



SOUTH DAKOTA MINES REUNION

EVENT SCHEDULE

JULY 9-12
2025



GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome back to South Dakota Mines! We're thrilled to have you home for a weekend of celebration, reconnection, and Hardrocker spirit. Enjoy catching up with old friends, exploring campus, and making new memories!

M Hill Parking Overflow

M Hill overflow parking is available on the southwest side of The Monument Civic Center, across from Central High School. Take the sidewalk from there to M Hill. Please do not park in surrounding establishments' parking lots as you will be towed.

Lost and Found

Lost and Found is available at the Surbeck Student Center Help Desk.

Additional Campus Parking

There is additional parking located at the football field by the King Center. Pick up a campus map for all available parking areas.

First Aid

First Aid is available in the Devereaux Library at check-in. For serious injuries, please call 605-394-6100 for campus security.

Maps Available

The campus is always changing, so feel free to pick up a map to help you find your way. Maps are available at the check-in desk in Devereaux Library, at the information desk in the Surbeck Student Center, or at the Pearson Alumni Center.

Friday Silent Auction

The Silent Auction on Friday is from 9 a.m. - noon. Stop by the Devereaux Library to place your bids. All proceeds support athletic scholarships for Hardrocker scholar-athletes.

Library Archives

Browse the old yearbooks in the library archives by scanning this QR Code.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Share Your Photos With Us

Did you take some awesome photos during the reunion? Share them with us and you could be featured on social media or in the next Hardrock magazine!



Scan the QR Code to share your photos with us.

Saturday Night Dinner

The Saturday night dinner is reaching its max capacity. If you have reserved a ticket but your plans have changed, please email Jo.Dwyer@sdsmt.edu to release your ticket.

Rocker Shop Hours

The Rocker Shop will be open on Thursday, July 10 and Friday, July 11 from 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday, July 12 from 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Stop by and stock up on your Hardrocker gear!

WEEK LONG DEALS

Bowling at Robbinsdale Lanes

Unbeatable deal! Bowl for less at Robbinsdale Lanes (805 E. Saint Patrick Street, Rapid City, SD 57701). Buy One, Get One FREE bowling all week long from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.. It's the perfect way to have fun without breaking the bank!

Hardrocker Ale at Dakota Point Brewery

Enjoy \$1 off all pours of South Dakota Mines' own Hardrocker Ale at Dakota Point Brewery (405 Canal Street #1200, Rapid City, SD 57702) all week long. It's the perfect way to beat the heat and catch up with your classmates.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, July 10

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Reunion Check-In

Devereaux Library

Make sure to check in and get your name tags, needed for meals during the reunion.

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

President's Welcome*

King Center

Hear from the 20th President of South Dakota Mines, Dr. Brian Tande, as he shares his vision for innovation in STEM education.

10 a.m. - Noon

Paleontology Lab Tours

James E. Martin Paleontology Research Lab

Enjoy a rare, behind-the-scenes 30-minute guided tour to see fossil research in action.

10 a.m. - Noon

CAMP's Build & Discover Family Engineering Workshop

Classroom Building Porch

Hands-on fun for all ages - build balloon cars, bots, and towers, and engrave your own keychain, inspired by real CAMP team projects.

10 a.m. - Noon

Advanced Materials Processing Lab Tours

Nucor Mineral Industries Building, 2nd Floor

Step inside the largest research lab on campus for an exclusive look at the cutting-edge work taking place on campus.

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

CAPE Lab Tours*

Meet at CBEC 2228

Explore the cutting-edge Composites and Polymer Engineering Lab. One-hour tours start at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m.

*Reservation Requested

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Thursday, July 10

10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Hot Ice: The Cool Chemistry of Crystals

CBEC 114

Explore the instant crystallization of sodium acetate & create your own icy towers that form before your eyes!

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Picnic*

Campus Quad

Pulled chicken sandwiches, chips, pasta salad, and plenty of old friends.

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tunnel Activities

Campus Quad

Celebrate the legendary tunnel tradition with beer, camaraderie, and stories above ground.

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Beer Choir

Devereaux Library Lawn

Raise your voice - and maybe a glass - in this musical gathering.

