

Dear Poker Run Host,

Thank you for volunteering to host a stop during **OSNA's first-ever Poker Run!** This exciting event would not be possible without your support, and we want to ensure you feel fully prepared and confident in your role. Below is an outline of the timeline, expectations, and the ways OSNA will support you throughout the evening.

Event Timeline

- **Start Time:** 6:00 – Guests will begin arriving at their first designated stop.
- **Duration:** Each group will spend approximately **20–25 minutes** at each host location.
- **Rotation:** Guests will rotate between five host locations to collect their playing cards.
- **Final Destination:** 8:30 - The evening concludes at the sixth and final location, where all participants will reveal their five-card hands and winners will be announced. – All hosts are invited to attend the final destination event.

Host Process & What to Expect

1. **Atmosphere:** Each host provides a welcoming environment with light refreshments (cocktail or mocktail and an appetizer).
2. **Entertainment:** Hosts are encouraged to have music or a festive element to create a lively atmosphere.
3. **Cards:** You will be given a deck of playing cards by OSNA. Each Poker Run participant will draw one card from your deck and have it recorded on their Poker Run scorecard.
4. **Flow:** Groups will be moving on a schedule, so expect waves of participants rather than everyone arriving at once.

Host Responsibilities

- Greeting participants as they arrive.
- Provide one beverage and one appetizer item per guest.
- Supervise the card draw and record the card on each participant's scorecard.
- Help keep participants on schedule, so rotations stay on time.

OSNA Support for Hosts

- OSNA will provide **decks of cards** and **scorecards** with clear instructions.
- OSNA will provide a signature drink cup for the Participant and Companions for use at each stop.
- An OSNA volunteer will check in during the event to assist with timing, recording cards, and troubleshooting.
- OSNA will assist in coordinating guest flow, so no host is overwhelmed at once.
- All costs for cards, scorecards, souvenir cup and event logistics will be covered by OSNA.

We are so grateful for your generosity in opening your home and helping make this a memorable community event. If you have any questions or need additional support, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at oldsoutheast.sp@gmail.com or contact **Bill Dahl directly at 603-494-1525**

Together, we'll make the Poker Run a success and create an unforgettable evening for our neighbors!

With appreciation,
OSNA Board of Directors

OSNA Poker Run Rules & Guidelines

Welcome to OSNA's first-ever Poker Run! Please review the following rules to ensure a smooth, fair, and fun evening for all participants.

Check-In

- All **players and companions** must **sign in at the designated check-in location** to receive:
 - Event rules & map of host houses
 - Souvenir drink cup
 - Scorecard (players only)
 - Other party items & surprises
- At check-in, each **player** will be assigned a **starting point**. This ensures rotation among the host locations. 10 players will be sent to each of the 5 hosts as a starting location.

For Poker Run Players

- Each player will receive a **scorecard** at check-in.
- At every host location, the player will:
 1. Draw one playing card from the host's deck.
 2. Have the host record and initial the card on their scorecard.
- Players must visit **all five host locations** to complete their hand.
- Scorecards must be turned in at the **final destination** to be eligible for prizes.

For Companions

- Companions are welcome to **travel along the full Poker Run tour** with the players.
- Companions will **not** participate in the poker card game and will **not** receive cards or a scorecard.
- Companions will receive:
 - A souvenir drink cup
 - Access to all food, drinks, and festivities at each host location
 - Entry to the final destination party


Prizes

- The top **three poker hands** will be announced and awarded prizes at the final destination.
- **Ultimate Grand Prize:** TBD





Final Destination Party

- After all stops are completed, players and companions will gather at the final destination for:
 - Poker hand reveal and winner announcements
 - Music, fun, and community celebration!

Reminder: This event is designed for fun, friendship, and community spirit. Please enjoy responsibly and respect the hosts and fellow participants.

We can't wait to see you on Poker Run night! 

