

MONUMENTAL MARC 2011

June 5-8, 2011

**Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center; Rapid City, S.D.
Hosted by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission**

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CRAZY HORSE MEMORIAL VOLKSMARCH PARTICIPANT BRIEFING

You have registered to participate in the Crazy Horse Memorial Volksmarch, MARC 2011 pre-conference activity, on Sunday, June 5. The following information will be helpful as you prepare for the event.

WHAT TO BRING

You'll want to pack hiking shoes and comfortable clothing that can be worn in layers. The morning may start out cool, but you're sure to warm up once you start the trek. It's also a good idea to bring along a backpack to carry sunscreen, insect repellent and a camera. Snacks and bottled water will be provided by MARC. Water is also available on the trail.

Hikers will follow dirt trails and gravel work roads up the mountain carving to the outstretched arm of Crazy Horse directly in front of the nine-story-high face. The views of the surrounding Black Hills are spectacular. The hike is on hilly, rough terrain with some steep inclines. It is not suitable for strollers. From the valley the trail rises about 500 feet up to the mountain.

MARC REGISTRATION

Stop by the MARC registration desk in the Ramkota's Convention Center II Foyer when you arrive to pick up name badges, conference materials and get information related to conference events. The registration desk will be open on Saturday, June 4, from 4 to 6 p.m. and on Sunday, June 5, beginning at 6:30 a.m.

You must have your MARC name badge with you to participate in the volksmarch. If you need to reach MARC registration staff during the conference, call (605) 343-8550, ext. 4009 or (605) 280-4327.

SCHEDULE, Sunday, June 5

A breakfast buffet will be served to volksmarch participants in the Pactola Room of the Ramkota's Convention Center II beginning at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 5. You'll need some sustenance to get you through the 10k hike up and down the Crazy Horse mountain carving! A motorcoach will load right outside the Convention Center II Foyer and depart at 7:30 a.m. for the volksmarch. The 37-mile trip to Crazy Horse Memorial will take about 50 minutes. The hike can take between two and four hours. When you're not on the trail, plan to visit the memorial's visitor center and other facilities. We'll depart Crazy Horse at 1 p.m. and head down the road to Hill City for a sit-down lunch at the Chute Rooster restaurant. We expect to be back at the Ramkota by 3 p.m., to allow time to rest and freshen up before the Welcome Reception at 5 p.m.

LUNCH SELECTION

We will order lunch in advance, so we can enjoy expedited service at Chute Rooster. Your lunch choices include:

- Hamburger (specify doneness, medium, medium well, etc.)
- Grilled chicken sandwich
- Portabella burger with mushrooms, cheese, and other veggies

All lunch entrees come with a side salad, choice of dressing and soft drink, iced tea, lemonade or coffee.

Please email MARC staff at MARC2011@state.sd.us with your lunch entrée selection by May 30. If you are responding for multiple members of your party, please include the hiker's name and meal choice. Use "Volksmarch Meal" in the subject line.

Thanks for your attention and interest. See you soon!