



Friends of Governor Dodge State Park

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Supporting Recreation, Education and Environmental Stewardship

FALL/WINTER 2010 NEWSLETTER

After an autumn filled with one glorious day after another, the winds of winter are blowing at Governor Dodge. What a busy and eventful year it has been for the Friends. Here are a few highlights:

❄ Friends Win State Parks Award!!

The Friends of Governor Dodge State Park have won the 2009 Friends Group of the Year award from the Wisconsin State Park System. The award was presented at the annual Friends of Wisconsin State Parks meeting in October, and honored the Friends for several projects undertaken in 2009, particularly the funding and construction of a building to store firewood that is sold to park users. Another major accomplishment in 2009 was the establishment of an endowment fund which will ensure the Friends' work can be sustained in the future. Group members in attendance enjoyed the opportunity to be recognized in person by the DNR Secretary and the Bureau of Parks and Recreation Director.



❄ 2010 Gold Seal Award!

At the same meeting, Governor Dodge State Park was honored by the Friends of Wisconsin State Parks for Best Green Initiative, recognizing the installation of solar lighting for the park entrance sign and flagpole, and use of an electric vehicle for park maintenance. The award continues the Governor Dodge winning streak, with Gold Seal awards in previous years for ❄ Best Trail Feature - *Stephens Falls*, ❄ Best Area for Pet Lovers, ❄ Best Fishing Area, ❄ Best Group Campsite and ❄ Best Playground for Kids.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

❄️ New Officers Elected at Friends Annual Meeting

Welcome to our new slate of officers! **Jim Spredemann** continues as *President*, **Judy Ettenhofer** joins the Board as *Vice President*, **Duane Deutmeyer** continues as *Treasurer*, and **Chip Forrest** steps up to take on the duties of *Secretary*. Many thanks to retiring officers Karl Cinlar - *Vice President* and Jan Spredemann - *Secretary*, for their hard work.

❄️ Twelfth Annual Candlelight * Ski * Hike* Snowshoe *



On January 15, 2011 the Friends will host Governor Dodge's twelfth annual candlelight ski/hike/snowshoe, from 6 to 9 PM. This popular event features a 1.3 mile lighted trail through the woods, and skiing or hiking on Cox Hollow Lake if ice conditions permit. With a bonfire, food, hot drinks, and a warming hut, this is a great opportunity to enjoy the winter beauty of the park. The Friends group welcomes helpers to set up and take down candle bags. **For information, call the park office at 608-935-2315.**



❄️ Endowment Fund Update

In 2009, The Friends of Governor Dodge State Park established an endowment fund under the umbrella of the Natural Resources Foundation. A steady stream of gifts and memorial contributions have helped the fund grow far faster than we had dreamed possible. Interest income from the endowment fund will soon be available to help the Friends with projects benefiting the park, such as a nature center (**YES WE CAN!**) and interpretive displays. Your year-end tax deductible contribution can be sent to: Wisconsin Natural Resources Foundation, PO Box 2317, Madison, WI 53201-2317. **Be sure to indicate your donation is for the FOGD Endowment Fund!**

❄️ Membership Renewal Time

It's time to show your support of Governor Dodge State Park by renewing your membership in the Friends of Governor Dodge. Memberships and contributions are tax deductible, so act before year's end!



2011 Membership Renewal Form

Please mail this completed form along with your check to:

Friends of Governor Dodge State Park, 4175 State Hwy. 23, Dodgeville, WI 53533

Name _____

Address _____
street

city/state/zip

Phone () _____
area code

E-Mail _____

Membership Options

- Individual \$10.00
- Family \$20.00
- Corporate/business \$50.00
- Additional donation \$ _____
- I am unable to join the Friends today, but I would like to make a donation \$ _____
- Please send me information about the Friends of Governor Dodge Endowment Fund.



All donations are tax deductible!

I would like to get involved with Friends projects. Please contact me about:

- Invasive species removal efforts
- Firewood preparation & sales
- Visitor education & interpretive programs
- Volunteer recruitment
- Nature Center planning and fundraising