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Hit the trail this summer at Governor Dodge State Park

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Friends of Governor Dodge-Equestrian Committee will host their 4th annual fundraiser at Governor Dodge State Park on June 3.

Due to public demand, the Poker Ride/Hike is back for a second year. Funds raised from the event help to support a new equestrian campground at Governor Dodge State Park.

Riders have been using a temporary campground at the park for decades which consist of nine 9 reservable sites on an asphalt parking lot. The Friends of Governor Dodge now have in hand a concept plan and cost estimate for a spacious and scenic 21-site campground which will be unveiled at the June 3 event.

In addition, a significant donation has been pledged toward the approximate \$700,000 cost and will also be announced at the event.



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On the day of the fundraiser, riders will gather at 9 a.m. at the Twin Valley Picnic shelter at Governor Dodge State Park, 4175 Hwy 23, Dodgeville, and then follow a marked trail, collecting poker chips which are exchanged for playing cards upon return.

Hikers will take a guided hike with a park naturalist who will explain features along the trail and distribute poker chips. Holders of the top three hands win cash prizes totaling over \$200.

In addition to the poker ride/hike, participants and guests are invited to bid on a wide array of silent auction items, including a weekend getaway for two at Big Valley Ranch, artwork, jewelry and, of course, horse related items. The silent auction runs from 9 am to 1:00 pm. The event will conclude at 2 p.m.



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Cost of the event is \$30 per participant which includes lunch. Park user fees are waived this weekend, so no vehicle sticker or trail pass is needed. Lunch and silent auction will be held rain or shine.

For further information about the event please visit www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com.