

Two Mile High Club -Cripple Creek Donkeys

August 2025 Newsletter

Recent Events

Welcome to our August update from the Two Mile High Club, caretakers of the historic Cripple Creek Donkeys. Summer seems to be flying by, and with August already upon us, local kiddos are gearing up for the new school year. From all of us at TMHC, we wish the students and teachers at Cripple Creek Victor schools an amazing year! Hee Haw!



On July 26th, Deckers, Tiffany, some of our TMHC members, and our club mascot Sally made a special appearance in the 87th Annual Bronc Day Parade in Green Mountain Falls. The World Famous Cripple Creek Donkeys strutted their stuff, and we were thrilled to take home the Judges Choice ribbon! Great job, Team Donkeys!



Recent Events

On July 20th, Hershey strutted into Triple Crown Casinos, specifically The Brass Ass Casino, and stole the show! He had a blast, charming new pals and even starring in a hilarious "kiss cam" photo spoof! Huge shoutout to all who swung by to give Hershey a high-hoof. And a colossal thank you to Triple Crown Casinos for backing our delightful Hershey and cheering for the TMHC!



Donkey Herd Updates

The donkeys are truly enjoying their time in the winter pasture while we continue our efforts on the Healthy Herd campaign. We've experienced a record number of visitors, and the presence of the Healthy Herd Banner along with educational materials at the feeding platform has significantly improved their body condition scores (which is a fancy way of saying their weight!).

This summer, the flies have been such a buzzing nuisance that we've rolled out the latest in donkey fashion: leggings! Not only do they ward off winged pests, but they turn our herd into runway models, sporting the snazziest prints and colors. With these stylish donkeys strutting in the pasture, we can easily tackle the fly problem while keeping our four-legged friends healthy and fabulous! The veterinarian will return in a few weeks to assess the donkeys. We will keep everyone informed with updates.



Donkey Education Workshops

We are pleased to announce the launch of our educational donkey workshops in August! Our dear friend Kim Welk, the ultimate burro warrior from Burro Base Camp in Kiowa, will lead two workshops:

Donkey Handling 101 Workshops

- Dates: August 24 and August 31
- Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Location: County Road 89, Cripple Creek, Colorado

Are you interested in learning how to interact with our beloved donkeys? In partnership with Burro Base Camp, we are offering Donkey Handling 101 workshops. Kim will teach the basics of donkey handling, from haltering and leading to picking up their hoof. While this will not be a hands-on experience for everyone, we invite anyone interested to watch and learn. Please RSVP to Laura Piccolo at secretary@tmhc-ccd.org by August 18th. Lunch will be provided for all attendees.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm for the Two Mile High Club and our cherished donkey herd. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and workshops!

To learn more about us or to become a member, please visit www.cripplecreekdonkeys.com

Exciting August Plans

We have some exciting events planned for August!

- Emma Lou's Field Trip: Miss Emma Lou will be visiting her sponsors at SSR Mining during the Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mine Family Day on August 9th. As the donkey diva of the herd, Emma Lou is sure to enjoy all the love and attention she receives. Thank you to SSR Mining for sponsoring our beautiful Emma Lou!
- August 16th Events:
 - Salute to American Veterans Rally Parade in Cripple Creek, 10:00am: We are honored to have been asked to bring the Purple Heart Float to participate in this event. We are deeply grateful for our Purple Heart heroes and look forward to honoring a new group at the largest veterans rally in the west.
 - Pueblo West's Mid Summer Jam Session: TMHC will be serving beer and spirits at this event. It's a fantastic opportunity to raise funds for our beloved donkeys and share information about the historic donkey herd and the Healthy Herd Campaign.
 - Location: Civic Center Park, Pueblo West, CO 81007 from 4pm - 9pm.

COME VOLUNTEER WITH US !

WE ARE A BUNCH OF DONKEY-LOVING FOLKS, DEDICATED TO THE CARE AND WELFARE OF THE HISTORIC CRIPPLE CREEK DONKEYS.

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE AN UPGRADE TO OUR VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE! WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH VOLGISTICS, THE PREMIER VOLUNTEER PORTAL, TO STREAMLINE THE REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR OUR EVENTS.

STEP 1: SCAN QR CODE TO ACCESS THE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM



PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM AND SUBMIT IT.

STEP 2: ONCE YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND ACCEPTED, YOU WILL RECEIVE A WELCOME EMAIL WITH INSTRUCTIONS.

STEP 3: DOWNLOAD THE VICNET APP OR GO TO VICNET - LOGIN AND LOGIN USING THE EMAIL AND PASSWORD YOU PROVIDED IN THE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM.

YOU'LL FIND ALL UPCOMING EVENTS LISTED UNDER THE SCHEDULE TAB. THIS WILL HELP YOU STAY INFORMED ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTRIBUTE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

OCTOBER 4-5 IS FALL FEST, OUR LAST BIG EVENT OF 2025! VOLUNTEER SPOTS WILL BE ADDED SOON!

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WILL BE VOLUNTEERING ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS WITH OUR CLUB, PLEASE REMEMBER TO VISIT THE SERVICE TAB TO LOG YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS.

Gold Camp Happenings

August - September 2025

July 18-Aug 31 Beehive: The 60s Musical - Butte Theater



July 25 - August 3: Teller County Fair

August 2:

- History Talk - Dave Martinek "JJ Hagerman" at Cripple Creek Heritage Center
- CC Parks & Rec Disc Golf Tournament

August 5: National Night Out 3:00pm at City Park, 100 E Bennett Ave



August 9: Breakthrough T1D Mountain View Walk - Mountain View Adventure Park
9:00am - 1:00pm

August 13 -17: Vietnam Veterans Memorial Traveling Wall, Cripple Creek Victor High School, 11:00am - 5:00pm

August 15-16: Salute to American Veterans Rally • POW-MIA Recognition Ride

August 16-17: 126th Annual Great Fire Days in Victor

August 30- Sept 1 : Victor Celebrates the Arts • Phantom Canyon Art Festival

Sept 6-7: Cruise Above the Clouds Car Show

Sept 6-Oct 27: Ghost Tours - Saturdays Only 719-689-9540 reservations

Sept 7 History Talk - La Jean Greeson presentation for Victor Heritage Society

Sept 6-7 - Victor Heritage Days

Sept 26-Oct 5- Fall Art Show - Heritage Center

Sept 20-21

- Gold Camp Victorian Society Mt. Pisgah Speaks
- Craft Fair at Heritage Center
- Rocky Mountain Rambler 500

October 4-5: 3rd Annual Fall Fest / TMHC

