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Hello to all WI Good Sam members. We have had a very successful past year and Rally. For the year of 2018, we are looking forward to another good Rally at St. Croix. The theme will be “STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES”. On June 12 and 13 will be early bird. The 14th through 17th will be the Good Sam Rally. New events will take place, so keep watch on your program when you get to the Rally. Never know what may interest you, so just try to enjoy and get involved in many of the activities. We have gone to many Rallies’ and met lot of new friends and have encouraged them to attend our Good Sam Rally. We would like to thank all our staff for all their help as well as the Presidents’ of the Chapters for their help and ideas for the Rally.

We again are asking for items for the “goody bags” from each chapter. If possible put your chapter name on the item. We again will be collecting non-perishable goods for the Salvation Army! On Wednesday the 13th, there will be an auction for the DOGS FOR THE DEAF. Items can be brought to the Early Bird for the auction.

Hope to see everyone at the Rally –June 12-17, 2018.

Bob and Marlene Ruh,
State Directors

INTERNATIONAL

Constitution Preamble

With the objective of stimulating a greater interest and development of the principles of good camping, ecological awareness, kindness for our fellow human beings and all wildlife throughout the world; and with the avid desire of creating an enthusiasm which by reason of example, we hereby form ourselves into **The Good Sam Club** adhering to the following pledge:

The Good Sam Club Pledge

As a member of the Good Sam Club I pledge to give aid to others in need, respect nature and the environment, give back to the community and those less fortunate, treat others with dignity and respect, and to wear a smile (like Good Sam and Good Samantha's) and promote the pledge of the Good Sam Club to others.

Consonant with the most liberal spirit of tolerance in the achievement of our purpose, we further agree that in its vigorous pursuit, the Good Sam Club shall at all times during the span of its existence, maintain an attitude strictly non-sectarian, non-partisan, non-sectional and non-racial, and it shall not, as an organization, take any part in political issues, or the affairs of state/province or governing body with the sole exception of those which exclusively affect the positive attitude of the future of camping in respect to our defined ideals.

RALLY ACTIVITIES

Wednesday Night Entertainment

Early Bird Amateur Hour

Our entertainment for the early bird Wednesday is going to be our auction again. We will have some games and maybe Cheryl will bring a friend with her this year. If you can sing, dance, play an instrument, read a poem or tell a joke, get some friends together and put on a skit, then this is your night. If your chapter has something they want to do, sign up. Singles, couples or a whole chapter, all are welcome.

If anyone wants to do anything, sign up by the stage or give our Patch Packer or the West Assistant Director, Cheryl Keene, a call at: 608-797- 6224.

Come early and get the fun started!

Entertainment for other nights

Other night of entertainment is: One night there will be a movie (unsure what movie will be playing). Another night will be "Just In Time" band. The last night will be Jeannie Enabnit for entertainment.

Fun Activity

Word List

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ASSISTANT DIRECTORS

North Assistant Director

Hi!

I am your North Assistant Director.

The chapters under me are the Apple River Drifters, Black River Ramblers, Marshlanders, Top-O-Wisconsin, and the WiSingles. I am a member of the Black River Ramblers and the WiSingles chapters. Last years' Samboree was held at Chippewa Falls. This was a fun time and was glad to see old friends and make new ones.

This years' Samboree will be at St. Croix Falls, and theme will be Stop and Smell the Roses!

I am still driving school bus, and I am starting my 50th year which was my goal. It all depends on my health whether I will go one more year or not.

As North Assistant Director along with Cheryl and Keith Keene, West Assistant Director, we take care of the Medford Jumbo. Look for that article under the Jumbos section in this Sam-A-Gram.

I hope to see you at St. Croix Falls but that depends how my recovery from hip surgery goes, as I have a recall on my hip and will be going in right after school is out for the summer. I will try and make it over for 1 day if I can.

Have a safe and happy camping season. If you have any questions or concerns, contact me at N11876 Cty Road M, Thorp, WI 54771 or call me at 715-669-3192.

Vera Budzinski

South Assistant Director

The South Assistant Director position is still looking for someone to take it over. If you are interested, please let one of the State Staff members know, or talk to the State Director.

For more information, you can contact Bob Ruh by email at romarfarm@gmail.com or by phone at 920-287-2996.



East Assistant Director

Hello, my name is Jim Welcing. With my wife Kathy, we are the East Assistant State Director. We are members of the Shawano Area Campers. We have been member of Good Sam since 1999. We enjoy camping and meeting old and new friends along the way.

The Chapters under us are Bay Sammers, Lake-2-Lake, Shawano Area Campers and Stars & Stripes Military Chapter.

We are in the process of organizing the East Jumbo which is schedule for August 15 thru 19, 2018 at St. James Retreat in Shawano, WI. The address is N6982 Retreat Road, Shawano WI. 54166.

I am happy to be the East Assistant State Director for The Wisconsin Good Sam Club. I hope to serve everyone the best I can.

Jim & Kathy Welcing

AKA Erin's Mom & Dad

jkewelcing@plbb.us

715-304-9369(please leave me a message)

West Assistant Director

Hi Happy Campers,

Cheryl Keene here with my hubby, Keith. We live in Tomah and hubby is still working full time so we are limited to short trips for camping for now. We are members of the Cranberry Country Cruisers, or, CCC for short. We have been members of Good Sam Club since 2001.