12 - 2 p.m.

Mines Minecraft Recreation Project

Devereaux Library, 3rd Floor

Explore campus through the decades in a virtual world built block by block.

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

VR Mining Experience

Nucor Mineral Industries Building Atrium

Virtually operate a Caterpillar mining vehicle in this immersive experience.

1 - 2 p.m.

Forging Partnerships: South Dakota Mines and Ellsworth AFB

Classroom Building 204

Learn how collaboration with Ellsworth AFB drives innovation and research.

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Thursday, July 10

- 1 - 2:30 p.m. **Inside ProtoDUNE: A 90-Minute Masterclass***
Classroom Building 206 West
Dive into particle physics with hands-on analysis of ProtoDUNE data. (ages 15+ only)
- 1:30 - 3 p.m. **Admissions: Is South Dakota Mines Right for You?***
Nucor Mineral Industries Building 246
Meet with admissions staff, then tour campus with a student ambassador.
- 2 - 3:30 p.m. **3D Printing Mini Grubbys with Industrial Engineering**
Devereaux Library, Lower Level
Drop in for hands-on displays, light refreshments, and chats with faculty.
- 2 - 3 p.m. **Driving Innovation: Entrepreneurs in Residence**
Devereaux Library, Slide Rule
Discover how alumni-led mentorship turns ideas into startups.
- 2 - 4 p.m. **Blacksmithing & Glassblowing Demonstrations**
Foundry
Explore the art & science of metal and glass in action with demonstrations led by skilled artisans.
- 2 - 4 p.m. **Cocktail Cones**
Pearson Alumni Center, March Ballroom
Enjoy liquid nitrogen ice cream - classic or cocktail-infused - for a fog-filled treat.

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Thursday, July 10

2 - 4 p.m.

Scott Rausch Avionics Lab Activity

Scott Rausch Avionics Lab, EEP Building, 3rd Floor
Test out the cutting-edge technology powering modern aerospace systems.

3 - 4 p.m.

Mining for Chocolate*

Nucor Mineral Industries Building Room 246
"Mine" chocolate chips from cookies using toothpicks and tweezers - fun and educational!

3 - 4:30 p.m.

Hardrocker Tank: Pitch. Power. Potential.*

Devereaux Library, Slide Rule
Watch six research projects pitch to alumni investors in this exciting showcase.

3 - 6 p.m.

Class of '79 and Friends*

24224 Jepsen Dr., Hill City, SD 57745
Live music, snacks, and BYOB grilling at the Fiegens' home.

6 - 9 p.m.

Thursday's Decades Street Dance*

Dunham Football Field parking lot at O'Harra Stadium
Dance to live music, enjoy food trucks, and celebrate with classmates of every era.

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Friday, July 11

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Reunion Check-In

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9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Rich & Trudy Wells Veterans Resource Center Open House

Lower Level of Surbeck

Celebrate our student and alumni veterans and learn more about the center's support services for veterans.

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Athletic Open House

King Center, Christensen Hall of Fame

Reconnect with former teammates, meet current coaches and staff, and see how Hardrocker Athletics continues to grow.

9 a.m. - Noon

Silent Auction

Devereaux Library, Main Level

Score big for a great cause - bid on unique items, all to support athletic scholarships.

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

CAMP Open House: Innovation in Action

Civil Mechanical Building Room 209

Explore the CAT Lab and CAMP Porch to reconnect with hands-on engineering.

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Family Picnic in the Quad*

Campus Quad

Good food and great company come together for the family picnic.

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Dino Dive Jump House

Campus Quad

Let the kids go wild in this prehistoric playland packed with bouncy fun! Safe and energetic way to keep the little ones entertained.

**Reservation Requested*

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Friday, July 11

12 - 2 p.m.

Strider Bike Adventure Zone

Parking lot behind the James E. Martin

Paleontology Research Lab

Let the little ones burn off energy as they test their skills on our fun Strider Bike course.

12:45 - 1 p.m.

All Alumni Group Photo

Campus Quad

Join us in the quad in the chalked M to be in our All School Reunion official photo!

1 - 3 p.m.

