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56th Redcatcher Reunion Information and Itinerary **May 27th through Thursday Night May 30th, 2024**

The reunion will begin in Rapid City, South Dakota on Monday, May 27th and will conclude Thursday Night, May 30th.

The Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center will be our host. It is located at 2111 N. LaCrosse Street, Rapid City, South Dakota 57701.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Hotel reservations can be made by phone at 605-343-8550. Make sure you ask for the "Redcatcher block of rooms". The rate, including taxes and fees is \$121.00 per night. The rate is guaranteed 2 days before and 2 days after the reunion, from May 25th to June 1st. The room rate is guaranteed for reservations made before April 27, 2024; after that date the rate is based on availability.

Room reservations may also be made online by using the following link.

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.42048.html?groupid=T31BC9X5

If you have any problems registering, contact Richard Masters @ 805-377-2688.

RESERVATIONS FOR REUNION EVENTS:

Please see the separate reservation form for the reunion events where you can register and calculate the cost. Payment will be by check ONLY and mailed to Bob Cusick, 280 Mohawk Trail, Wayne New Jersey 07470. Make sure you list all the people in your group. There is a \$20 charge for adults 18 and over to help cover the costs for the hospitality room and defray other reunion costs.

If you have four (4) or more in your party for the Reunion Banquet, make sure you complete a reservation form at the registration table so you can sit together.

HOSPITALITY ROOM:

The Hospitality and registration room will be in the Rushmore Room and will be open most days at 08:00. Beverages and snacks will be available throughout the reunion. It will be CLOSED intermittently, due to events and meetings. Look for the posting of times. This room will also serve for our memorial service and banquet.

Stop by registration and pick up your registration packed with your badges and event tickets. Also, pick up information and direction on the many attractions in and near Rapid City.

REUNION EVENTS:

MONDAY MAY 27TH:

The hospitality and registration will open in the Rushmore Room at 09:00. It will close around 21:30. Our welcome and memorial service will begin at 14:30 and will be followed by a “Pizza Dinner” starting around 16:00.

TUESDAY MAY 28TH:

The hospitality and registration room will open at 08:00 and close around 21:30.

There are no special events planned for this day. You will be encouraged to visit Deadwood, Sturgis and other points of interest that are NOT included in the Wednesday Tour. Information will be provided at the registration table. Since you will be using POV's, we urge you to “buddy-up” where you can.

WEDNESDAY MAY 29TH:

MOUNT RUSHMORE SIGHTSEEING TOUR:

We will board buses at 08:30 for an all-day 8 Stop tour including lunch, dinner, and a show.

Our first stop will be Mount Rushmore National Memorial where we will have plenty of time to see all the park has to offer including the sculptor's studio and the Lincoln Borglum Museum.

Next, we will travel over the Peter Norbeck National Scenic Byway as it takes us over Iron Mountain and through scenic tunnels and pigtail bridges.

Our third stop will be Custer State Park, where we can see buffalo, burrows, antelope, elk, and Rocky Mountain bighorn.

For lunch we will stop at the State Game Lodge, once the summer White House for Calvin Coolidge. We will be served a buffet lunch, including buffalo stew.

After lunch we will continue through Custer State Park up Needles Highway passing through scenic tunnels and overlooks.

Our journey will stop at Sylvan Lake for a restroom break and to view the spectacular man-made lake located at the bottom of Harney Peak.

The Crazy Horse Memorial will be next. This is the largest mountain carving in the world, and we will have plenty of time to visit the memorial and museums and learn about the sculptor Korzak Ziolkowski.

Then it is on to Fort Hayes for the Chuckwagon Supper and Variety Show. The bell will ring, and everyone is called to the feed line where cowboys serve up a chuckwagon supper on a tin plate and serve your drinks in a tin cup. After supper the Fort Hays Wranglers take the stage for a foot stompin', belly shaking good time variety show.

We will return to the hotel around 20:30. The cost is \$150 per person.

THURSDAY MAY 30TH:

09:00 our annual Redcatcher Business Meeting will be conducted in the hospitality room. See the separate agenda for this meeting. We urge all Redcatchers to attend.

17:00 our Annual Brigade Banquet will begin with a social hour with a no-host bar. Call to order will be at 18:00 followed by introductions. Dinner will begin around 18:30. Following dinner will be the rest of the proceedings including the auction. Proceedings will conclude around 21:30. The cost of the banquet is \$40 per person (children 10 and under are free).

This will conclude our 56th Reunion.

Questions Call Richard Masters 805-377-2688.