

## YOU GOTTA PADDLE TO PLAY!

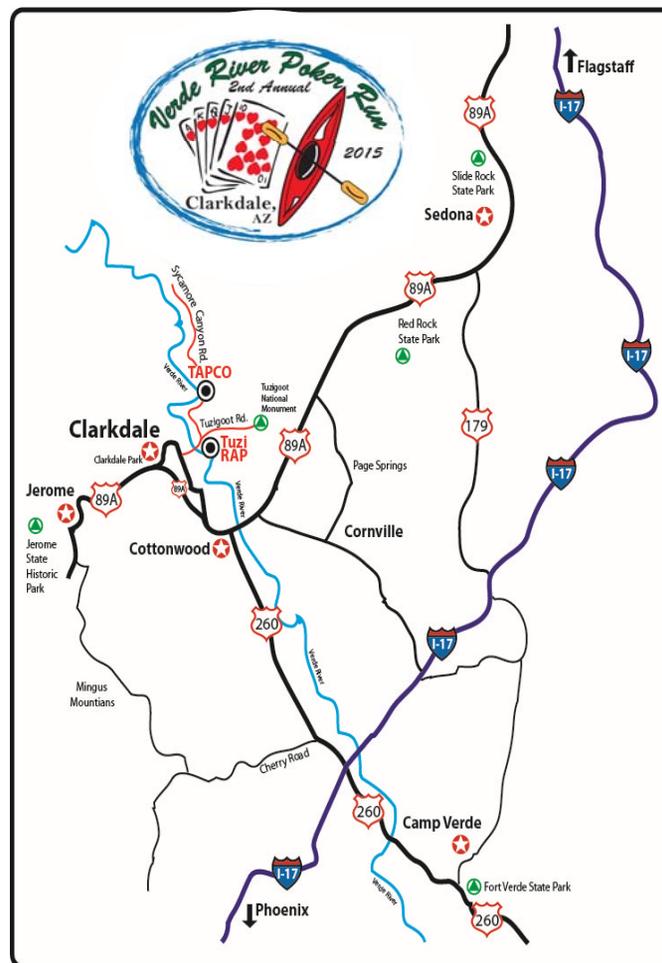
The Town of Clarkdale is dealing up a river recreation event that gives you the chance to win \$1,000 if you have the winning poker hand! Verde River Poker Run participants will paddle on one of the most pristine 3.5 mile stretches of the Verde River, stopping along the way to collect a 5-card poker hand!

Participants will drop off their boats (carpooling is encouraged) at the launch site at TAPCO River Access Point (RAP), 3400 Sycamore Canyon Rd. (2.3 miles north of the Tuzigoot Rd. intersection), Clarkdale, between 10:00-11:30 am. Participants requiring shuttle service will need to relocate their vehicles to the landing site, Tuzigoot RAP, 15 E. Tuzigoot Road, where a shuttle will transport them back to the TAPCO RAP. Shuttles will run at: 10:30am, 11:00am and 11:30am. Shuttle service will only be available during these times. Public Parking is available at the TAPCO RAP - participants who choose to leave a vehicle parked at this site during the event are required to complete a Vehicle Access Pass. Please note the gate/site closing times posted at the entrance.

On-Site Registration/Check-in will occur at the TAPCO RAP from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Allowable vessels include: kayaks, canoes and paddle boards. THIS IS NOT A RACE! Staggered starts will begin at 11am and the last launch will take place by 12:15pm. All boaters must be off the river by 2:15pm.

Poker cards will be collected at 4 stops along the river, and the 5th card must be collected by 2:45pm at Clarkdale Town Hall, 890 Main Street (corner of 9<sup>th</sup> & Main), Clarkdale. The winning hands will be announced at 3pm at Clarktoberfest.

Proceeds of the event will enhance the Town of Clarkdale's efforts to raise awareness of our natural resources by providing recreation, education and nature tourism opportunities that support the stewardship of the Verde River.



TOWN OF CLARKDALE

COMMUNITY SERVICES  
PARKS & RECREATION/LIBRARY

For more information:  
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**Saturday  
October 3, 2015  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**ALL LEVELS OF PADDLERS WELCOME!**  
*Participants must be 21 years of age or older.*

### ENTRY FEES:

**Pre-register by September 18<sup>th</sup> to save!**

**\$50.00 Early Bird Registration Fee**

**\$60.00 Registration Fee after Sept. 18**  
*After 09/18/15 a t-shirt cannot be guaranteed.*

*\$5 Discount for Verde River @ Clarkdale Members -  
Registration must be done in person*

Registration includes a  
commemorative event t-shirt.



