

J. D. McCarty Center

for children with developmental disabilities



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McCarty Center Poker Run Scheduled for July 22

Uwe von Schamann, director of development and fundraising for the J. D. McCarty Center for children with developmental disabilities, announced the scheduling of a motorcycle poker run to be held on Saturday, July 22. All proceeds from the poker run will benefit the McCarty Center, a pediatric rehab hospital in Norman.

The poker run will begin at the McCarty Center located at 2002 East Robinson Street in Norman. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. The last bike out is at 9:30 a.m. Coffee and breakfast snacks will be served during registration. The ride fee is \$20 for a single rider and \$25 for doubles.

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"We're going to use a route that we used a couple of years ago," von Schamann explained, "we had a lot of comments from the riders about how much they liked it. The route has a lot of diversity to it."

Leaving Norman the riders will go to Blanchard. From Blanchard they will take highway 76 thru Lindsay, Ratliff City and Fox. About one mile south of Fox the riders will turn east on highway 53 to Springer. From Springer they will pick up highway 77 and take it back to Norman.

"The ride will end at the Santa Fe Cattle Company at 706 North Interstate Drive here in Norman," said von Schamann. "The Santa Fe Cattle Company is our sponsor for the poker run. When the riders arrive, they'll be entertained by The Wise Guys band."

For those who are unfamiliar with a poker run it works like this. Riders will draw a playing card before they leave the McCarty Center and one when they arrive at the Santa Fe Cattle Company. They will also make three designated stops along the route to draw a card. The riders with the three best poker hands will win a prize.

Registration forms for the poker run can be found at the Santa Fe Cattle Company in Norman, at various motorcycle shops and venues around the metro area, or by calling Uwe von Schamann at 307.2804. Registration forms will also be available the morning of the event.

The J. D. McCarty Center is Oklahoma's center of excellence in the care and treatment of children with developmental disabilities from birth to 21. Established in 1946,

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the McCarty Center only treated one diagnosis...cerebral palsy. Today, the McCarty Center has treated more than 70 different diagnoses in the developmental disability category. In an average year, the McCarty Center will treat children from 70 of Oklahoma's 77 counties.

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