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Bikers, Wind Walker Ranch Team Up to Raise Money to Prevent Child Abuse

Hundreds of motorcycle riders will be winding their way through the towns and streets of Sanpete County April 20 to 22 to raise money for child abuse prevention.

The annual "poker run" event attracts motorcycle clubs from throughout Utah, who join forces to raise money for Bikers Against Child Abuse. The event is being coordinated with assistance from Loretta Johnson, owner of the Wind Walker Guest Ranch, where many of the bikers will be staying.

The Wind Walker ranch will be the starting base for the poker run. During the weekend, participants will ride through the valley picking up playing cards and pledges to support their cause. There will also be activities that are open to the public at the ranch, including food, games, dances and other events. Many of the bikers will also be doing leisurely rides throughout the weekend.

U.S. Highway 89, the heritage highway that winds its way through Sanpete and other southern Utah counties, was named the No. 1 riding trail in the nation by the American Motorcycle Association in recent years.

Bikers Against Child Abuse has chapters throughout Utah. Members work with local and state officials to lend emotional and physical support to abused children, including supporting them at court and parole hearings and attending interviews. The organization also has chapters in some 22 states and in Canada.

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