

## Press Release

**For Immediate Release**  
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**What: Taste of Freedom Fundraising Event in Prescott**  
**Where: Great River Road Visitor and Learning Center, 200 Monroe St., Prescott, WI, 54021 (715-262-0104), [www.freedomparkwi.org](http://www.freedomparkwi.org)**  
**When: Saturday, March 12, 2011, 5-7:30 p.m.**

### **Taste of Freedom Fundraising Event in Prescott**

Belinda Jensen, KARE11 meteorologist, will be the special guest at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Freedom Fundraising Event held Saturday, March 12 from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Great River Road Visitor & Learning Center at Freedom Park in Prescott. The annual fundraising event, hosted by the Friends of Freedom Park, includes live music, delicious food and drink, a fabulous silent auction and more. Ticket prices are \$40/person.

Local restaurants and eateries will feature delicious appetizers and desserts. Locally made wine and beer will also be available for tasting. The silent auction features many exceptional items including a catered “Breakfast with Belinda and Bobby” of KARE11 TV and a behind the scenes experience watching the KARE11 News Saturday Show; a signed jacket worn by the drummer of Buddy Holly and the Crickets; Rock and Roll Hall of Fame signed items; a special evening riverboat cruise for 8; guided fishing trips and tours; original artwork and much more.

Proceeds from this fun event support the programs of the Great River Road Visitor and Learning Center. The Center’s programs include free environmental education with field trips and a Traveling Naturalist classroom program for local school children, public programs for all ages about nature, local history and more, the Great Rivers Confluence project, local artist exhibits, and much more. Through interpretive trails, hands-on exhibits, native prairie plant demonstration gardens in Freedom Park, and a host of ongoing educational programs, visitors and residents explore the unique environmental legacy and history of this region and its connections to the Mississippi River.

The Center has welcomed over 78,000 visitors from 50 states and 42 countries since opening in 2006, and more than 18,000 people have participated in the programs and events held at the Center. The Great River Road Center at Freedom Park is one of 62 interpretive centers along the Great River Road which runs from Lake Itasca in MN to the Gulf of Mexico. As the northern gateway to Wisconsin’s Great River Road, the

Center offers scenic overlooks high above the upper Mississippi River valley at the confluence of the Mississippi and St. Croix rivers.

The Friends of Freedom Park is a non-profit organization whose mission is to support the operations and educational programs of the Great River Road Visitor and Learning Center. For more information call Margaret Smith, Executive Director, 715-262-0104 or visit [www.freedomparkwi.org](http://www.freedomparkwi.org) .

RSVP for the Taste of Freedom to the Center at 715-262-0104 by March 7, or download a reservation form at [www.freedomparkwi.org](http://www.freedomparkwi.org) home page and mail to Friends of Freedom Park, 200 Monroe St., Prescott, WI 54021.