Poker Hand Rankings (Highest to Lowest)

1. **Royal Flush**    
A, K, Q, J, 10 all of the same suit. *The unbeatable hand.*
2. **Straight Flush**
Five cards in sequence, all of the same suit (e.g., 9♣, 8♣, 7♣, 6♣, 5♣).
3. **Five of a Kind**
Four cards of the same rank (e.g., J♦, J♠, J♥, J♣ + J any suit).
4. **Four of a Kind**
Four cards of the same rank (e.g., J♦, J♠, J♥, J♣ + any fifth card).
5. **Full House**
Three of a kind + a pair (e.g., 10♠, 10♦, 10♣ + 7♥, 7♠).
6. **Flush**
Five cards all of the same suit, not in sequence (e.g., A♣, 9♣, 6♣, 4♣, 2♣).
7. **Straight**
Five cards in sequence, mixed suits (e.g., 8♠, 7♦, 6♣, 5♥, 4♦).
8. **Three of a Kind**
Three cards of the same rank (e.g., 5♣, 5♥, 5♠ + two other cards).
9. **Two Pair**
Two different pairs (e.g., K♥, K♣ + 3♠, 3♦ + any fifth card).
10. **One Pair**
A single pair (e.g., Q♦, Q♣ + three unrelated cards).
11. **High Card**
When no other hand is made, the highest single card determines the winner (e.g., Ace high beats King high).

Ties in Poker Hands

Yes, ties can happen! Here's how they're resolved:

- **Same Hand Type:** If two players have the same category (e.g., both have a Flush), the higher-ranked cards within that hand determine the winner.
 - Example: Flush with A-high beats Flush with K-high.
- **Kickers:** If pairs, trips, or quads are tied, the extra (non-matching) cards, called “kickers,” are compared.
 - Example: Pair of 9s with Ace kicker beats Pair of 9s with King kicker.
- **Perfect Tie:** If *every card* in both players' hands is identical in rank (possible with community/shared cards), the hand is an exact tie, and the pot is split.

 For your **Poker Run**, it might be helpful to note in the rules:

- Hands are ranked by the standard 5-card poker system above.
- Ties will be broken by the highest ranking card (kicker) when applicable.
- If a perfect tie still exists, the prize may be shared or determined by a fun tie-breaker (e.g., coin toss or high card draw).



Event Title: *Poker Run: A Neighborhood Tour & Party*

Presented by: Old Southeast Neighborhood Association

Purpose:

A creative new social event designed to bring neighbors together while raising funds for our 2026 neighborhood events, community initiatives and outreach programs.

Event Concept:

- Participants will travel between 5 neighborhood host homes.
- Each host offers drinks (alcoholic, non-alcoholic, or both) and light snacks.
- At each location, playing participants receive a playing card.
- The goal is to collect all 5 cards to create a “poker hand.”

How it Works:

- **5 Host Homes:** Backyard, porch, patio, living room, etc.
- **52 Playing Participants:** Enjoy stops at all five homes, collecting 1 card at each.
- **Non-Playing Companions:** A Poker Player may bring an accompanying non-playing companion; they may attend the parties at a nominal fee.
- **Final Destination Party:** A celebration to reveal poker winners, enjoy neighbors, and revel in the winnings.

Key Features:

- OSE Neighborhood-exclusive early access to tickets until 10/15 at \$60/\$50
- Event expands to friends/outside participants until 52 tickets are sold beginning 10/16 at \$75/\$60
- Prizes awarded for the best poker hand winners.

Volunteer Needs:

- 5 host homes and 5 PR volunteers to assist at the host locations
- Setup and event coordination help. – 3 volunteers
- Final party support, location and volunteers. – 5 volunteers

Financial Goal:

- Raise **\$2,000** through ticket sales for OSNA.
- Provide \$100 to each host home as seed funds for their hosting expenses.
- Cash prize expenses of up to \$400

Contact Info / Next Steps:

OSNA, oldsoutheast.sp@gmail.com, oldsoutheaststpete.org, and our social media pages.