



## DAKOTA TERRITORY CHALLENGE 2019

August 29th through September 2nd!

The Black Hills 4 Wheelers is once again hosting the 37th Annual Dakota Territory Challenge! This is a fun-filled family 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, and 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. See Page 4 for further details and camping arrangements.

**Registration deadline is July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and limited to the first 55 paid vehicles!**

T-shirts and sweatshirts with the Challenge theme (see above logo) are offered for the event. We will have limited merchandise on hand at the event. No post orders available. This year's theme is "DTC 2019 - The Search for the Perfect Trail". Ordering details will only be available via online web order only. Watch for further details either on FaceBook or on our website at bh4wheelers.com. Your pre-ordered merchandise will be available at registration.

Please review the Event Rules, Registration details, Trail Ratings, US Forest Service Permit Requirements, Campground rules 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

# 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 pre-programmed radios available for purchase also at the event.
4. Drive responsibly to protect the environment and only where motorized vehicles are permitted. 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.
5. **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.
6. Always maintain visual contact with the vehicles behind you. Stop and wait for the vehicle behind you if you lose sight.
7. Vehicle technical inspections will be conducted for required safety and trail equipment.
8. **All vehicles must be registered four-wheel drives and 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.
9. **Forest Service OHV Permit.**
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.

## Registration

The registration fee for one vehicle, driver, and four nights of camping is \$215.

Each additional passenger 16+ is \$60.

Registration fees postmarked **after July 15<sup>th</sup>** will be **\$265** for each vehicle, driver and four nights of camping. Children under 16 are free.

The application is only available to download @ [www.bh4wheelers.com](http://www.bh4wheelers.com). Please return pages 5 & 6 along with a check in US funds or paypal email address for online payment. (I will then contact you via PayPal with a request for payment.) Please retain the rest of this application for reference.

Mail application to the following:

Black Hills 4 Wheelers  
PO Box 1354  
Rapid City, SD 57709-1354

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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 will be refunded after the event. Notifications for registration transfers must be received by August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Returned checks are charged \$35 NSF fee. Please make sure that you sign the application before mailing it. A postcard or email will be sent verifying your registration once received.

Please fill out and sign at the bottom of your application. All participants must sign waiver, including children and or legal guardian of all minors. See page 5 for details.

## Campgrounds

The **Whispering Pines Campground** has groceries, gift shop, and cabins available for rent. Call 605-341-3667 for rentals or reservations if arriving early or staying later than the planned dates of the Challenge.

[www.blackhillswisperingpines.com](http://www.blackhillswisperingpines.com)

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

Camping spots are first come, first serve. ***Check in with the campground upon arrival!***

The campground will again do breakfast and sack lunches as in previous years. No evening cooking.

**All vehicle trailers will go in the field.**

# Schedule of Events

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

## THURSDAY, August 29<sup>th</sup>

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

## FRIDAY, August 30<sup>th</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 Sales 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, August 31<sup>st</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
8:30 pm - onwards	Group Campfire or more fixing

## SUNDAY, September 1<sup>st</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 Sales Open
Dinner Bell (~7:30 pm)	Special Awards, Campfire

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

Any Time	Pack up, head home, and plan for next year's Challenge
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## 2019 DAKOTA TERRITORY CHALLENGE APPLICATION

<b>Last Name:</b>	<b>First:</b>			Registered driver and vehicle: \$215
<b>Address:</b>				
<b>City:</b>	<b>State</b> :	<b>Zip:</b>	<b>Cntry</b>	
<b>Vehicle Type:</b>	<b>Year:</b>	<b>Plate</b> :		
<b>Contact Phone #:</b>		<b>Emergency Contact:</b>		
<b>Email Address:</b> PayPal: Yes No		<b>Emergency Contact #:</b>		
<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 will be parked outside of the camping spot):</p>				

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

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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**RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

In consideration of being permitted to officiate, work for, or for any purpose whatever to participate in the Dakota Territory Challenge, the undersigned for himself, his personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin; HEREBY RELEASES the Black Hills 4-Wheelers, the Dakota Territory Challenge Committee; the United States Forest Service, Badlands National Park, officials; and crew members; all referred to herein as Releasees from any and all liability to the undersigned, his personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin for any loss or damage on account of injury to the undersigned or his property or resulting in the death of the undersigned whether caused by the negligent act or omission of Releasees while the undersigned is officiating, working, or for any purpose participating in such event. IN ADDITION, the undersigned AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the Releasees from any loss, liability damage or cost they incur due to any such officiating, working, or participating by the undersigned, whether caused by Releasees negligence or otherwise AGREE TO ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY AND RISK for any bodily injury, death, or property damage from Releasees negligence or otherwise while the undersigned is officiating in, working for, or for any purpose participating in the Dakota Territory Challenge.

All participants will need to sign below.

\* A minor shall write the word "MINOR" and his/her age next to his/her name. A minor shall also have parents, the parent with legal custody, or his/her legal guardians sign this release form.

DATE

PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME

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