

Proposal for Library & City Sponsored Geocaching Poker Run Event

Purpose: To promote fun and educational entertainment to the geocaching community as well as bring in business for local restaurants and hotel/motels.

Background: The City of Brewton held a similar event this past August and it brought in visitors/geocachers from not only Alabama, but also from Florida and Mississippi. The event was both fun and educational. Prizes were awarded to the top winning poker hands found on the run and several door prizes were included as well.

The City of Brewton's event began with an evening of geocache training for new geocachers on Friday night. A breakfast at a local restaurant was held on Saturday morning where instructions were given and T-shirts were handed out and/or sold. The actual Geocaching Poker Run was held on Saturday afternoon at a local park and an awards presentation dinner was held on Saturday evening at another local restaurant. The weekend of geocaching events concluded with a "Cache in Trash out" event on Sunday morning. Geocachers picked up trash at the local park where much of the Poker Run on Saturday had been held.

In conjunction with the events, the City of Brewton had sponsored several new geocaches in the area. The majority of these geocaches were in areas of historical significance for the City of Brewton. We were given much background information by a City representative at the event. This historical information created a new vision of the City of Brewton for me, personally.

My Proposal: I propose that the Foley Public Library along with the City of Foley host a Geocaching Poker Run event on Saturday, February 15, 2014.

To begin our day, I would like to host a Geocaching Challenges event at the Foley Public Library from 10 am – Noon. This will be an educational event instructing geocachers in how to find challenges and how to succeed in completing them.

The actual Poker Run event will be on Saturday afternoon from 2 pm – 5 pm. I would like to hide 5 containers with the poker run cards in them starting at the Max Griffin Park and moving over to the Rose Trail via the light at Myrtle Ave. and Hwy 59.

I would like for our day of events to conclude with a dinner at a local restaurant (possibly at Ryan's or anywhere an area can be given to hold 25-60 people free of charge) where prizes will be given for the top 3 winning hands as well as some door prizes. Geocachers attending the event will be responsible for the cost of their own meals. I propose this event begin at 6 pm.

Costs: Approximately \$300 - \$350 is all that would be needed to acquire prizes, geocaching containers for the Poker Run, new geocaching containers for some new caches, and coffee, donuts, napkins, and plates for the morning event at the Library.

I would also like to request a letter from the City be provided to me stating that the City is co-sponsoring these events with the Foley Public Library. This way I will have something I can share with several of the geocaching supply companies when I request a donation of prizes for our events.

Conclusion: I have held three Geocaching events previously, with the help of the Library, and all three have been very successful. My event in February of last year brought in many of our Snowbirds who also like to geocache and I had 40+ people attend this event. The geocacher who came from the furthest distance was a couple out of Alberta, Canada. On the day of my next 2 events in August, it was terribly rainy, but that did not keep 30+ people from attending my Geocaching Trackables event and my Geocaching at the Graham Creek Nature Preserve event.

I feel a venture between the Library and the City would benefit us all. Not only would it open our area to more geocachers and geocaches, it would also promote a family oriented, educational past time where individuals and groups can learn about the history of our area as well as find out all the interesting spots our city of Foley has to offer.

PERTINENT INFORMATION

Event Names & Times: Geocaching Challenges – 10 am – Noon @ the Foley Public Library

Geocaching Poker Run – 2 pm – 5 pm beginning at Max Griffin Park

Geocaching Presentation Dinner – 6 pm – 9 pm at restaurant TBD

Date of Events: Saturday, February 15, 2014

Description of Events: Join the Foley Public Library and the City of Foley for a day of Geocaching Fun!! Family Oriented, Educational and Interesting Events for Geocachers or Geocacher “wannabes”. Come one and all to learn about Geocaching Challenges, enjoy a Poker Run with prizes, and have an evening of camaraderie with fellow Geocachers – all in Foley, Alabama.