



American Legion Post 109 and the American Legion Riders Post 109 are excited to Announce our second annual “Ride for Autism” Poker Run and Community Fundraising Event.

“iPads are a great tool for education and communication, which is one of the many reasons why ASDF supports and donates them. Since iPads have customization options, the iPad can be tailored to the child and their specific needs, which make them more attractive than traditional learning devices. In fact, many children can master the use of an iPad faster than adults.

The world for an autistic child is full of imagery, rather than words. On an iPad, an autistic child can create a sentence or even story using a series of images. By doing so, the child can communicate with parents, caretakers, and instructors without frustration. Since the iPad is mobile, children with autism can take this communication tool wherever they go.” Autism Spectrum Disorder Foundation

“Another useful thing about iPads at home or at school is a lot of kids with autism tend to be extremely visual either in the way they learn or helping them to just get through their day. Any changes in schedule has the possibility of triggering a melt down. Picture schedules, were a huge help for my son. As well as social stories, for example on picture day. His teacher would take pictures on her iPad of the room where the pictures would take place, of the person taking the pictures, other children lining up and having their picture taken and so on. Then create a social story, that helped to explain the difference in his day, and to prepare him for anything unusual to keep him from having a melt down.” Misti Burns-Mother of autistic child.

We are a Non-Profit Organization, and our Goal is to raise funds to purchase and provide iPads to any families with autistic children in our own and surrounding communities. 100% of the proceeds of this event will be used for this purpose. We have partnered with our local schools to facilitate application and distribution of iPads to families with an autistic child in need of such help. Any iPads not donated locally will then be distributed to autistic children in the surrounding communities. It is our hope that through our fundraising and your generosity we can provide this invaluable learning and communication tool to any and all autistic children in need in our community.

We are searching for companies and individuals to make donations in the forms of items to be used in silent auctions, raffles, as well as monetary donations. Sponsorship's of \$250.00 or more will have their logo put on our event T-shirt as well as a banner that will be hanging up at the event. Your donation and sponsorship can make the biggest impact in our success. Your gracious donation and or sponsorship is 100% tax deductible and will come with a tax donation slip. Our first annual Ride For Autism Poker Run and Community Event raised in exceed of \$17,000. With your help we hope to exceed last years amount raised. All \$250.00 and above sponsorship's with company logo need to be turned in no later than March 14, 2018 in order for us to order T-shirts and banner.

The format of the event will be a Poker Run in conjunction with a community event at American Legion McCullough-Wagner Post 109, 15921 S. Houghton Road, Corona De Tucson, AZ on Saturday April 14, 2018. \$20 single rider \$25 with passenger, Poker run registration will begin at 9:00am with breakfast available between 7 and 11 am, last bike out 11:00am, last bike in at 5:00pm. Children's activities will be set between 2-4 including jumping castle and water slide. Vendors will set up between 11:00am and 1:00pm, raffle prize drawings at 6:00pm, DJ will provide music from 1:00pm until 6:00pm, Live Music to begin at 7:00pm. Children's activities to be set from 2-4 including a water slide, jumping castle and crafts.

If interested in becoming a sponsor contact Naomi Daly @ 520-265-2970 or natender109@gmail.com

If interested in being a vendor or donate an item please contact Tabathia Knapp @ 520-304-1996

For event and general information contact event lead coordinator Bonnie LaVoie @ 520-272-8626 or mommyof2monkeys@hotmail.com

Please make all checks out to American Legion Riders Post 109

