



BOHEMIA MINING DAYS
AND
BOHEMIA GOLD MINING MUSEUM
PRESENT THE
3rd Annual
MINE ORE CART RACES
SATURDAY JULY 15, 2023
AT 308 S. 10TH STREET IN FRONT OF THE
BOHEMIA GOLD MINING MUSEUM
COTTAGE GROVE

■ **PURPOSE**

Our 3rd annual Mine Ore Cart Races extends this new tradition to make lots of happy memories together!

■ **HOW IT WORKS**

- This is a team sport. It requires a three-person team with two alternates who are all 18 years old and older.
- The team builds a human-powered reusable mining ore cart that meets the required minimum standards (see "ORE CART SPECIFICATIONS").
- Two "Miners" push a "Tommyknocker" who rides in the cart from the start/finish line on 10th St in front of the Bohemia Gold Mining Museum. At the halfway point, the Tommyknocker must jump out of the cart, load three 20-lb sandbags in the cart, jump back into the cart and the team races back to the finish line!
- Two teams race against each other in 15-minute heat races on Saturday, July 16, starting at high noon until there's a clear first, second, and third place finisher. Early bird teams receive choice of byes.
- Number of entrants will determine whether race is run by single or double elimination.

■ **REGISTRATION & ENTRY FEES**

- **Early Bird Entry Form received by Monday, June 30**
- **After the early bird deadline** (and up to the July 15 check-in time) the fee doubles to TWO shiny nickels
- **Fee (prior to June 30):** One SHINY nickel, After June 30, the fee doubles! Payable on race day.
- **Race is limited to 24 teams. Please secure your spot by registering before the event.**

■ **CASH PRIZES & AWARDS**

- **People's Choice Award:** For favorite ore cart. One ticket is free & additional tickets are for sale.
 - **First Place:** Traditional Pickaxe, Bag of \$300 Sacajawea One Dollar Gold Coins & Local CG Swag Goodies
 - **Second Place:** Silver Shovel, Bag of \$198 Sacajawea One Dollar Gold Coins & Local CG Swag Goodies
 - **Third Place:** Copper Mining Pan, Bag of \$99 Sacajawea One Dollar Gold Coins & Local CG Swag Goodies
- Note:** 1) The pickaxe, shovel & mining pan trophies will hold respective winner's photos and will remain on display year-round in the Bohemia Gold Mining Museum next to a perpetual plaque of Ore Cart Race Winners
2) It is customary, but not mandatory, that the prize money be donated back to BMD for next year's Ore Cart Races

■ **CREW**

- A crew consists of three members: 2 pushers (Miners) and 1 rider (Tommyknocker) and 2 alternates
- **All crew members must be 18-years or older (No dogs or other animals allowed)**
- Safety Equipment: Suggested but not required. Reminder to all participants:

"Asphalt is hard and gravity is real: Please dress appropriately."

■ ORE CART SPECIFICATIONS

- Minimum Weight: 150 lbs.
- Minimum Height: 44 inches (from ground to top of cart)
- Minimum Box Size: 30 inches x 48 inches
- Ore Carts may be constructed using any material
- Cart may have any number or configuration of wheels and axles, but wheels/axles must extend out past the cart box for safety and stability. Swivel wheels are NOT permitted!
- Must be human powered (no motors) and only the two Miners/pushers can move the cart.
- Steering and brakes are optional
- The cart must have a light source so it could go down a shaft.
- The Team/Cart must have a catchy name emblazoned prominently on it. It is suggested to use historic Local mine names if you don't already have your own theme (see Ore Cart Races link on website for a list of Bohemia Mining District names).
- Carts may have a logo, company or team member names, sponsorship, and decorations to personalize them. These are all desirable but optional.

■ SCHEDULE

▪ Friday, July 14

- 1:00pm** Team registration, weigh-in, safety inspection, track available for practice runs. Note that if other commitments prevent checking in on Friday, you may check-in on Saturday prior to high noon. If you don't register on Friday, please check in as early as possible on Saturday because things will be hectic close to starting time.

▪ Saturday, July 15

- 9:00am** Check-in, weigh-in, safety inspection opens for teams that didn't make it on Friday.
- 11:00am** All teams report to race area with carts.
- 12:00pm** Heat Races begin and run until finished.
- 8:00pm** Awards Ceremony on Main Stage (inside Bohemia City)

■ RACE RULES

1. All ore carts and crew must be ready to check in starting at 11am on Saturday. Weigh-in, safety check, And roster turn-in should be done on Friday, if possible. If not, come before 11am on Saturday. Be advised it will be hectic to do this on race day.
2. Ore Cart racing teams will consist of 1 rider and 2 pushers (all 18 years of age or older).
3. Ore Carts must be pushed or pulled by human power only.
4. Ore Carts must be kept in designated area while not racing
5. At starting line no portion of ore cart may extend over the line. It will be the judges determination as to a restart.
6. Ore Cart teams must always maintain control of their cart during the race. The two pushers must be in contact with their ore cart as it crosses the finish line (**no shoving it across**).
7. Ore Carts must remain in their designated lane during the entire race. IF an ore cart crosses into a competitor's lane and, in the opinion of the judges, interferes with that cart's ability to race, the offending cart will be disqualified for that heat.
8. When the Ore Cart reaches the tote line, the Tommyknocker is allowed to exit the cart and load the 3 sand bags which are spread 6 feet apart. The pushers may not touch the bags or assist in their loading. Once bags are loaded and the Tommyknocker is back in the cart, the pushers may head for the finish line.
9. The first Ore Cart's leading edge to reach the finish line wins that heat. No extensions count!
10. In case of a tie or photo finish, the race will be re-run as determined by the judges.
11. All members of the team must sign a liability waiver form to be able to compete in the Ore Cart Races.

For questions or additional information email us at BMD@BOHEMIAMININGDAYS.ORG



BOHEMIA MINING DAYS OFFICIAL MINE ORE CART RACE 2023 ENTRY FORM

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZATION OR COMPANY SIGNING UP:

TEAM CAPTAIN _____

CONTACT PERSON _____

NAME OF ORE CART OWNER _____

NAMES OF YOUR RIDERS AND PUSHERS

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

ALTERNATES

1. _____ 2. _____

TEAM MAILING ADDRESS:

STREET _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

PHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

SPONSOR _____

PA ANNOUNCEMENT INFORMATION (WHATCHYA WANT US TO SAY 'BOUT YA)

RETURN COMPLETED FORM BY US MAIL OR EMAIL

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(SHINY NICKEL ENTRY FEE PAYABLE AT RACE DAY CHECK IN)