



Saturday Night Alive!

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At a Glance:

Upcoming Events

Friday—Sunday, June 3-5,
MEN ONLY fishing and
camping weekend.

Saturday, June 18th,
8:00am Bike Ride on the
Mickelson Trail.

Saturday—Sunday July
16th-17th, Hills Alive.

Saturday, July 23rd,
7:00pm @ Robyn's. Book/
Bible Study.

Saturday, July 30th
5:00pm, Pirate's Cove,
Mini-golf.

Saturday, August 6th @
1:00pm. Hike Buzzard's
Roost Trail.

Saturday, August 13th @
6:00 pm. Pitchfork Fondue
@ Darcie's.

Saturday, August 20th @
6:30pm. Book/Bible Study
@ Robyn's.

Friday-Sunday, August
26th—28th, End of the
summer camping and picnic.

More information and the
remaining calendar is on
page 3.

Welcome to Summer!



Summer seems to have gotten a late start this year, but we are hopeful it will arrive soon. Saturday Night Alive leadership has a variety of activities planned for this summer. You can see them listed in the column to the left and also on page 3 where the details are displayed. I just wanted to highlight a couple of things.

The weekend of June 4th-5th is a MEN ONLY fishing trip to Pierre, SD. Men are invited to attend. There will be a fishing guide and a great time of fellowship. Call Craig Nelson @ (605)348-2258 for more information. **This was cancelled due to flooding in Pierre.** This is the same weekend as the Crazy Horse Volksmarch which takes place Saturday and Sunday. For the price of three cans of food, you can enjoy a three mile hike to the arm of Crazy Horse. We don't have an organized activity for this but I did want to let you know about it in case you wanted to go.

SNA's "annual" bike ride is June 18th where you can ride from Dumont to Mystic on the Mickelson Trail. Trailers will be available to transport bikes, etc...

A July 4th weekend in Jackson Hole has been organized by some friends of SNA. For more information and to reserve a place, call Craig Nelson @ (605)348-2258.

Don't forget Hills Alive is coming July 16th-17th in Memorial Park, Rapid City. Free admission!!

Also, during the summer, Rapid City hosts Summer Nights every Thursday evening. Entertainment is provided free of charge. Connect with Darcie @ (605)209-6677 for information. This is not a SNA event.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: We are trying hard to go paperless and help save the environment. PLEASE let us know if you have an email address where we can send the newsletter to instead of a mailing address. We also need to know how many of you need to continue to receive the newsletter through the mail because you do not have an email address available. PLEASE let Robyn know, @ (605)342-0613, your email address OR if you need to continue receiving the mailing, no later than June 18th, 2011 so you can continue receiving this newsletter. Thanks.

Tourism, Here We Come!!

By Lila Scandrett

I wonder how many of you are aware of the many wonderful places you can visit right here in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota. It does cost money to see these attractions I am going to tell you about, but the attractions, in my estimation, are well worth the money it costs to experience them.

First of all, I would like to tell you about the great educational opportunities available at **Mount Rushmore**. Besides a great gift shop and a bountiful book store, you really need to take in the visitor center exhibit hall, the night lighting ceremony, the Sculpture's Studio, the Ranger walks and talks and even the Audio Tour. The Visitor Center Exhibit Hall features a timeline of the project, short snapshots of most of the people who worked on the monument, explanation of why these four presidents were displayed on the monument, and other interesting facts about the mountain. The Visitor Center is open from 8:00 am – 10:00 pm every day during the summer. The night lighting ceremony takes place in the outdoor amphitheater @ 9:00 pm every night during the summer and features a different ranger doing a 10 minute talk relating to the monument and a great video about the mountain. It is only a half hour long but dress warm because it does cool down at night there. The Sculpture's Studio features the model that Borglum, himself, created and used to take measurements for the mountain itself. It also has information about the Hall of Records located behind the Mount Rushmore presidents. The interpretive rangers present guided walks and talks along the Presidential Trail which takes you to the base of the mountain and also have some wonderful educational talks at the Sculpture's Studio at times during the day. The Audio Tour is a wand you can rent for \$5.00 that you play as you walk along or sit and listen to and it has about two and a half hours of educational information about the monument. The cost to visit Mount Rushmore is a onetime yearly parking payment (in cash only) of \$11.00 per car, motorcycle or RV.

You may not be aware of this, but there are six beautiful caves open to the public in the Black Hills area. Two of them are National Parks which are Jewel Cave and Wind Cave. They are both different from each other. **Jewel Cave** is a limestone cave with beautiful stalagmites, stalactites, ribbon crystal, and various other types of crystal formed by water. The rooms are mostly big with many steps and much walking, but the cave does have an elevator to take you down to the main part of the cave. **Wind Cave** has unique box work crystal made more by wind than water, but also includes some stalagmites and stalactites. The tours really need to be by reservation and can be arranged by calling the number located in the chart on page 4. Some of the other caves open to the public are: **Rushmore Cave**, located about 8 miles east of Keystone. They also say they are adding a zipline in 2011. **Black Hills Caverns** located off Hiway 44 west of Rapid City is another cave. **Sitting Bull Crystal Cave** is located off highway 16 south of Rapid City, just past Reptile Gardens. This tour is pretty short with quite a few stairs but beautiful crystals, similar to the other caves. **Wonderland Cave** is located off exit 32 off I-90 at Sturgis onto scenic Vanocker Canyon Road or South of Deadwood on Highway 385 via the beautiful Nemo area. Those are the caves that are available to the public here in the Black Hills.

