YOU GOTTA PADDLE TO PLAY!

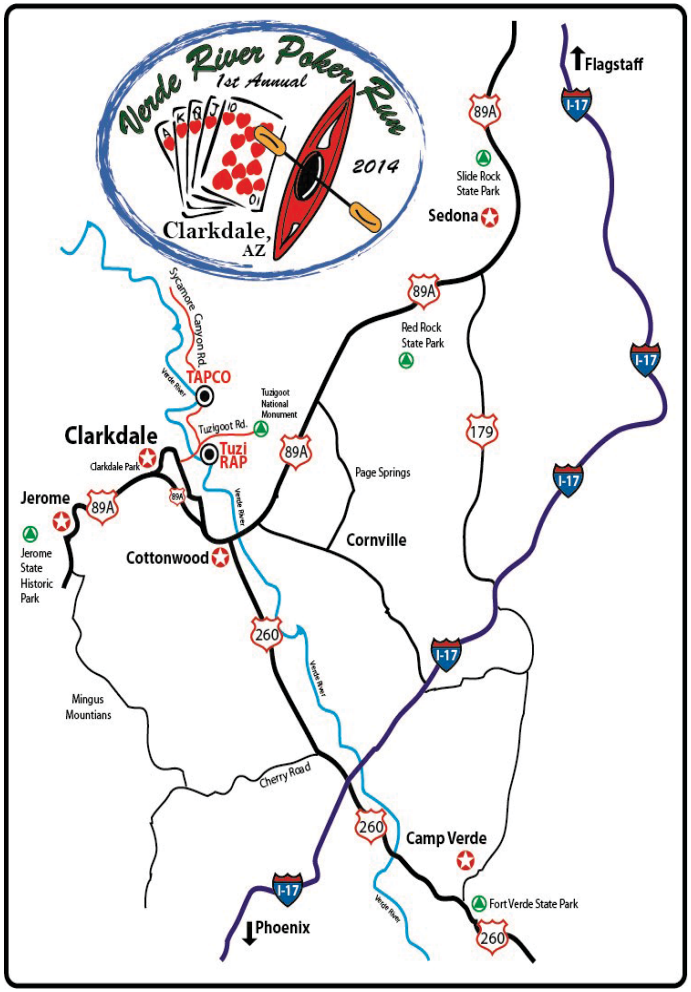
The Town of Clarkdale and the Verde River Valley Nature Organization are dealing up a river recreation event that gives you the chance to win $1,000 if you have the winning poker hand! Verde River Poker Run participants will paddle on one of the most pristine 3.5 mile stretches of the Verde River, stopping 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 RAP on Sycamore Canyon Rd. (2.3 miles north of the Tuzigoot Rd. intersection) between 8:00-9:00 am. Vehicles must then be moved to the Tuzigoot RAP, 15 E. Tuzigoot Rd., where a shuttle will transport them back to the TAPCO RAP. **There will be NO public parking at the TAPCO RAP!** Shuttles will run at 8:30 am; 9:00 am and 9:30 am.

On-Site Registration/Check-in will occur at the TAPCO RAP from 8:00-9:30 a.m. **Allowable vessels include: kayaks, canoes and paddle boards.** THIS IS NOT A RACE! Staggered starts will begin at 9am and the last launch will take place by 10:15am. All boaters must be off the river by 2:30 pm.

Poker cards will be collected at 4 stops along the river, and the 5th card must be collected by 3:00 pm at the Clarkdale Park, 1001 Main Street, Clarkdale. The winning hands will be announced at the Park at 4:00 pm.

Proceeds of the event will enhance the Town of Clarkdale and the Verde River Valley Nature Organization'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.



This Verde Riverfest Event is sponsored by:

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Verde River Poker Run
1st Annual
2014
Clarkdale, AZ

Saturday, April 19, 2014
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

ALL LEVEL OF PADDLERS WELCOME!

Paddlers must be at least 18 years of age.

ENTRY FEES:

$50.00 Registration Fee

Walk-In Registration Accepted on Day of Event

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.

Verde RiverFest

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 during the Post-Paddle Party at the Clarkdale Park, and the winner will split the pot with the hosts! Tickets will be $1 each or 6 for $5.

SCHEDULE

8:00 am - 9:00 am	**Boat Drop Off**
8:00 am - 9:30 am	**Check-In/Register**
9:00 am	**First Launch**
10:00 am	**Last Launch**
12:30 pm - 4:00 pm	**Post Paddle Party**

The Clarkdale Park, (1001 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 the Post Paddle Party. Enjoy a concert in the park and various activities, including a 50/50 Raffle along with vendors and information booths.

4:00 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 litters 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 and the Verde River Valley Nature Organization, Inc. 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 7:30 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

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

www.clarkdale.az.gov