



## BLACK FOREST COMMUNITY CLUB

“Part of the Heritage of Black Forest”

The Black Forest Community Club (BFCC) welcomes you to the forest with its long history, rich heritage, and uniquely rustic lifestyle. As a member of the Club you join with a group of dedicated, friendly folks involved in all areas of rural community activities. The Club has an interesting background.

The hall was constructed as a community project in 1929 to meet the need for meetings and social events. Not long after the Black Forest Log School opened in 1922, about 30 families started planning for construction. Gertrude Burgess donated land just north of the intersection of Black Forest and Shoup Roads, while others contributed their time, talents and trees from their properties to erect the building. The property was deeded to the BFCC, a Colorado non-profit corporation, on July 15, 1929 and soon became a popular community asset.

The first square dance was held before the windows and doors were even installed. People flocked to pot-luck dinners, fund-raising benefits, Fourth of July picnics, and school programs. In the 1940s the hall served as a venue for plays produced by members and motion pictures for young folks. The club chartered Boy Scout Troop 70 in 1953 that continues today. The spacious hall was ideal for roller-skating and basketball in the 1960s. The annual spring festival showcased the talents of members in various crafts, woodwork and entertainment. Many local organizations trace their beginnings to the BFCC. The Ladies Club (now the Black Forest Homemakers), Mountain View Electric Association, The Black Forest Arts and Crafts Guild, and the Black Forest Volunteer Fire Department are just a few.

Structural improvements in the early years included construction of a kitchen, cloakroom, indoor bathrooms, and small meeting/storage room. More recent improvements include a new roof, new electric distribution system, new marquee sign, new septic system, new foundation, new windows, new chinking and log restoration, new bathrooms, new chair storage, new deck, new handicapped accommodation, and new terraced front landscaping. All these upgrades, restoration, and maintenance actions improve and modernize the building's utility while at the same time preserving its 1929 charm.

Today the Club building is a home for, Club social programs, acoustical music shows, karate instruction, craft shows, scout meetings, community information presentations, private parties and receptions, etc. Rentals keep the hall busy and provide funds for maintenance and upkeep.

The Black Forest Community Club holds monthly programs and social events for members, sponsors a tree sale in the spring, the Black Forest Festival in August, Santa's visit in the winter plus more fun activities. Your membership in the club provides you the opportunity to meet interesting people, learn about the Forest and attend various entertaining worthwhile programs. Support your community by joining the BFCC and get involved.

### Black Forest Community Club Membership Application

P.O. Box 88034

Black Forest, Colorado 80908-8034

WEBSITE: [www.bfcommunityclub.org](http://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)

Interests: (circle)

Black Forest Festival

History Committee

Wildfire Prevention

Log School Activities

Hall Maintenance

Community Service

Land Use

Log School Park

Publicity

Seedling Trees

Club Programs

Senior Assistance

Membership

Hall Rental Management

Scout Troop

Other Interests