



BLACK FOREST COMMUNITY CLUB
MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER
“Everyone is Family in the Forest”

Schedule of BFCC Events

Saturday, March 9, 5-8pm Troop 70 Scout Chili Dinner
Friday, March 15, 5-7pm Family Game Night
Saturday, March 16, 6pm St. Patrick’s Corned Beef Potluck
Thursday, March 29, 6:30pm General Meeting
Saturday, March 30, 10-noon BF Community Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 13, 6pm Flat Broke After Taxes Spaghetti Potluck
Everyone is invited to attend the meetings and the events.
For Line Dancing classes, etc., check bfcommunityclub.org.

VALENTINE SOCIAL CANCELLED



The punch was ready to go. The chocolate cake was baked and iced. The Kisses and other goodies were in their bowls. Dawn had created lovely table decorations and had tablecloths and napkins. But the snow was still coming down and the roads were icy. At the last moment it was decided to cancel as common sense took over. So sorry but we hope March 16 will be a better day for the St. Patrick’s Corned Beef and Cabbage Potluck. See you then.

BFCC Family Game Night Friday, March 15th, 5:00pm - 7:00pm

We had so much fun at the BFCC Family Game Night this past December that we decided to host a Family Game Night every quarter! The next Family Game Night is Friday, March 12th.

This event is FREE to BFCC Members with current paid membership. Come out and challenge your family, friends, and neighbors in a variety of games including Jenga, Twister, Exploding Kittens, Operation, Quirkle, Killer Bunnies, Battleship, plus card games, and more. You are also welcome to bring your favorite game.

Snacks and drinks are provided. Come ready for some fun and entertainment. All ages are welcome.

If you are not a current BFCC member, the cost is \$5 per person at the door OR purchase a 2024 BFCC Membership for your entire household for only \$15.

More information at <https://weareblackforest.com/bfcc-family-game-night-march2024/>

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE POTLUCK—

Saturday, March 16, 6pm Dawn Sciarrotta, Programs Chairman

Last year our event was well attended and we had lots of delicious food. Corned Beef is the main event food for the evening, but you could bring whatever you want to share. I, Dawn Sciarrotta, will need a few extra hands for the event at 4:30pm. Please text me and leave a message at 719 661-3292 and I will let you know what I need.

Coffee, water, hot chocolate and cider are available this evening. If you need something stronger, please bring your own beer or wine. I think I will be making a couple of BIG Desserts for the social.

Or let me know if that is what you want to bring. We may even have a raffle...come and hang out and make some new friends, too.

Let's hope that we have a great event and NO SNOW for us!



Board and Officer Retreat 2024: Evaluation of Long-Term Projects and Planning by Leif Garrison, President

The BFCC's newly-elected Officers and Board of Directors held their annual Retreat on the very snowy morning of February 10, 2024. Despite the bad weather, congenial and productive discussions covered a number of important topics and plans for the upcoming year.

Membership, including an assessment of the current number of members and how to encourage and facilitate new and renewing memberships, was one of the primary topics. An enhanced email and newsletter distribution system was discussed and will be pursued. The status of the membership committee also received attention. More to come on this subject.

Hall maintenance also received a great deal of attention, with emphasis on potential improvements to the marquee and the reliability of the water system.

We talked about the BFCC's programs and presentations, including our popular annual events such as the Trunk or Treat and Christmas gatherings, as well as integrating other events or presentations of general and/or community interest. Hall rental matters were discussed, and plans were made to provide more support to the rental manager, including back up/troubleshooting for when urgent matters arise, such as problems with the pipes and/or door locks etc.

The long-anticipated bylaw revisions, including possible adjustments to the membership boundaries were discussed, and a plan was adopted for further development of this process. Again, more to follow.

Finally, with the refurbishment of the BFCC's historic logs having been completed, it was decided that the 2024 fundraising focus project will be the long-awaited enhancement and development of the back yard area. A systematic approach to the back yard improvements was adopted, to focus initially on planning, member input, and infrastructure improvements such as the driveway and drainage issues. To ensure a logical, integrated final result, we also will seek to engage a professional landscape architect to help us envision and plan for potential improvements and amenities. Much more to follow on the back yard, including our plans for obtaining input from our members.

The Club is looking for suggestions for improvements or additions to the Club web page <https://bfcommunityclub.org>. Suggestions can be made at this link: <https://www.bfcommunityclub.org/webimprov.html>

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Thanks for Jackie!

It was noted at the last BFCC General Meeting that March 1 is the one-year anniversary for our one-woman cleaning crew at the hall. **Jackie Composto** was recommended by one of our members and has been wonderful at keeping the hall clean and ready for the next user of the center. Since she lives here in the Forest, she is on top of keeping the old building shining. This is the busy person you might see around the building these days.



On a Sadder Note...

Our Long Time Member **Betty Kyle** fell in January and broke her femur. She is still in Cordera Rehab. **We wish her a speedy recovery.**

"Everybody is like a magnet. You attract to yourself reflections of that which you are. If you're friendly, then everybody else seems to be friendly too."

— [Dr. David Hawkins](#): Physician, spiritual teacher, and lecturer

SUPPORT TROOP 70 AND ENJOY SOME CHILI WITH FELLOW FORESTERS!

