

First Annual Sleigh Ride to Roar into Morongo

Legendary rock bands Slaughter, Great White, Vixen and Autograph will cap off the two-day holiday charity ride and festival which will include two custom motorcycle giveaways.

Morongo Casino, Resort & Spa – Motorcycle riders from across Southern California and beyond are invited to head out on the highway for a massive charity run that will culminate with two-day concert and festival at the Morongo Casino, Resort, & Spa – and could land a new custom ride in their garage!

On December 9 and 10, Morongo will host the Sleigh Ride Toy Run, one of Southern California's biggest bike festivals and toy drives for disadvantaged children. The ride begins at 9 AM on Saturday, December 9 with starting lines at Palm Springs Harley (19465 North Indian Canyon Drive) and Temecula Harley (28964 Old Town Front Street). The ride will end at Morongo for the two-day, family-friendly festival.

"Thanks to Morongo and hundreds of riders, children in need across Southern California will experience a brighter holiday season," said JJ Johnson of the JJ Johnson Foundation, which will collect and distribute the toys. "In many cases, the toys from the Sleigh Ride may be the only holiday gifts these children will receive."

On December 9, festival guests can win a new Harley Davidson from Palm Spring Harley. On December 10, one lucky guest will win a red, white and blue 'Captain America' chromed custom chopper built by legendary motorcycle designer Paul Yaffe from one of the last remaining kits seen in the movie "Easy Rider."

Live music will be provided by 80s' metal bands Great White and Slaughter on December 9 and by Vixen, and Autograph on December 10.

At the festival, guests will enjoy great food and drinks from vendors in the Morongo Outdoor Pavilion, and can browse a huge trade show by craftsman selling premium leathers, helmets, and custom gear.

"The Sleigh Ride is going to be roaring good time here at Morongo, and it's all for a great cause," said Simon Farmer, executive director of marketing at Morongo. "With performances from legendary metal bands to motorcycle giveaways on both days, this is one weekend of fun at Morongo that riders won't want to miss."

Tickets are on sale through Ticketmaster and at the Morongo Box Office for \$20 per person or \$35 per couple, or \$25 at the door. Tickets include festival and concert admission, as well as the Saturday ride. Food and drinks at the event will be sold separately.

Entry is free on December 10 with the donation of a new, unwrapped toy valued at \$15 or more.

About the Morongo Casino, Resort & Spa

The 4-Diamond Morongo Casino, Resort & Spa is located along the 10 Freeway near Palm Springs, Calif. Owned and operated by the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, the Morongo Casino, Resort & Spa offers the hottest slots and an array of table and high-limit gaming at one of the largest tribal gaming centers in the United States. The towering 27-story resort features five top-rated restaurants, a stunning swimming pool with private cabanas, a world-class spa, popular nightclub, legendary live entertainment and, nearby, the 36-hole championship Morongo Golf Club at Tukwet Canyon. For more information, visit morongocasinoresort.com.