quality. We strive to have high quality products at reasonable prices.

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Schedule of Events

*The Dinner Bell is a cast iron bell that is rung to gather everyone together

THURSDAY, August 31st

12:00 noon - 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 -	Tentative Night Run

FRIDAY, September 1st

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 2nd

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 3rd

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 4th

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