



Friends of Governor Dodge State Park

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Supporting Recreation, Education and Environmental Stewardship

FALL/WINTER 2009 NEWSLETTER

Firewood Building Completed!

More than 500 volunteer hours later, the new firewood vending and storage building is finished. Located just across from the office, the building will hold the firewood sold by the Friends during days and times when the campground firewood vendor is not on site. The building was officially dedicated at a gala cookout for the volunteers who made it possible. Friends member and park Assistant Superintendent, Mike Dampf, described the building as a “*money tree*” in disguise, since profits from firewood sales will fund Friends projects far into the future. **The Friends still has 1,000 bags to load with firewood;** anyone interested in helping should contact Duane Deutmeyer at: (608) 574-2825 or: duane.deutmeyer@landsend.com. ***Special thanks to Friends Treasurer, Duane Deutmeyer, for his leadership on all phases of this project.***



Mission accomplished! Duane Deutmeyer, Kevin Spredemann and Jim Spredemann (Group President) take a deep breath when the construction is finally completed.

Friends Light the Trails

The second annual Fall Candlelight Hike was held on Saturday, October 10th from 6-8 pm. With clear skies and brisk temperatures, it was a gorgeous night for a hike in the woods. Hundreds of candle bags lighted the Lakeview trail leading from the Cox Hollow beach area. Guests and volunteers enjoyed a bonfire, complimentary s'more kits, and special Candlelight Hike Meal Deals prepared by Scott Storkson and his crew of Kiwani's Concession student employees. ***Thanks to the park staff for their support and assistance, and to Scott and his helpers for assembling the s'more kits and feeding the hungry hikers.***

Mark your calendars now for the Candlelight Ski/Snowshoe/Hike on Saturday, January 16th, 2010. Volunteers are always needed to help light the trail and staff the FOGD welcome table in the Cox Hollow concession stand. Pending weather and ice conditions, there will be a trail on the frozen lake and/or through the woods on the Lakeview trail. Watch the FOGD website for details.

Stephens Falls Named Best Trail Feature

The Friends of Wisconsin State Parks has selected Stephens Falls in Governor Dodge State Park as the 2009 “Gold Seal Award” winner for Best Trail Feature. Governor Dodge was previously awarded Gold Seal Awards for Best Playground - in 2006, and in 2008, Best Group Campsite, Best Fishing Area and Best Area for Pet Lovers. **We are pleased to see our favorite park receive this public recognition!**

2009 Park Hero Named

Duane Deutmeyer, Treasurer and tireless volunteer for the Friends of Gov Dodge, has been selected by the Friends of Wisconsin State Parks as the **2009 PARK HERO** award winner. ***Congratulations, Duane, on this well-deserved honor!***

In 2008, Duane logged 301 hours of volunteer service for the Friends of Gov Dodge, with 383 hours (*and counting*) so far in 2009. As impressive as these numbers are, Duane's contributions extend far beyond simple hard work. Over and over we have seen him use his organizational and networking skills for the park's benefit, most recently in spearheading the firewood shed construction project described above. ***We are very proud of Duane and happy to see him receive this honor.***



2009 Park Hero, Duane Deutmeyer, stains fascia board on the firewood building.

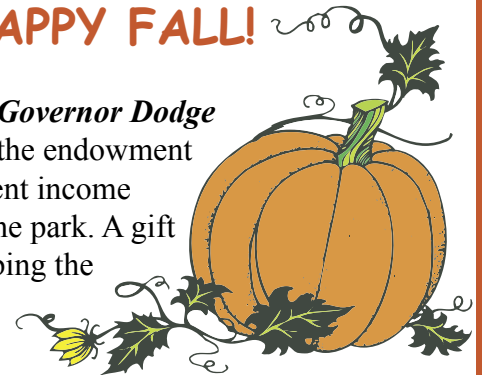
New Membership Benefit

Friends members can now order Lands' End clothing, custom-embroidered with the FOGD logo. Contact Duane Deutmeyer at: duane.deutmeyer@landsend.com for information on ordering your polo or sweatshirt. To become a member, send in the form below. We'd love to have you join us!

Seeking Tax Deductions?

As the end of the year approaches, please consider a gift to the Friends of Governor Dodge Endowment Fund, managed by the Natural Resources Foundation. Gifts to the endowment fund are not spent, but remain permanently in our Fund, generating investment income that will be returned to the Friends each year to use for projects benefitting the park. A gift to the endowment fund is truly a gift that keeps on giving! Brochures describing the FOGD Endowment Fund are available at the park office.

HAPPY FALL!



2010 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