

BECON

May 10, 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Rene passed around the committee list again this morning. If you haven't signed up for a committee as of yet, contact Rene.
- b. Great job this past weekend by the social committee on the Derby party. The food was amazing, even with Wiley having a bum neck. This reporter spoke with a member of the race crew, to find out if any more disqualifications happened that night. According to the source, there was one close call, but the judges felt that they could look the other way for the benefit of the event.
- c. June 1st we are heading to the Pig Races. The first bus is already half full, so make sure to let Tanner know that you are interested soon! The bus will be leaving from the American Legion at 2pm on the 1st.
- d. Tomorrow is the closing of the MMA schedule. Make sure to log in and select if you can work or not. June 15th is the Food Truck Battle. Please log in and choose which shift you can work and select unavailable for any shift that you can't work. Due to scheduling, if you leave your selection as available, you may be selected to work both shifts. Also, please share as many posts on Facebook for the event!
- e. May 18th is the highway cleanup at Swords Park. Start time for the cleanup is 9am.
- f. May board meeting is Tuesday, May 14th in the Yellowstone Room. If you need to speak with the board, please let Cory know so that he can get you on the schedule. Just a reminder, next Friday is a business meeting, so remember no guests.
- g. Between the raffle Saturday night and the pass the hat last week, our club raised almost \$900 for Jane Goodall.
- h. Mail courier food drive is TODAY. Sorry that I didn't get the BECON out last night. Please round up any food cans and set them out for your mail carrier.

Our guest speaker was Krista Hertz who is with the Education Foundation for Billings Public Schools. This group is separate from School District 2 but helps to provide opportunities for children. She was in to speak with the group today about Reading Rocks.

Reading Rocks, a summer reading program in the parks, was a great success in 2018. More than 3,400 books were distributed to children in the Billings community. The Billings Education Foundation would like to thank the many volunteers and sponsors that made this wonderful program possible.

Reading Rocks provides reading activities for six weeks during the summer in conjunction with the School District II's Free Lunch in the Parks, a program that serves over 45,000 free lunches during the course of the summer. Reading Rocks is designed to help low income students continue reading over the summer when reading levels are known to drop. Students can enjoy guest storytellers from around the community at the start of every session. Students are then invited to read with adult and teen volunteers. Finally, all participants select a book of their choice and a prize to take home.



Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

May 18th - MMA

June 15th – Food Truck Battle

Upcoming Club Events

June 1st – Pig Races

June 7th & 8th – District Convention



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Weekly Schedule for Reading Rocks (12:15 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

- Mondays and Wednesdays in Castle Rock Park (West Wicks Lane)
- Mondays at Orchard Elementary School (120 Jackson Street)
- Tuesdays and Thursdays in Central Park (Central and 10th Street West)
- Tuesdays and Thursdays in Pioneer Park (3rd Street West and Avenue D)
- Wednesdays in Gorham Park (Houle Drive and Miles Avenue)

Ways to get involved in 2019:

- Volunteer as a storyteller that reads a short book at the beginning of each session to all of the children. The storyteller may also offer an activity for the children that relates to your organization in a fun and interesting way.
- Volunteer to talk about topics of interest (e.g. a fireman talks about fire safety, a bicyclist discusses rules of the road and bicycle parts, an artist describes how he makes a sculpture, etc.).
- Volunteer to help read with the children after the storyteller is done.
- Donate gently used or new books to be distributed throughout the program. Interested people may drop books off at the Lincoln Center and leave a note with their information on it and that the books should be directed to the Education Foundation.

How To Volunteer:

Apply Directly Online or

Download a Volunteer Application (PDF): [Teen](#) or [Adult](#)

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