SCOUT FUNDRAISING CHILI DINNER MARCH 9, 5-8PM

Hi Black Forest Community,

The annual Troop 70 Chili dinner and Silent auction is fast approaching and will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2024 at the Black Forest Community Center from 5 PM to 8 PM. If you have not marked that date on your calendars, please do so now. The Chili Dinner and Silent Auction is the largest fundraiser of the year for Troop 70, and it allows the Troop to cover event costs for the boys and provide equipment and materials for our Scoutmasters to run our great scouting program.



Over the past few Chili Dinner events the silent auction team secured over \$12,000 worth of silent auction items each year. Purchasing these silent auction items is great way to support our local businesses and the Troop. In 2024 Troop 70 will complete our 72nd year of scouting in Black Forest and we are so thankful to have the widespread support from our community. Please come out on March 9th and enjoy a great dinner, visit with some long-lost friends and bid on some awesome silent auction items.

For questions about the event or if you have items you would like to donate items to the silent auction please contact the following: **Kevin Vider, Committee Chair** – kjvider@gmail.com – 719-243-0409 or **Keith Kramer, Scoutmaster**, keithakramer@gmail.com – 573-337-1768.

Thank you and see you on March 9, 2024 from 5 PM to 8 PM!!

Black Forest Community Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30th 10:00am – 12:00pm

The Black Forest Community Easter Egg Hunt returns this year by popular demand! Join us on Saturday, March 30th at 10:00am at the Black Forest Community Center for this kid-focused and age-appropriate event.

Start at the back deck of the Black Forest Community Center to find out where each age group is located, then send your kids off to hunt for candy-filled Easter Eggs!



We are excited to host this fun and safe event for the children of the Black Forest Community!

The Black Forest Easter Egg Hunt is a free community event hosted by the Black Forest Community Club and run by a team of dedicated volunteers. This event cannot take place without the support of our community.

We are asking for candy donations from the community and volunteers to help us fill Easter Eggs. Please contact WeAreBlackForestCO@gmail.com for more information.

More information at <https://weareblackforest.com/2024-easter-egg-hunt/>

2024 Black Forest Festival Weekend, August 9th & 10th

Black Forest Biergarten Fundraiser. Friday August 9th

Black Forest Festival, Saturday August 10th

Planning for the Black Forest Festival has started and we are excited for this event.

However, it is with heavy hearts that we must announce that we have to say Farewell to the Festival Parade and Outhouse Races. Due to changes with insurance requirements and limited volunteer resources, we can no longer support these events. However, the team has some great things planned that are sure to be new Black Forest traditions.

More information at <https://weareblackforest.com/2024-black-forest-festival-weekend/>

Tentative 2024 Black Forest Festival Schedule:

7:30am – 10:00am

Pancake Breakfast

8:00am – 2:00pm

Artisan and Business Booth Fair

Children's Entrepreneurial Market

Live Demonstrations

Children's Games

Pony Rides

Tractor Rides

Petting Zoo

Food Trucks

8:00am – 12:00pm

Car and Tractor Show

11:00am – 2:00pm

Street Dance with Live Music and Activities

Family Beer Garden

A Few Notes Regarding the New Schedule:

-Organizations that have participated in the parade for the past three consecutive years will have the opportunity to rent a booth for NO charge. Thank you for all your past support of the parade.

-Local High School Marching Bands that typically participate in the parade are invited to perform during the Street Fair. Maybe we can even have a local “Battle of the Bands”?

An Information Night to answer questions about the changes to the Festival is being planned for early March. If you would like to receive information regarding that meeting, please send an email to WeAreBlackForestCO@gmail.com

Volunteers Still Needed for the Black Forest Festival!

We have scaled-back the Black Forest Festival, but even without the Parade, we are **still** in need of more volunteers.

We Need More Lead Volunteers for the Festival Planning Volunteer Team!

We have scaled-back the Black Forest Festival, but even without the Parade, we are **still** in need of more volunteers. We still need the following Lead Volunteers for the Festival Planning Volunteer Team. The Planning Team will meet one time in March and April, then twice a month in May and June, and every week starting in July until the Festival.

Lead Volunteers Needed:

- Artisan and Business Booth Fair Coordinator
- Street Dance Coordinator
- Graphic Designer
- Sponsor Coordinator
- Non-Profit Booth Coordinator

Not ready to be a Lead? Can you contribute in any of the following areas?

- Sign Making
- Putting Signs Out
- Friday Setup
- Parking Lot Support
- Saturday Tear-Down
- Black Forest Biergarten Fundraiser

If you are able to help, please join us during our next planning meeting:

Thursday, March 28, from 5:30pm – 6:30pm at the Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Road.

To learn more visit <https://weareblackforest.com/2024-festival-volunteer-opportunities/>, or email WeAreBlackForestCO@gmail.com with questions

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Membership Application
P.O. Box 88034
Black Forest, Colorado 80908-8034
WEBSITE:

www.bfcommunityclub.org

Please send this application to the address above. Membership is \$15.00 per family per year.

Monthly newsletter — (circle one) Electronic Hardcopy

Name:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

\$15.00 Active Membership (Must reside within Black Forest Preservation Plan boundaries) (Voting)

\$15.00 Associate Membership (Outside Black Forest Preservation Plan boundaries (Non-voting)

Circle any interest from those listed below:

Black Forest Festival

Hall Maintenance

Land Use

Club Programs

Publicity

Hall Rental Management

Membership

BFCC Property Development

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Hall Rental Manager: Jeff Ader (cell: 232-1882)

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