Department Open Houses

- Electrical Engineering & Computer Science, *Electrical Engineering/Physics building, Room 335*
- Karen M. Swindler Chemical & Biological Engineering, *CBEC 2228*
- Mineral Industries, *Nucor Mineral Industries Building Atrium*
- Industrial Engineering, *Devereaux Library Garden Level*
- Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences, *Apex Art Gallery*
- Leslie A. Rose Department of Mechanical Engineering, *Mechanical Civil Building*
- Physics, *Electrical Engineering/Physics Building, Room 246*
- Mathematics, *McLaury Room 335*
- Chemistry, Biology, & Health Science, *CBEC Kinder Conference Room*
- Civil & Environmental Engineering, *Mechanical Civil Building, Civil Department*
- Nanoscience & Biomedical Engineering, *EEO, NANO-BME Office*

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Friday, July 11

1 - 3 p.m.

Rec Room Hangout

Lower level of Surbeck

Open to kids 12 and up (no parent needed), the Rec Room offers pool tables and a casual space to unwind and relax.

1 - 6 p.m.

Theta Tau Open House*

Theta Tau House (109 Kansas City Street, Rapid City, SD 57701)

An all alumni meeting inside the house will take place at 2:30 p.m.

2 - 3 p.m.

Dino Egg Hunt

March Dake Plaza

Kids and families can hunt for colorful dinosaur eggs hidden around the plaza - some with surprises inside!

2 - 3:30 p.m.

Rock Climbing Wall

King Center, Upper Level

Get a workout in and test your skills on the rock climbing wall.

3 - 4:30 p.m.

Delta Sigma Phi Open House

Delta Sig House (24 E Kansas City Street, Rapid City, SD 57701)

Reconnect with Delta Sig alumni.

3 - 5:30 p.m.

Triangle Open House

Triangle House (402 South Street, Rapid City, SD 57701)

Reconnect with Triangle brothers.

3 - 5 p.m.

Art & Engineering in the Makerspace and Alumni Art Show

Makerspace in the Devereaux Library, 3rd Floor

Enjoy artwork from fellow alumni and see how science and art collide in this unique space.

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Friday, July 11

4 - 7 p.m.

Beta Delta Mu Social*

Thirsty's (819 W Main Street, Rapid City, SD 57701))

Reconnect with sorority sisters, share memories, and raise a glass.

4 - 8 p.m.

AXE Social*

Elks Lodge #1187 (3333 Jolly Lane, Rapid City, SD 57703))

Members of Alpha Chi Sigma Beta Phi and their significant others are invited to join us for dinner. *Cost: \$20/person.*

4:30 - 9 p.m.

Delta Sigma Phi Social/Dinner

Surbeck Center, Beck Ballroom

Join fellow Sig brothers and guests to reconnect. Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

5 - 8 p.m.

Theta Tau Social

South Canyon Country Estates (1520 Kings Road, Rapid City, SD 57702))

Theta Tau brothers and families are invited to join us in renewing old acquaintances.

6 - 8 p.m.

ISI Open House and Dinner*

ISI House (15 Kansas City Street, Rapid City, SD 57701))

Join fellow international alumni for an open house and dinner.

6 - 8 p.m.

ADPi Social*

The Park (707 Mountain View Road, Rapid City, SD 57702)

Join us for reconnecting with fellow alumni. Food and drink available for purchase.

6 - 9:30 p.m.

Triangle Social

13145 Deer Meadow Road, Piedmont, SD 57769

Join fellow Triangle alumni at Jeff and Jean Allen's house for a social and live music by Dan Carlson.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, July 12

8 - 9 a.m.

March-Dake Breakfast

Hardrocker Cafe in lower Surbeck Center

Reconnect with the ladies of March-Dake and share stories from your time in the dorms.

8 - 9:30 a.m.

1960s Class Breakfast

Surbeck Center, Beck Ballroom

Graduates from the 1960s, join us for breakfast and camaraderie.

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

M Hill Climb

Hansen-Larsen Park (1510 W. Omaha St, Rapid City, SD 57701)

Join fellow alumni for a special morning hike to M Hill. **Van rides up and down the hill are available every 30 minutes. *Food trucks will be available for lunch.*

9 - 11 a.m.

