



### All-Terrain Utility Vehicle Tour Of Flint Hills To Benefit Emporia Groups

Fun in the beautiful green Flint Hills of Kansas will benefit two worthwhile causes.

It's the 'Gator Rally' Wednesday through Saturday evenings, June 12-15, from 5 to 8 o'clock, starting at the famed Railroad Cattle Pens right along the Turnpike at Cassoday.

"The 'Gator Rally' is planned by PrairieLand Partners John Deere Emporia as a special benefit for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Flint Hills, Inc., and the Emporia Friends of the Zoo," announced Paul du Toit, manager of the Emporia PrairieLand location and brainchild of the second annual event.

"We had twenty-two couples who joined us last year. One couple married for 30 years commented: 'This was our best date night ever.' This is truly the ultimate 'night out' in the Flint Hills," promised du Toit, who with his Managing by Values Team at PrairieLand Emporia coordinated the logistics for the activity.

In clarification, the John Deere Gator is a family of small all-terrain utility vehicles produced by the John Deere Corporation, typically featuring a box bed, in a variety of configurations ranging from two to six wheels. They are designed to serve on farms, worksites and ranches rather than as a pure off-road vehicle.

A number of corporate sponsors, including 580 WIBW and the Kansas Information Network, are sponsoring the fundraiser fun-in-the-hills, but individual participants also required to pay a token donation fee.

"Drivers and riders will be enjoying the beautiful scenery of being out in the Kansas Flint Hills by being 'off road' traveling through pastures, creek beds and hills. This experience definitely includes adventures," du Toit promised.

While PrairieLand Partners John Deere, a Team W client and annual contract 580 WIBW and Kansas Information Network advertiser, will be providing most of the Gators, including several models, a number of satisfied Gator owners will bringing their own vehicles for the Flint Hills tour.

"We will be leaving promptly at 5 o'clock from the cattle pens about 17 miles south of Emporia," du Toit said. "All of the Gators will be there ready and waiting. For those who bring their own Gators, it would be best to arrive beforehand to unload and be ready to head out with the group.



"Participants will be guided through the Flint Hills and end up at an area where volunteers will have supper ready for enjoyment and social gathering by a shaded creek side. After supper, the sun will be setting, and everyone will be guided back to their vehicles," du Toit detailed.

Information is available at PrairieLand Partners John Deere, Emporia, 888-753-0103.



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