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South Dakota:

As summer progresses, August is a good time to focus on the incredible natural resources and attractions that make South Dakota such a special state. We are fortunate to live with a wide range of rural to urban accommodations, a strong family focus and value system, and a clean environment to support outdoor activities.

The friendliness and hospitality of South Dakota attracts more visitors every year, and the favorable tax structure and availability of dedicated workers encourages business growth. The population of South Dakota now exceeds 800,000 residents. The state encompasses more than 77,000 square miles, making it 16th in size among the states. The Missouri River runs north and south, dividing the state approximately in half. The line between the Central and Mountain time zones also runs roughly down the center of the state.

No discussion of South Dakota would be complete without mentioning the Native American heritage. Nine Sioux tribes of the Dakota, Lakota and Nakota dialects make their home here, including about 62,000 people. Each tribe has their own reservation or tribal land – more than any other state. Many artifacts are displayed in museums, galleries and visitor centers across the state.

Capital:	Pierre
Nickname:	The Mount Rushmore State
Bird:	Chinese Ring-necked Pheasant
Dessert:	Kuchen
Flower:	Pasque
Animal:	Coyote
Fish:	Walleye
Insect:	Honey Bee
Tree:	Black Hills Spruce
Song:	Hail, South Dakota
Sport:	Rodeo
Motto:	Under God, the People Rule



Probably the most famous place of interest in South Dakota is Mount Rushmore. Sculpted by Gutzon Borglum from 1927 to 1941, the spectacular 60-foot monument features four great American presidents. Nearby, a newer carving of Crazy Horse was started by Korczak Ziolkowski in 1948. After his death in 1982, family members continue to carve the mountain using his plans.

There are so many natural and man-made wonders throughout South Dakota that we cannot possibly feature all of them here. The Badlands National Park is exceptionally beautiful and characterized by sedimentary layers of different colors. A variety of fossilized species has been found there, and many living creatures remain. Visitors must be especially careful of rattlesnakes.



In Mitchell, the first Corn Palace was built in 1892 to stimulate economic growth. More than 3,000 bushels of corn are used to create the murals that decorate the exterior of the building, which are updated annually. In June, native grasses are changed, and later in the summer, the old corn, sorghum and milo are replaced. Finally, in September, a celebration is held as a grand finale to the harvest season.

The Missouri River, the Black Hills National Forest, the Redlin Art Center, the Pioneer Auto Museum, and the numerous National Wildlife refuges are all wonderful places to visit as well. If any of our readers have an interest in a particular aspect of South Dakota, we would be happy to provide further information.

Upcoming Events:



August also brings a plethora of events including the Sioux Empire Fair from August 2-11, the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally from August 5-11, Mitchell's DakotaFest from August 20-23, the Corn Palace Festival from August 21-25, and the South Dakota State Fair from August 29 to September 1. If any of these events brings you to South Dakota, we encourage you to visit the Lodge as well.



Prairie Puzzle:

The answer to last month's question about the Lake Oahe limit on walleye is eight. Congratulations to first place winner Mr. VanTilburg from Kentucky, second place winner Mr. Cluchey from South Carolina, first runner-up Mr. Abruzzino from Ohio, and second runner-up Mr. Smith from Wisconsin.

August question: ***Which four presidents are featured on the face of Mount Rushmore?***

Please submit your answer by August 15, 2013 to be included in the prize drawing for a free Dakota Prairie Lodge & Resort hunting hat. Responses will be accepted via mail, phone, or email. Good luck!