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CAMPFIRE SAFETY

April showers may bring May flowers, but in Pennsylvania it brings one more thing: Peak wildfire season.

In Pennsylvania, "more than 99 percent of wildfires are caused by people," DCNR Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn noted in a statement.

"With dry spring conditions, it takes only a careless moment to ignite a devastating forest fire," she said.

The most recent fire danger map places the eastern half of Pennsylvania at high risk for fires, with the southeastern edge of the commonwealth firmly in the "very high" range.

While there are currently no burn bans in place, campfires should be held with care.

DCNR recorded two decades worth of wildfire data from 2000-2020, which shows that wildfires most frequently occur in the spring months of March, April and May in Pennsylvania with a lull in the summer months.

With that said, campfires are most definitely an integral part of outdoor life especially at RCTR. Whether you gather around them to tell ghost stories or sing songs, light them for warmth or ambience, or just want to toast marshmallows, a crackling open-air fire can tempt even the most

confirmed city slicker. Beautiful and mesmerizing as the flames are, campfires - or rather the people who light them - are responsible for more than half of all forest fires. We can't afford to be careless.

Smokey Bear sent us a few tips to follow or in the case of most our members who camp to double check:

- 1.Dig a small pit away from overhanging branches.
- 2. Circle the pit with rocks or be sure it already has a metal fire ring.
 3. Clear a five-foot area of any dry leaves, etc, around the pit down to the soil.
- 4. Always keep a bucket of water and a shovel nearby.
- 5.Stack your extra wood upwind and away from the fire.
- 6. After lighting, do not discard the match until it is cold.
- 7. Never leave a campfire unattended, not even for a minute. (one of our rules and regulations)

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Is your Helmet strapped?

Are you roaming the campground roads or even the trails without your helmet strapped? Be safe & please always make sure yours is! THANK YOU.

Gratz Fairgrounds 1/2 Mile Flat Track

April 17th & 18th check out this unique event right in our backyard, at the local fairgrounds.
Only a 15 min drive from RCTR. Racing starts noon.



ALL GUESTS

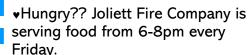
- •Riding or Non-Riding must be signed in upon arrival! The guest waiver is on the outside of the office wall 24/7.
- All members must be signed in upon arrival as well!

Tip of the Day! Local To Do's

Use old tin cans as a caddy for pens, colored pencils, and even tools. Attached to painted plywood, this organizer makes it easy to transport supplies anywhere.

Caddy How-To

- 1. To make the handle, drill 3 overlapping 1-inch holes in the top center of a 13-by-6-inch piece of 3/4-inch-thick plywood.
- 2. Sand edges of plywood and paint with latex paint. Crimp rough edges of tin cans if necessary.
- 3. Drill a small hole in the side of each can, 3/4 inch from the top; screw 1/2-inch screws from the insides of cans into wood on an angle, aligning tops of cans as shown.



- ◆Crossroads Market & AuctionOpen Fridays 10am -8pm
- ◆Kenny Stehr & Sons Farm —
 Produce List on Facebook —
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2021 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- *APRIL 18 MOTOTRIALS EVENT
- *APRIL 24 SPRING CLEANUP
- *May 15 Sarge's Memorial Ride
- *MAY 29 POKER RUN
- *JUNE 19 TREASURE HUNT
- *JULY 3 MEMBER APPRECIATION
 DAY *JULY 17 KIDS SCAVENGER
 HUNT *JULY 17 CHRISTMAS IN JULY RIDE
- *AUGUST 7 BONFIRE
- *AUGUST 21 RALLY IN BEAR VAL-LEY
- *SEPTEMBER 4 MUD RIDE
- *OCTOBER 10 DUAL SPORT EVENT
- *OCTOBER 23 TRICK-OR-TREAT
- *November 20 Turkey feast & Final Food Bank Count



GROUP RIDE SATURDAY-LETS MAKE APRIL SHINE

Group Ride- Saturday, 4/17. Meet at the pavilion by the office around 10am for a guided ride lead by one of our resident trail guides.

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April 18th-TRIALS EVENT— Use caution on Trail 3. Have you ever seen those weird bikes with no seats riding around and wonder why they would attempt to ride something like that at RCTR? This Sunday is a great opportunity to see them in action. Balance is key in the Trials world. They maneuver up steep inclines and huge rocks that no one would attempt on a normal bike.

Starting at 11am, aach competitor will have to conquer 8 different obstacles and you, as a member, will have the great opportunity to watch. It's a park and walk kind of thing, GRAB A MAP FROM THE OFFICE; follow trail 3 to trail 1 bridge, right after the bridge you can park on a left but do watch for the trials bike trail. Follow the creek, where most of the obstacles are located. Again, use CAUTION when going on trail 3 and parts of trail 1 near the course.

April 24th—SPRING CLEANUP—Free guest rider pass for the day of the event~ any guest rider who participates in the clean up with a get a free pass. Fewer and fewer members participate in the Spring clean up each year. Although we know some of you are busy that day, we hope most will join us as a celebration...a celebration of some normalcy. I always say, the more we have to help the less time our members are tied up on the road and the quicker you'll get to ride and EAT of course—Don't forget that yummy PIG ROAST~a nice hot free meal just for you.



Weather FORECAST

Fri Showers 50% 51° F | 38° F

Sat Mostly Cloudy 54° F | 37° F

Sun Partly Cloudy

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