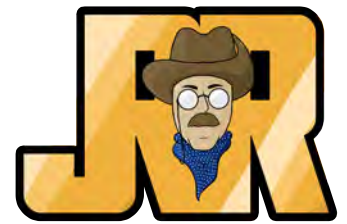


# Junior Rough Rider Journal

January 2021



Happy New Year!

2020 has come and gone. Your friends at the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation learned many lessons last year, including the importance of good leaders.

Without good leadership, we would not have opened Medora for everyone to enjoy this past summer.

Who can be a good leader? Well, sometimes they are heroes from the past, superstars on sports teams, or leaders of companies. What we know for sure is that good leaders share a special set of skills...

**Skills that we know you have, too!**

## Here are two great leaders you can learn from, both of whom called Medora, North Dakota home!

For starters, there was Theodore Roosevelt. Sometimes he is called Teddy. Did you know Teddy said, "I never would have been President of the United States if not for my time in North Dakota?" He said that because it was in Medora that Teddy learned lessons from:

- Riding horse and working cattle 12 hours a day with total strangers – becoming friends with them in the process.
- Using teamwork to build his Elkhorn and Maltese Cross Ranches – these are the places where his love of nature grew and gave him the spirit to be a leader in creation of the national parks.

Another Medora leader you should know about is Harold Schafer. Harold is the reason we have a *Medora Musical* to watch, a golf course to play, and a zip line to ride – because Harold saved Medora by fixing it up in the 1960s.

Harold also loved helping people. During his life he:

- Paid for part of the college educations of about 200 students in North Dakota.
- Gave the City of Bismarck, North Dakota, land from his ranch to build Bismarck State College.

As you can see, both of these former Medora residents were great leaders. They did amazing things for friends and total strangers. They cleared the trails and planted ideas to make Medora what it is today. Like all great leaders, they did not do it alone. Harold had a great team at the Gold Seal Company. Teddy Roosevelt had Bill Sewall, Wilmot Dow, and Sylvane Ferris to help him ranch in North Dakota.

Getting others involved is the sign of a good leader, which is why we are starting a Junior Rough Rider pen pal club. See the info in this packet for details on how to join. We hope you and your family will consider connecting with another Junior Rough Rider in the next town, state, or country!

**We hope that you, as a leader, study hard, be kind to your friends and classmates, and have fun in everything that you do!**



▶ Daniel Gannarelli – Junior Rough Rider Attaché

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel G".

# *Jr. Rough Rider Pen Pal Program*

*Connecting Jr. Rough Riders to other Jr. Rough Riders  
for positive, life-changing experiences.*

Hello Junior Rough Rider and family member(s)! My name is Colleen Reinhardt. I am delighted to work with the Jr. Rough Rider Pen Pal Program. During the summer, you will find me in Medora helping wherever needed – just like Sheila Schafer! If you see me out and about when you visit Medora, please introduce yourself to me. Please let me know if you are planning a trip to Medora in 2021. It would be my honor to help you make your visit to Medora more magical!

## ***WHY PARTICIPATE IN THE JR. ROUGH RIDER PENPAL PROGRAM:***

The theme of this Newsletter is leadership. As we said on the cover, great leaders have friends that help them achieve their dreams. We would like to connect your Jr. Rough Rider with another Jr. Rough Rider in one of the 9 states where we have members so they can make a new friend!

## ***HOW IT WORKS (family member):***

We will connect your Jr. Rough Rider to another Jr. Rough Rider of a similar age. If you'd like to participate, please email me the name of the participating Jr. Rough Rider at [colleenr@medora.com](mailto:colleenr@medora.com) – yes, this pen pal program starts with an email for efficiency sake and will be the “permission slip” allowing your Jr. Rough Rider participation in the program. Once I receive the “permission slip”, I will then connect the Pen Pals by mailing them each other's mailing information.

## ***CONVERSATION STARTERS:***

As conversation starters, you can tell your Jr. Rough Rider ***PEN PAL\**** what town and state you live in, share your hobbies, your favorite color(s), what grade you are in, your favorite vacations, where you would like to visit someday, or **WHAT YOU LOVE ABOUT MEDORA**, etc. **I hope that you let each other know when you are visiting Medora.** I suggest meeting up with Joe Wiegand for a trek on the new Pancratz Trails located right in town.



*Colleen Reinhardt*

*Junior Rough Rider Attaché*

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*\*Who you are partnered with is based on who participates.*

## “A THEODORE ROOSEVELT LEADERSHIP LESSON”

Have you ever acted in a school play? Have you ever pretended to be your favorite sports figure or super hero? Acting and pretending are very similar. As an actor, I have the honor of pretending to be or “REPRISING” Theodore Roosevelt, also known as TR, the 26<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. I’ve performed at the White House and at nearly every important place associated with the life and legacy of our Rough Rider President. My favorite place to reprise TR is in Medora, North Dakota, and I want to personally thank you for being a Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation Jr. Rough Rider.

When I was a youngster, like you, I studied the lives of our American Presidents, and I was greatly inspired by Theodore Roosevelt. Did you know that when he was a little boy TR had asthma so terribly bad that his parents thought he might not live or that he might be sickly his whole life? Theodore Roosevelt’s father encouraged young “Teedie” to build his body as well as his mind. Young TR took boxing lessons and hiked, hunted, and camped in wilderness areas like the Adirondack Mountains and the Northwoods of Maine. When TR was still a very young man, he came to the Badlands of Dakota Territory to hunt and became a cattle rancher. TR grew in strength and health as he lived the vigorous life on the Maltese Cross & Elkhorn cattle ranches.

