

Changes Coming Soon at Governor Dodge State Park



Buried deep under winter snowpack, the site of Governor Dodge State Park's future equestrian campground is now quiet and peaceful. But within a few short weeks, the site will be a-buzz with activity as bulldozers re-shape the land to create the long-anticipated equestrian campground. Detailed plans have been approved, bids are pending, and the equestrian Friends are confident that funds now available will cover building 12 of the campground's 20 planned sites. Depending on budgets and fundraising,

even more sites might be completed in this phase!

Highlights of 2020 fundraising include: Friends secured a \$45,000 Recreational Trails Grant, a \$20,000 Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant, and an amazing \$50,000 match grant from private donors. Park and horse lovers from across Wisconsin stepped up to donate \$42,000 toward the match, growing the campground fund by \$84,000! New Extraordinary Friends gave or pledged \$1,000 each to the project, bringing the total number of Extraordinary Women and Extraordinary Friends to 63. The Friends re-imagined fall treasure and photo hunt with online auction generated \$12,000! Riders purchased 555 WI DNR trail passes from the Friends of Governor Dodge, generating \$2,775 for the campground fund. Working together, equestrians demonstrated their collective determination to "Get It Done in '21!"

This fundraising would not have succeeded without the hundreds of hours of work by volunteers and the generous financial support of hundreds of individuals and organizations. If you were among 2020's long list of supporters, a heartfelt thank you! Looking forward, please make a gift of any size to the campground fund. Funds received now will allow more sites and amenities to be built in 2021 and will move the total project closer to eventual completion.

Honor or celebrate a friend or family member by making a gift of \$25 or more in their name (think birthdays, anniversaries or other special occasions) and they will receive a beautiful card with a special image from 2020's photo hunt acknowledging the gift. Givers of \$1,000 or more will be permanently acknowledged as Extraordinary Friends at the new campground. Secure online donations are available. Please visit www.GovernorDodgeEquestrians.com to order the cards, view project updates, event information, and donation options.

You're invited to participate in a great "on your own schedule" treasure and photo hunt at Governor Dodge on the date of your choice between September 1-12, 2021. Talk to your friends now and save a date to attend. Register by the early bird deadline of August 14 to ensure you will receive your special t-shirt prior to the event. The Friends are currently seeking sponsors at the \$500, \$100 and \$50 level, and have begun collecting items such as artwork, jewelry, gift cards, and "experiences" (need not be horse-themed) for the virtual auction. Please email event chair Sandy Rogers at GovDodgeHorses@gmail.com for information on sponsoring or donating.



**Friends of Governor Dodge
Equestrian Committee**
www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com

**Treasure Hunt
Horse Ride - Hike
& Photo Hunt
September 1-12, 2021
Ride/Hike As You Please
Great Fun for a Great Cause!**

***** Become a Sponsor *****

Donations are 501(c)3 tax deductible to extent of law

\$500 Platinum Patron

- Top Billing & Bold Name on Event T-Shirt
- Exclusive Recognition on the Trail
- Listing on Website and Facebook page
Company Name and Logo
- Includes Event Registration for 2

\$100 Gold Sponsor

- Listing on Event T-Shirt (plus free T shirt)
- Trailside Listing
- Listing on Website and Facebook page
Company Name and Logo
- Includes Event Registration for 1

\$50 Silver Sponsor

- Listing on Website and Facebook page
- Trailside Listing

COUNT ME IN AS A SPONSOR!

Checks payable to FOGD-Equestrians
Mail to: FOGD-Equestrians
P.O. Box 154 Whitewater, WI 53190
Or Online at www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com
Call Sandy at 920-723-1710 for more information
Must be received by August 14, 2021

Contact Name _____

Business Name to be Used on Promotional Materials

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Website _____

Email _____

Shirt Yes, I'd love a shirt No shirt needed

Unisex V neck Crew neck

Shirt Size (circle one) Small Medium Large XL XXL



ONLINE AUCTION COMING SOON!

Your donation of quality items will be recognized and much appreciated!