



Equestrian Friends of Governor Knowles State Forest

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Dear Friend,

As a member of Equestrian Friends of Governor Knowles Forest you already know what a wonderful resource we share in its 32,500 acres and more than 40 miles of horse trails. Recognizing that land available for equestrians was rapidly disappearing to development, we organized in 2005 to help preserve this resource so valued for its beauty and solitude.

In the few short years since, we have grown to include more that 155 members – from families to saddle clubs and businesses. Working with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) we've seen great progress toward our initial vision, including improvements and expansion of existing facilities and trails and creation of the New Trade River Campground!

In 2009 your volunteer hours and membership dollars helped make it possible to:

- Complete installation of tie lines and fire rings at the New Trade River Campground
- Install four strategically placed signs to help people to find the Trade River Campground and Day Use Area from Highway 87
- Sponsor the June "Saddle for the Forest" event, have lots of fun and net \$1,356
- Draw more than 50 contestants to the "Just for Fun show" and raise \$1,555.

With your continued support, our ambitious plans for 2010 include:

- Designing and building an accessible mounting ramp at the Trade River Campground along with up to 11 mounting blocks there and at the Day Use areas
- Installing tie lines for the overflow parking area at Trade River
- Building a kiosk at the Wolf Creek for trail maps and collection of day use passes
- Printing color brochures that represent the entire forest and camps rather than just the pocket map of trails
- Putting up an additional signs at Evergreen and 250th St.
- Continuing the popular June "Saddle Up for the Forest" trail ride
- Continuing September's "Just for Fun Show".

Annual Membership Meeting

March 13, 2010

8:45 AM Social hour, 9:30 AM Meeting

Wisconsin Interstate Park - Ice Age Interpretive Center

Take Hwy 35 south of Hwy 8 from St Croix Falls .3 miles to park entry on west side Hwy 8

Guests include Ken Carpenter, Wisconsin State Horse Council and Todd Hintz, DNR

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