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Catawba Two Kings Casino preparing to add live table games in expansion this summer

To add 120 positions, casino opening free dealer school March 25 and holding recruitment fairs in the Charlotte region, Atlantic City and other casino markets across the country

KINGS MOUNTAIN, N.C. (*March 19, 2024*) – <u>The Catawba Two Kings Casino</u> is preparing to add 12 live table games this summer to complement the 1,000 slot machines and electronic table games, retail sportsbook and restaurant at its temporary casino in Kings Mountain, N.C., about 35 minutes from downtown Charlotte.

The table games are expected to include craps, roulette, mini baccarat, blackjack, Mississippi stud poker and three-card poker.

To accommodate the table games, additional prefabricated modular structures are being added to the venue, which is operated by the Catawba Nation Gaming Authority. Work on the expansion began in February and will continue through the spring. An exact go-live date for the table games will be announced at a later time.

"We're very excited to be adding live table games to expand our gaming and entertainment offerings at Catawba Two Kings Casino," Catawba Nation Chief Brian Harris said. "By adding live table games, we are giving our loyal patrons something many have asked for and also anticipate drawing Charlotte residents and visitors to the region who have not yet been to the casino."

To support the operation of table games, the casino is opening a free <u>dealer school</u> on March 25 in Kings Mountain that will run through June 14, and will be holding periodic recruitment fairs in the region, as well as in Atlantic City and other casino markets across the country. That effort is being aided by Delaware North, a hospitality and entertainment company with a portfolio of regional casinos that is a consultant to the Catawba Nation on the casino's operations.

Catawba Two Kings Casino currently employs 280 people and anticipates adding 120 new positions – both dealers and supervisors – with the table games expansion, said Kathy George, president of the gaming authority.

"While we want to attract experienced dealers to our team and are offering bonuses and relocation packages for those who qualify and are hired, it's also a top objective to add local residents who may be new to gaming but are seeking a good-paying job. Our free dealer school will prepare people for new careers in the casino industry," George said.

The expansion of the temporary casino comes as the Catawba Nation continues planning for development of an adjacent permanent casino resort, with construction and design plans being finalized and a timetable for construction expected to be announced later this year. In another step toward beginning that project,

the nation recently secured ownership of the parking lot and land surrounding the temporary casino in a purchase approved by the National Indian Gaming Commission.

Also, work has been completed on two key infrastructure projects for development of the permanent casino resort The Catawba Nation funded both: doubling the size of the Dixon School Road Bridge over I-85 near the casino entrance and installing new sewer lines.

In addition, Catawba Two Kings Casino is planning to operate mobile sports betting in North Carolina and is finalizing the selection of a technology partner. The onsite sportsbook at the casino continues to attract visitors to Kings Mountain as one of only three retail sportsbooks in the state and the closest to Charlotte.

About Catawba Two Kings Casino Resort

Catawba Two Kings Casino Resort is being developed by the Catawba Nation at a 17-acre site at 538 Kings Mountain Blvd. in Kings Mountain, N.C. The site is near Interstate 85 Exit 5 and about 35 miles west of Charlotte. A temporary "pre-launch" gaming facility features 1,000 gaming machines, including electronic table games, North Carolina's closest sportsbook to Charlotte, and casual dining. At full buildout, the casino resort project is expected to create thousands of construction and permanent jobs in the region. The Two Kings name celebrates the Catawba Nation's history and hopeful future in their ancestral lands in North Carolina, paying tribute to the 18th century Catawba Chief King Hagler and the City of Kings Mountain. For more information visit www.twokingscasino.com,

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