Reptile Gardens has some very unique snakes that are under glass, of course. There is a fun area to walk through that is like a tropical garden and has parrots and other birds flying around. You do need to be careful where you step because they do have harmless snakes slithering around on the floor. They have a Gator show, a Birds of Prey show, a Bewitched Village, a Snake Show, souvenir shop, and more. The shows are very educational. You can even get a season pass free with your admission and come back as often as you want during the summer.

Bear Country is a drive through wild animal park where the animals are kept in a free roaming area behind fences. You will see plenty of brown bears. Their walk through baby animal area is the most enjoyable, to me. You see cubs and smaller animals roaming, but you get to walk pretty close to them and see them up close and personal. Both Reptile Gardens and Bear Country are located south of Rapid City on Highway 16.

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May be placed on your refrigerator for easy access. (Or in your pocketbook or glove box!)

Go to www.saturdaynightalivesingles.com for more information, or call Darcie @ (605) 209-6677

June 2011

Friday, June 3rd—Sunday, June 5th. MEN ONLY camping/fishing trip to Pierre. Please call Craig Nelson as soon as possible if interested. (605) 348-2258. CANCELLED DUE TO FLOODING!!!

Saturday, June 18th, 8:00am BIKE TRIP, Meet @ South Canyon Baptist Church, 3333 West Chicago St., Rapid City, with \$2.00 for Mickelson Trail fee, water, lunch, rain gear, bicycle, and money for gas. A trailer will be available to transport bicycles.

July 2011

Friday, July 1st—Monday, July 4th. Camping Trip to Jackson Hole, WY. This is organized by friends of Saturday Night Alive. For more information, call Craig @ (605)348-2258. Reservations and deposits need to be in by June 24th. Horseback riding, river float, white water rafting, etc... available.

Sunday, July 10th- Hike Box Elder Creek. This hike will be lead by Shelley. Meet @ 12:45pm with lunch and hiking gear @ South Canyon Baptist Church parking lot, 3333 West Chicago St., Rapid City. Call Shelley @ (605) 389-2327 for more information.

Saturday, July 16th—Sunday, July 17th. Hills Alive. Please join us @ Memorial Park in Rapid City, near the Civic Center, for an enjoyable couple of afternoons and evenings for great Christian music concerts. FREE ADMISSION!! Look for the yellow flag or SNA sign.

Saturday, July 23rd @ 7:00pm. Book/Bible Study @ Robyn's. Come and delve into the book "When the Pieces Don't Fit...". This is a great book about intimacy with God through prayer and obedience. Lila and Kaye are leading the study. Call Robyn @ (605)342-0613 for directions and Lila @ (605)484-1460 for more information about the study.

Saturday, July 30th, 5:00pm, Pirates' Cove mini-golf. Meet @ Pirates' Cove, 1500 N. Lacrosse St., Rapid City, and enjoy an evening of mini-golf and fellowship. Cost is:\$8.00 per adult for the mini-golf, unless you have a coupon. After the game, we will go to a restaurant, to be determined, for supper.

August 2011

Saturday, August 6th @ 1:00pm, Hike Buzzard's Roost trail located 4 miles west of Rapid City off Highway 44. First parking area on the left after the Black Hills National Forest sign. Intermediate type of trail. Bring plenty of water. Contact Jeff Miller if interested @ (605)721-7898.

Saturday, August 13th, 6:00pm. Pitch Fork Fondue @ Darcie's. Bring your own meat to fondue or grill, salads or desserts to pass. Corn on the cob will be supplied. Call Darcie @ (605)209-6677 for information and directions.

Saturday, August 20th, 6:30pm. Book/Bible Study @ Robyn's. Continuing the discussion of the book, "When the Pieces Don't Fit...". Call Robyn @ (605)342-0613 for directions. This book delves into the topic of drawing closer to God. Lila and Kaye will be leading the discussion.

Friday, August 26th—Sunday, August 28th. End of the summer Camping @ Boxelder Forks Campground located behind Nemo Country Store, Nemo, SD. Reservations need to be in to Robyn no later than August 20th so she can secure the tent sites needed. Tent sites with vault toilets only available. Call Robyn @ (605)342-0613 for more information as well as to reserve your spot.

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Cosmos of the Black Hills will entertain and mystify you. It is located 16 miles south of Rapid City off Highway 16. It is a fun place to go where balls seem to roll uphill, people can stand on the walls and changing heights by changing places seems to take place.

Chart of Information

Place	Hours	Cost	Phone
Jewel Cave	8:00am – 4:30 pm	\$8.00/adult	(605)673-8300
Wind Cave	8:00 am—4:30 pm	\$8.00/adult	(605)745-4600
Rushmore Cave	8:00am – 8:00pm	\$13.50/adult	(605)255-4384
Black Hills Caverns	8:30am – 5:30 pm	\$12.00/adult	(605)343-0542
Sitting Bull Crystal Cave	8:00am – 8:00 pm	?	(605)342-2777
Wonderland Cave	8:00am – 7:00pm	?	(605)578-1728
Reptile Gardens	8:00am – 7:00pm	\$14.00/adult	(605)342-5873
Bear Country	8:00am – 6:00pm	\$16.00/adult	(605)343-2290
Cosmos	8:00am – 8:00pm	\$9.50/adult	(605)343-9802



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