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# September – beginning of fall or the end of summer.

I guess it depends on how you look at it—many people might see it as the end of summer – but even though my favorite time of the year is summer – I see September as a time for new beginnings. When we were young, it was an exciting time when you went back to school and saw all your old friends and showed off your new clothes and that great summer tan. But it was also a stressful time when you started a new grade, perhaps went to a new school, had new teachers and had to meet all the new kids in your class. I must say as an adult – I don't miss those first few weeks in September. What I do miss however, is the 2 1/2 months of summer vacation!

Even though I adore summer – there is something about the fall that gives you a well-needed kick in the butt. Maybe it's just the cooler weather that slaps that lazy summer feeling out of you – but even in business, September is a time when things ramp up again. Everyone is back from vacation and it's time to get things rolling again with new projects and goals.

I even eat differently come fall – I crave those casseroles laden with carbs and gooey cheese. (who am I kidding – I crave these year round!) But there's nothing like cooking a great meal inside on a cool and windy fall day – I can almost smell the apple crumble and mac and cheese! I must say that September is one of the best month to travel – the crowds are gone, kids are back at school, the weather is still fabulous and the fall colors are spectacular.

I guess I'm one of those people who actually like the change of seasons – although I do wish the summers were longer and the winters short-

#### er. Each season brings a different set of circumstances and new beginnings – whatever season it is. So get ready put away those tank tops and flip flops and embrace fall with those cool boots and comfy riding weather.

Lets make sure everyone feels "comfy" this last holiday weekend of the Summer by keeping in a mind a few *Rules:* 

• Guest/visitor sign-in- Any campsite who plans to have 10 or more guests must provide a list of guests names to the office by emailing trailriders@rauschcreekracing.com. If a guest is not signed in, they will have the pleasure of driving home immediately. Guests cannot be without a member.

• Campground speed limit is SLOOOOWWWW down!! 5mph, you will be parked if this is violated.

• Remember any minor rider, 12 & under, riding through the campground without adult supervision will be escorted back to their camp.... continuous disregard for this rule will result in the parking of your child for the remainder of the weekend. The campground is full. As a courtesy, to other campers, please do not have your child do continuous lap after lap in the campground. There are areas like the kiddie track where kids can ride with adult supervision.

## Winter/Fall Office Hours Soon Begin

\*Please keep in mind, the office will soon be closing at 4pm instead of 5pm on the weekends.\*

Still open 7-days a week! The NEW HOURS will be: Mon-Thurs. 9am-3:30pm:::Friday-Sunday 8am-4pm

#### Weather FORECAST

Fri Sunny 76' F | 51' F

Sat Mostly Sunny 80' F | 58' F

Sun Partly Cloudy 86' F | 63' F

#### ALL GUESTS:

RIDING OR NON-RIDING MUST BE SIGNED IN UPON ARRIVAL! THE GUEST WAIVER IS ON THE OUTSIDE OFFICE WALL 24/7.

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#### Need the Lockbox Combination for the gates?

Call the office at 570.682.1075. Andrew Gate is permanently closed



# TIP OF THE DAY



#### LOCAL TO DO'S

Every Friday afternoon and evening, Crossroads Farmer's Market, Route 25 between Gratz and Berrysburg

#### Sky-Vu Drive-In still open

\*Sept 2nd--Taste of Hamburg-er Festival 10am-6pm, Downtown Hamburg. Family entertainment on three streets, crafters/artists, contests (including burger eating), and children's activities. Regional restaurants will challenge each other to the People's Choice Award for the best burger. Admission Free

\*Sept 3rd, Hegins Wine Festival, Hegins Park, 1—6PM <u>http://schuylkillwinefestival.com/</u> \*Sept 9th-1oth Schwartz's Farms Corn Maze in Hegins Opening Weekend 11am-6pm \*Sept 16th Craft Faire at Hegins Park \*Sept 17th-23rd Gratz Fair www.pafairs.org/ gratzfair

\*Oct 14th Ashland AppleFest 11am-4pm at Eureka Park

## 2023 Event Schedule



September 2 Mud Ride October 8 Dual Sport Ride October 21 Trick or Treat November 4 Fall Foliage November 18 Turkey Feast



- Quiet Time extended 10:30pm-7AM in the campground. Noise complaints haven't been to bad this year but it is still happening! Re-
- spect others by *lowering voices and music …*voices and music carry in the still of night, so be respectful.
- This goes for *day*time as well. Keep music and voices to a respectable level or it's going to be NO LEVEL.
- Review the helmet rules. Helmets must be worn & strapped at all times. This includes while loading and unloading, riding in the campground or just moving it around your campsite.

# MUD GROUP RIDE SATURDAY 9/2

Line up at the pavilion starting at 11am. Hot dogs and beverages will be on sale for a small donation to the local food bank. Prizes and will be given to a few lucky ducks.

The trail is designed to provide an easy way to explore and play in our local mud holes.

- Each mud area will be a winch yourself out only excursion. Wear your grungiest clothes as they may not go home with you.
- Leave your jewelry at home. We don't want to be searching for any precious gems in the muck...yuck!
- Do not dive head first off your quad or bike into the mud....Although, the most creative entrance is always memorable.

Have fun getting muddy!

Even if you don't partake in the activities...we always like spectators with cameras!

## Hunting Riding Restrictions Schedule coming next week....

## **GROUP RIDE SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER**

Saturday, September 2; Mud Group Ride 11am Saturday, September 23 Regular Ride; 10am GROUP RIDES MEET @ the PAVILION

## **Schuylkill County Word Find**

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BIG DIAMOND RACEWAY	PIEROGIES
CONRAD RICHTER	PIONEER TUNNEL
CRUISE NIGHT	RAUSCH CREEK TRAILRIDERS
EAGLES	SCHUYLKILL SOJOURN
FAIRGROUNDS	SYMPHONY
HAWKS	TRAINS
HIKING	TUSCARORA
HISTORY	WINTER CARNIVAL
JOHN OHARA	YUENGLING





# -SEASONS PICTURE CONTEST

Members ask about the pictures on the office wall every day. Did you know? Those pictures were taken by members just like yourself a long long time ago for this same contest. 13 years ago...crazy how time flies when you're having fun! It's time to update those pictures so we're bringing back the



contest.

# ENTER TO WIN!

The theme is the Four Seasons at RCTR: Spring, Summer, Fall, & Winter.

All images should have a seasonal element of a trail at RCTR.

One winner will be chosen for each season. Each winner's picture will be displayed on the office wall and on our official webpage.

To enter please send a quality picture to: <a href="mailto:custsvc@rauschcreekracing.com">custsvc@rauschcreekracing.com</a> with your name and member #.

Each season will be narrowed down to four pictures chosen by our staff and then,YOU, the members will vote on the group page.

1st place winners will receive either RCTR T-shirt, Zip up or Beanie.

**Anyone can enter!** Surprisingly and sadly we've only received a few photos. All photos must be submitted by September 5th. Member votes will begin in September and end on October 1st.

