

BECN
5/24/19

Guests:

- Shilo Cook, who is interested in joining BEC and was checking out the club.
- Big Sky International Balloon Rendezvous representatives, Christy, Austin & Kylie.

Announcements:

- Stacy announced that the Island Adventure Run benefitting the Family Tree Center will take place this coming Sat, June 1. Volunteers and participants are needed. Check your email for a message from Stacy regarding the event. Also, the following is a link to check out the event: <https://runsignup.com/Race/MT/Billings/IslandXAdventureRace>



Island X Adventure Run

The Island X Adventure Run is on Saturday June 1, 2019. It includes the following events: 5k, 400m KIDS Run 3-4 Years Old, 400m KIDS Run 5-6 Years Old, and 400m KIDS Run 7-9 Years Old.

runsignup.com

- Darryl Weber announced that he has playhouse parade raffle tickets available for purchase. The cost \$10/ticket or 3/\$25. The raffle drawing will take place June 8.

- The social committee's pig race event is this Sat, June 1. The cost is \$15/person and spots are available. Contact Tanner to sign up. The bus will leave the American Legion (1540 Broadwater) at 2:00 p.m. Appetizers will be available there beginning at 1 p.m. There will be a couple stops on the way to Bear Creek and lots of fun will be had on the bus trip there and home. Arrangements have been made for our group's dinner reservations, however, you are responsible for the cost of your own dinner.

- A thank-you card from Eastern Star was passed around for our help in pizzarito making. They donated \$250 to Dog Tag Buddies in BEC's name for our help in their efforts.

- Shawnee announced that Karla Stricker, member of our club, is one of the top five entries for the 2019 Big Sky State Games National Anthem Contest. The overall winner will be chosen by public vote. Click on the following link to watch a video of each contestant and to vote until June 3:

https://bigskygames.org/events/national_anthem.php



National Anthem Contest - Big Sky Games

2019 National Anthem Contest. Online voting is open May 17th to June 3rd. The top five entries for the 2019 Big Sky State Games National Anthem Contest have been selected and the overall winner will be chosen by public vote.

bigskygames.org

- Shawnee also announced that the outreach committee is looking for volunteers to participate in the Reading Rocks program this summer. Volunteers are need at Pioneer Park from noon-1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays June 17-July 25. The following is link to learn more about the program.

<https://www.efbps.org/reading-rocks.html>



Reading Rocks - Education Foundation for Billings Public Schools - efbps.org

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.

www.efbps.org

- By popular vote so far, there will be no breakfast on July 5. Rene sent out a survey via survey monkey to each member's email. Check your spam if you haven't received it and want to vote for breakfast that day.

- The sum of \$48,060 has been deposited with the Foundation.

PROGRAM:

Christy, Austin, and Kylie with Billings International Big Sky Rendezvous spoke about that event, which will take place July 26-28.

The Big Sky International Balloon Festival is a non-profit organization developed to maintain the excitement of hot air ballooning in the Billings area. The event is operated by a Board consisting of 12 members, who are all volunteers. The goal of the Board is to maintain a free, fun event for the community.

The hot air balloon festival relies on donations to provide community education and to grant a balloon ride to a deserving member of our community each year.

Balloon rides cannot be sold pursuant to FAA guidelines. However, rides are raffled and you can get tickets at the Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter for \$25 each. 100 tickets are available. If you win, you have the choice of donating an adoption basket to YVAS in lieu of taking the balloon ride.

Balloons will fly 4 mornings in a row, beginning Thurs July 25 with a media flight. On Sat July 27, at dusk, the Balloon Glow and Field Festival will take place, which will include food trucks, a movie at Amend Park, and other activities.

Sponsorship opportunities are available, the benefits of which include basket banners, name and logo shout-outs on facebook, tickets to the pilot welcome party, balloon rides, and announcements during the Glow event. For details, contact Chris Jones at cjones25x@gmail.com or 406-690-1051.