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2nd annual Special Olympics run

Motorcyclists ride to lend a hand

Silverdale, Wash. – The Kitsap County Sheriff's Office (Special Olympics) "Poker Run" Committee invites all motorcyclists to a "poker run" to benefit Special Olympics of Washington. Funds raised during the "run" will be allocated specifically for Kitsap County Special Olympics athletes.

Time, date & location: Saturday, July 16, at Destination Harley-Davidson, 9625 Provost Road NW, Silverdale, Kitsap County. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m.; the "run" begins at 9:30 a.m.

Registration cost: \$28.00 per person.

Eligibility: Motorcycle riders who are at least age 18 with a valid Washington State motorcycle endorsement.

Course: Participants ride motorcycles to various check points via an established, but unpublished, route. The directions for the next leg of the run are given to riders when they stop at each successive check point.

At check points riders will draw a playing card from regulation deck of 52 cards. The drawn card will be stamped on a rider's score card. The best hand at the end of the run wins.

There will also be an "observation game" where questions will be asked about areas that riders have passed through during the course of the run. Those with the most correct answers will win game prizes.

The run will end back at Destination Harley-Davidson, Silverdale. Closing ceremonies will be held at 4:00 p.m.

Prizes: Main prizes will be motorcycle items and gift cards. A raffle for a number of smaller, miscellaneous items will also be held at the end of the run. Donations from Nuts About HI-Fi, the Red Lobster Restaurant, the Red Robin Restaurant, and more, will add to the raffled items.

Sponsors: Kitsap County Sheriff's Office; Clearwater Casino, Suquamish; The Point Casino, Kingston; Destination Harley-Davidson, Silverdale; Harley Owners Group (Silverdale Chapter), Special Olympics of Washington and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

All funds raised will be provided to Special Olympics Washington. While "training for life" Special Olympics athletes build life skills by participating in team and individual sporting events.

Each year the Special Olympics Winter and Summer Games bring thousands of Washington State athletes together for three days to compete, build friendships and enjoy the competition.

Directions:

- State Highway 3 (north or southbound) to the Newberry Hill Road exit.
- At the bottom of the Newberry Hill Road exit off-ramp, turn west and follow the road to the next traffic signal located at Provost Road NW.
- At the traffic signal, turn right (northbound).
- Destination Harley-Davidson is located on the west side of Provost Road approximately one mile north of the Newberry Hill Road intersection.

Further information / contact:

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