As a young cattle rancher, Theodore Roosevelt told an audience in Dickinson, North Dakota, “It is more important that we should show ourselves honest, brave, truthful, and intelligent than that we should own all the railways and grain elevators in the world...” Later, as President and as a father, speaking to the students of Groton School in Massachusetts, he would say, “A sound body is good; a sound mind is better; but a strong and clean character is better than either.”

As President, Theodore Roosevelt played “bear” with his children in the White House attic and led his adult friends, like French Ambassador Jean Jules Jusserand on long “point to point” hikes through nearby Rock Creek Park, the rule being that whenever you came to an obstacle, you never went around but always “over, under, or through!” In the White House, TR would box with Army and Navy officers and friends like National Forester Gifford Pinchot.

As a Junior Rough Rider, you can emulate President Theodore Roosevelt’s leadership by being a good and upstanding member of your family. You can build your body, improve your mind, and always strive to be a person of good character by being honest, brave, truthful, and intelligent. If you take care of your body, mind, and character like TR did, there are no limits to the good you might do for yourself and your family, friends, and country.

**I hope you enjoy being a Jr. Rough Rider. I look forward to seeing you and your family in Medora.**

Best from the Badlands,

*Joe Wiegand -*

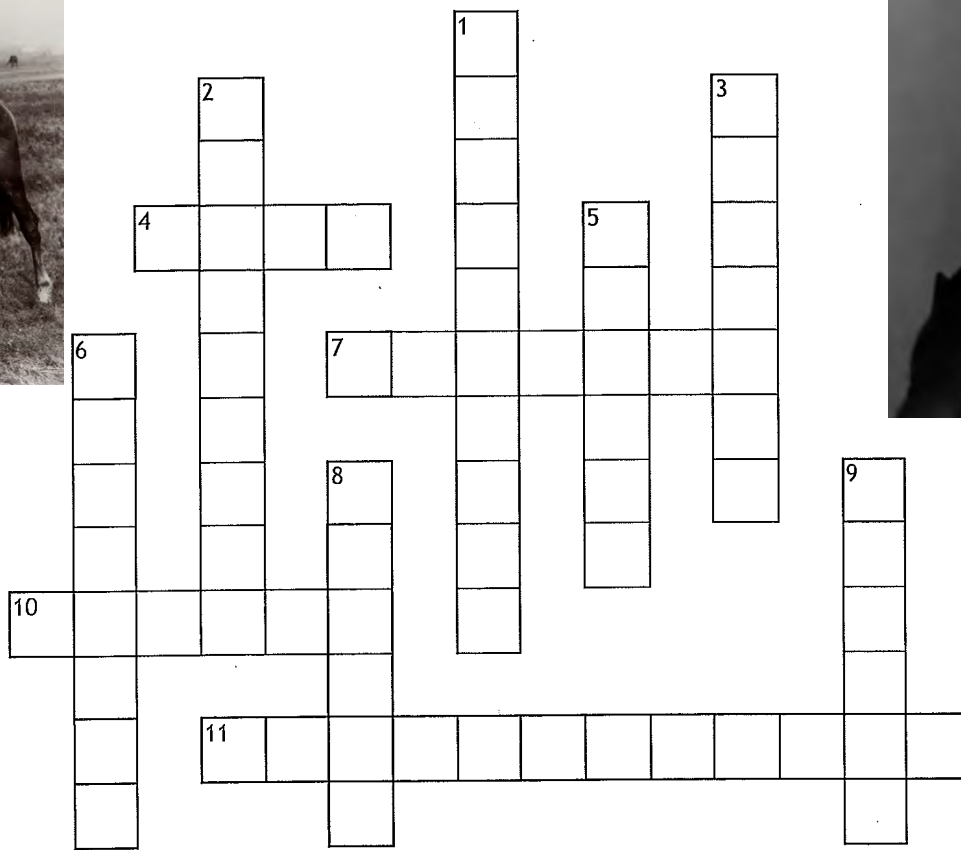
Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation Development Officer & Theodore Roosevelt Reprisor



“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.”

*Theodore Roosevelt*

# TR Fun Facts



## Across

4. As President, TR played \_\_\_\_\_ with his children in the White House attic.
7. The Zip Line in Medora is named after TR's horse. What is that name?
10. What type of ranches did TR own?
11. TR led his adult friends, like French Ambassador Jean Jules Jusserand on long \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ hikes through nearby Rock Creek Park.

## Down

1. Young TR took boxing lessons and hiked, hunted and camped in the wilderness areas like the \_\_\_\_\_ Mountains.
2. TR was the 26th \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States.
3. While playing "Point to Point", one must never go around an obstacle but rather always "over, under or \_\_\_\_\_".
5. For much of his childhood, TR battled \_\_\_\_\_, which often left him gasping for air.
6. TR came to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Dakota Territory in 1883.
8. A nickname that TR's father would call young TR?
9. What type of lessons did young TR take?

## Word Bank

President  
Point to Point  
Badlands

Teedie  
Boxing  
Cattle

Manitou  
Asthma  
bear

Adirondack  
Through