



Friends of Governor Dodge State Park

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Supporting Recreation, Education and Environmental Stewardship

WINTER 2007 NEWSLETTER

Candlelight Ski set for January 19 – 6:00 - 9:00 PM – Mark your calendar and come join us!!

❄ 2007 Friends in Review

2007 was the best year yet for the FOGD. While continuing our traditional activities such as the Candlelight Ski and Roadside cleanup, we also

- ❄ **Funded** and constructed the park's first educational kiosk near the Deer Cove rock shelter
- ❄ **Launched** a website – *Check it out at www.friendsofgovdodge.org*
- ❄ **Generated** a steady income stream by selling firewood to campers arriving after hours
- ❄ **Funded** hours for the park Naturalist to offer extra fall programs
- ❄ **Sponsored** invasive species removal workdays

A huge thank-you to our energetic volunteers and to the park staff who worked so well with us!

❄ New Board Members Elected

At the annual meeting in November, two new officers agreed to serve on the Board of Directors. We are pleased to welcome Denise Marino as our new President and Karl Cinlar as Vice President. They bring energy, much volunteer experience, and a passion for the park to their new positions. Our highly competent Treasurer, Duane Deutmeyer, agreed to continue in this role, as did dedicated co-secretaries Jim and Jan Spredemann. We thank them for their ongoing efforts on behalf of Governor Dodge, and also thank outgoing President, Jean Warrior, and Vice President, Maureen Fitzgibbons, for their years of service.

❄ Governor Dodge to Celebrate 60th Year in 2008

Founded in 1948, Governor Dodge State Park has grown into one of the most popular and well-loved State Parks in Wisconsin. The Friends group is working closely with park staff to plan activities and events, which will include:

- ❄ **A new program** that allows participants to purchase a special 60th anniversary pin at a discount by completing hikes, volunteering for workdays, or attending park programs and events;
- ❄ **A 60th birthday party** for the park in conjunction with the traditional Smokey's birthday party, in August;
- ❄ **Friends funding for even more naturalist hours**, allowing return of the popular Mother's Day weekend "*Wildflower Hike and Violet Tea*," and the addition of one more autumn evening hike;
- ❄ **Publish a list** of "60 Great Things To Do At Governor Dodge." **If you have favorites to add, please e-mail to Jan at: oddsocks@execpc.com**

❄ Self-Guided Hike Series in Preparation

The Friends are funding extra hours for our park naturalist to commit to paper the details of several of her most popular hikes. Each hike will have its own brochure with map and highlights, allowing park visitors to enjoy these special places on their own schedules and pace. Watch for them in the park office in 2008.

❄ It's Membership Time!

Please use the form on the next page to renew or establish a membership in the FOGD, and consider adding a (*tax-deductible*) donation to support our programs. **HAPPY 2008!**



2008 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 \$ _____



All donations are tax deductible!

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