Brass LIFE Reunion Breakfast

Pearson Alumni Center, March Ballroom

Reconnect with fellow Brass LIFE scholarship recipients and the Brass family over breakfast.

10 - 10:30 a.m.

M Hill Plaques and Bench Dedication

M Hill

Join us as we dedicate two plaques and a commemorative bench honoring our reunion committee and volunteers who restored the M.

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Family Picnic

Old Storybook Island (2911 Canyon Lake Drive)

Bring your lunch and meet other young families. Enjoy the playground and take a stroll through Storybook Island.

4 - 5:45 p.m.

Socials*

The Box (631 Watiki Way, Box Elder, SD 57719)

Hospitality rooms for fraternities, sororities, and a non-Greek social will be available.

**Reservation Requested*

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, July 12

6 - 7:30 p.m.

All School Plated Dinner*

The Box (631 Watiki Way, Box Elder, SD 57719)

Join us for a nice all school reunion plated dinner. This is the perfect chance to connect with everyone in one place.

7:30 - 10 p.m.

Live Music with Dan Carlson's Band

The Box (631 Watiki Way, Box Elder, SD 57719)

Dance the night away with classic rock and country hits performed by LogRhythm, featuring Dan Carlson (ChE 77).

Sunday, July 13

9 - 10 a.m.

Sunday Morning Prayer and Worship Service

Beck Ballroom, Surbeck Center

Join the campus ministry team for worship, reflection, and a short devotional.

9 - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Mass at The Newman Center

The Newman Center (316 E Kansas City Street)

Celebrate Mass with fellow alumni at The Newman Center.

9 - 12 p.m.

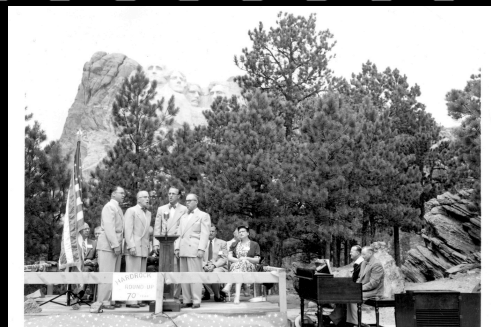
CARA Open House

Pearson Alumni Center (330 E. Kansas City Street, Rapid City, SD 57701)

Stop by the Pearson Alumni Center before heading out of town to visit with CARA staff.

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PAST REUNIONS



STAY CONNECTED

The Hardrocker community doesn't end at graduation - you're part of an 18,000-person strong family that shares your experiences, values, and passions. Whether you're looking for social or professional connections, advice, or intellectual engagement, the Hardrocker alumni community is here for you.

NETWORK WITH ALUMNI IN YOUR AREA

Whether you live in the Black Hills or Norway, there is an alumni chapter in many major cities. Find an alumni chapter near you and join them for various events.

Chapters exist in: Black Hills, Denver, Houston, Kansas City, Norway, Twin Cities, Omaha, and Sioux Falls.

MONTHLY VIRTUAL EVENTS

Every month, CARA offers a virtual lunch & learn on the third Thursday of the month at 11 a.m. MT. Lunch & Learns are presented by alumni and campus faculty and staff.

ATTEND A HARDROCKER EVENT

Events are held all year round, in various areas of the country. Keep an eye on our events calendar to see when we're coming to your neighborhood.

cara.sdsmt.edu/alumnievents

VOLUNTEER WITH US

We love partnering with our alumni for various volunteer opportunities. Whether you become a mentor for current students, provide career guidance, and share your industry knowledge, your partnership is valuable!

cara.sdsmt.edu/alumni-volunteer-opportunities

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Make sure you stay up to date on everything going on in the Hardrocker alumni community. Keep your information up to date with us so you don't miss anything.

cara.sdsmt.edu/connect/update-my-information

THANKS FOR COMING!

Thank you to our reunion chairs, Rich and Trudy Wells, and to the reunion committee of 25 dedicated alumni and staff who have worked tirelessly to bring this year's reunion to life. Your dedication to the Hardrocker community has made this a truly special, must-attend event for our alumni. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE

All School Reunion 2030
July 10 - 13, 2030

