

RIVER M SAMS

 A Chapter of the Tennessee Good Sam Club
 MEMPHIS TENNESSEE
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Six rigs enjoyed awesome sunny Spring weather for our April camp out at the Jones Creek area of George Cossar State Park near Oakland, MS on April 13th and 14th. Charles & Evelyn started the arrival of rigs on Monday, with Harry & Betty, Bill & Sally, and Aubrey & Sue joining in on Wednesday. Buster & Wilma and Guy & Connie, joined the early bird M's on Thursday. After arriving Guy brought out our new banner that will be displayed at future campouts and activities.



Thursday night Bill practiced his fire building skills and made us a great bonfire to chase off the chilly 60 degree temps. Guy used his past Boy Scout skills with "pie irons" and taught us how to prepare a very tasty fried pie treat. After the first "burnt to a crisp" cherry fried pie by Connie, we mastered the art of making delicious fried pies. We all decided this was a "Camping" experience we wanted to repeat.



Connie & Harry make a practice run.



Pie irons work their magic!



Guy critiques as Aubrey & Sally take their turn.

Friday after lunch Betty provided us with a special treat of punch and cookies at the park meeting room before we settled in for an afternoon of "Hand and Foot" cards and "Mexican Train" dominoes. We stuffed ourselves at the Country Catfish Restaurant near Oakland that evening along with ice cream at Baskin Robbins. After dinner the afternoon losers at dominoes and cards sought revenge from fellow players.

We were delighted that Cleve and Shirley were able to join us for the Saturday morning meeting, and they surprised us with delicious doughnuts. Everyone enjoyed our shared "brown bag lunch" and the "white elephant" swap afterwards brought many laughs. Betty led our devotional afterwards before afternoon activities began. Several headed out for hamburgers Saturday evening before the evening games began.



Enjoying punch and cookies.



Saturday's "Meeting" in the great outdoors.



Sharing a "brown bag" lunch.



Aubrey Lipford: April 1st Marie Stacks: April 16th Bob Thiel: April 30th

May Campout Reminders:

2012 Tennessee "Birthday Party" Spring Samboree

May 17th - 20th - Early bird days May 14th - 16th


James E. Ward AgriCenter - 945 E Baddour Parkway - Lebanon, Tennessee

Those attending are asked to go along with the birthday theme and bring an unwrapped new toy or teddy bear that will be given to under privileged or abused children in the Lebanon/Nashville area. These will distributed through "Toys for Tots" or the local "Police" as needed.

River M's will be:

 Decorating a birthday theme window.

 In charge of "Galloping Dominoes" as in the past.

 Conducting a raffle called "\$\$ Bucks for Brandon \$\$" with proceeds going to Brandon Tiner, Wilma and Buster's grandson, who received a serious head injury August 23, 2011. If you haven't already contributed items for the raffle, either bring some RV supplies (toilet paper, water hose, tank chemicals, bungee cords, duct tape, etc.) for the raffle or donate \$\$ to help purchase raffle items. Costs for Brandon's care, plus expenses for the family in travel, gas, food, etc are out of sight. This will be "winner take all" of the donated items.

Make plans to be an "Early Bird" since the "Samboree" is planning events for all week.

Several of the River M's will be arriving on Tuesday. Hope to see you there!!

June Campout Reminders:

We will be camping June 8th & 9th at Cherokee Landing RV;1385 Old State Line Road; Saulsbury, TN 38067; 1-877-570-2267. Early bird will be June 6th and 7th. No reservations are required. Cost \$27.50 per night which includes 30 AMP service, water, sewage, and use of their air conditioned meeting room. Any ?? please contact our wagon master Bill Wood. See photos here: <http://www.rvonthego.com/Cherokee-landing-campground-rofile.html>

July Campout Reminders:

We will be camping July 6th & 7th at Trace State Park, Beldon, MS. This is the "4th of July" week so we hope you have already made your reservations. More information out with next newsletter.



Notes from the Prez!!

How could anyone ask for any better weather than what we had for this campout? Cool and dry with a slight breeze every now and then. Oh my, how those whispering pines can turn on those sleeping sensors! During the meeting, different members would think of someone we had left off our prayer remembrance list. Are we concentrating on other things too much or are just remembering more slowly now??? It appears to me that perhaps we (me included) need to spend some more time reflecting & thinking during a "quiet time" to get our thoughts more organized in today's fast paced world. Hey, where are those days of just picking up the telephone and hearing the operator say "number please"?

Our Wagon Master has finalized the camping schedule now that one of our prospects has opened for the camping season. The revised schedule is on the way. I do hope everyone has already made your reservations for Trace in July. If not, you may be just a daytime visitor. Speaking of July, that makes me remember get togethers on the 4th with water melons that had been iced down in wash tubs. Also turning the crank on the ice cream freezers. Wonder if we can find any melons and freezers down at Trace this July? ? ? ?

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