The highest 5-card  
poker hand will win the  
**Grand Prize:**  
**\$1,000!**

The lowest 5-card poker hand will win a  
Clarkdale gift basket, valued at \$250.

## THIS IS NOT A RACE!

Prizes are awarded on the poker hand rankings outlined below, not on speed! We want all participants to have fun and remain safe! Take your time, and enjoy a day on the Verde River!



### POKER HANDS

The winning hand is determined by standard poker hand rankings ... there are no wild cards! Participants will be issued a Poker Hand Score sheet at the beginning of the event. They will draw one card at random from a single-deck at each location. If they draw a card that they already have in their hand, they will need to draw a new card. The organizer will mark the participants card with the correct card before the participant proceeds to the next stop.

#### Poker Hand Rankings

(highest to lowest)

Royal Flush  
Straight Flush  
Four of a Kind  
Full House  
Flush  
Straight (Run)  
Three of a Kind  
Two Pair  
Pair  
High Card

#### Notes:

- ◆ Aces count high for all hands (i.e. a pair of Aces beats a pair of Kings).
- ◆ In a straight, and Ace can count low OR high, but not both!
- ◆ If any card drawn is a duplicate of a card previously drawn, that card must be re-drawn. No hand can have duplicate cards!

### IN CASE OF A TIE

In case of a tie, all those with the tying hands will be dealt a new 5 card hand from a single-deck. Winner takes all!

## MORE WAYS TO WIN!

**Extra Hands:** Participants who have paid the registration fee may purchase additional poker hands for \$35 each.

**Extra Card:** At the end of the Poker Run, participants may purchase one extra card per hand for \$10. The extra card may be used to replace a card in the participant's hand, hopefully resulting in a better Poker Hand!

**50/50 Raffle:** A 50/50 raffle will be held and the winner will split the pot with the host! Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

## SCHEDULE

**10:00 am - 11:30 am** Boat Drop Off  
Check-In/Register

**11:00 am** First Launch

**12:15 pm** Last Launch

**12:00 pm - 9:00 pm** Clarktoberfest

*Clarkdale Town Hall, (890 Main Street) is the 5th stop on your route to pick your last card. Celebrate the end of a fantastic day on the Verde River at Clarktoberfest on Main Street in Downtown Clarkdale. Enjoy live music, a beer & wine garden, food from local eateries, vendors and various activities, including a 50/50 Raffle.*

**3:00 pm** Prizes Announced

## PADDLING POKER RUN TIPS

- ◆ Hat, visor, sunglasses and sunscreen are a good idea if the sky is clear.
- ◆ Bring an extra set of dry clothes, towel, dry shoes, and extra sweat shirt or jacket.
- ◆ Insect repellent, inhalers, bee sting kits couldn't hurt.
- ◆ Sturdy water shoes are recommended on the water. Do not wear sandals or paddle in bare feet.
- ◆ Bring snacks and brown bag lunch to refuel along or after the course.
- ◆ Bring water to ensure you stay hydrated! Refilling stations will be provided along the course.
- ◆ No alcohol in kayak or on river is permitted; no glass containers permitted on river.
- ◆ Please take your containers and litter off the boat with you and do not litter along the river-way. Trash receptacles will be provided at the end of the course.
- ◆ Don't forget, approved lifejackets are required!!!
- ◆ And most importantly - HAVE FUN!!!!

## CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

The Verde River Poker Run is a rain or shine event with no refunds offered.

The following circumstances will require cancellation of the paddling portion of the event:

- ◆ Projected River Flows Above 250 cfs at any time during the event.
- ◆ Rainfall in amounts that significantly degrade travel conditions on Sycamore Canyon Rd.

Should these or other circumstances make it necessary for the Town of Clarkdale to cancel the paddling portion of the event, the Poker Run schedule will be adjusted. Signage will be posted at the intersection of Tuzigoot Rd/Sycamore Canyon Rd by 9:30 am on the day of the event to redirect participants to the Clark Memorial Library, 39 N. 9th Street. Participants will sign-in and receive instructions on alternate stops for the Poker Run from this location.

There will be no refunds issued for this event so please check your calendar for conflicts before you pay any fees.

### TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT

You can register online at  
**WWW.CLARKDALE.AZ.GOV**

or in person at the  
**Clark Memorial Library**  
39 N Ninth Street, Clarkdale, AZ



**U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices (life jackets) are required and must be worn by every participant in this event.**

For up to the minute Verde River Poker Run information and updates, please visit:

**www.clarkdale.az.gov**