We have one son and a daughter-in-law that live in MN, and 2 fur babies that go with us camping. They like to sit and look out the windows at all of us silly campers.

The chapters in the West are: Cranberry Country Cruisers from Tomah Area, Sawdust City Sams from the Eau Claire area and Second Chance Sams which is state wide.

Anyone wants to join or start a chapter, contact me and I will do my best to help steer you in the right direction or, to the right person to talk to.

We help Vera, North Assistant Director, with the North/West Jumbo in July. See the article in this Sam-A-Gram for the dates, who is doing what, cost, etc.

Have safe travels and hope to see you at the 2018 "Stop...And Smell The Roses" Rally.

Cheryl & Keith Keene

WISCONSIN JUMBOS

North/West Jumbo

The North/West Jumbo also known as Medford Jumbo will be held on July 19 thru 22, 2018. This will be at the Taylor County Fairgrounds at Medford. The fairgrounds are located at the intersection of Hwy 64 and Hwy 13. Please enter at Hwy 13 driveway just north of the intersection. The fairgrounds are on the left or east side.

This jumbo includes all chapters under the North and West Directors and is also open anyone who wants to attend. We have rented the fairgrounds beginning at NOON on the 19th until NOON on the 22nd. Only the chapter doing the parking can come in at noon on the 19th. Please do not come any earlier than your scheduled time in this article.

Parking: Top-O-Wisconsin (Noon)

Coffee: Apple River Drifters (1 pm)

Host/Registration: Sawdust City Sams (2 pm)

Ice Cream & Samgo: Black River Ramblers (3 pm)

Pancakes: WiSingles (3 pm)

Games: Cranberry Country Cruisers (3 pm)

Pot Luck: Marshlanders (3 pm)

All others may come at 3 pm or after. These times have worked real well the past few years. Keep up the good work.

Price for the weekend is \$35 per rig with 2 people, \$30 for singles, and \$5 for each extra adult in a rig for the weekend. If you come in just for the day, it is \$5 and includes all activities.

Daily activities are: registration will be Thursday: 3:30 to 4:45, Friday: 8:30 to 9:30 and 1:00 to 3:00. Thursday evening will be Samgo: \$1.00 a card with full payback. Friday is the ice cream social and free samgo. Saturday morning is a free pancake breakfast and afternoon will be games. Be sure to sign your team up for bean bag baseball and challenge horseshoes for the traveling trophy. Saturday evening will be potluck supper at 5 and business meeting to follow. Sunday morning will be coffee and donuts and a non-denomination church service.

This is a fun weekend and a good time to see old friends and make new ones. Come and join us for the weekend. For more information contact Vera Budzinski at home at 715-669-3192 or cell at 715-271-6855, or Cheryl Keene at home at 608-372-3179 or cell at 608-797-6224.

If you want to come early, there is a campground at the Medford City Park just west of the fairgrounds off Hwy 64 on the north side of Hwy 64. There is also a county park at Dorchester just about 10 miles south of Medford. There is also a Walmart on the north side of Medford off Hwy 13.

Hope to see you at Medford
Vera and Cheryl

East Jumbo

The East Jumbo is schedule for August 15-19, 2018 or you may attend earlier in the week, please let me know. The Jumbo is being held at St. James Retreat in Shawano. The address is N6982 Retreat Road, Shawano WI, 54166. We are planning tour(s) during the week.

We are also having an ice cream social, card bingo, games, campfires and coffee and cookies. On Saturday morning we will have a potluck brunch and Saturday evening we will have cookout put on by the JUMBO. The cost is \$20 a night for camping. You don't have to belong to an East Region Chapter or be a member of any Good Sam Chapter to attend and have a good time. Any Questions you may have or need information, please contact me. I will have registration forms at the Good Sam Rally in St. Croix Falls.

Jim & Kathy Welcing

AKA Erin's mom & Dad

jkewelcing@plbb.us

West Jumbo

The West Jumbo will be with Vera Budzinski and the North again this year. It will be July 19-22, 2018 at the Taylor County Fairgrounds in Medford. See the North/West Jumbo information from Vera Budzinski in this Sam-A-Gram.

Cheryl and Keith Keene

South Jumbo

The Rocky Rollers will be hosting the South Jumbo this year from July 13th thru 15th with July 12th being early bird at the Walworth County Fairgrounds, [411 E. Court St, Elkhorn, WI](#). Friday will be supper on your own with numerous restaurants in the area. There will be a campfire to following depending on the weather. On Saturday, we will have breakfast which will be an omelet in a bag (price to be determined). There will be outdoor games, some type of ice cream treat, and potluck supper. Everyone please bring a dish to pass for supper. On Sunday, there will be coffee, rolls and good-byes to all that attended.

Steve Lund, Rocky Rollers President

WORDS FROM THE STATE STAFF

State Treasurer

I am Karen Welcing your WI Good Sam State Treasurer. I am now in my 4th year and enjoying all the friends I have made during this time. The rally is a great time and a great way to meet others with the same camping excitement. My husband, Joe, and I will be camping with our 7 year old puggle named Penni and 2 year old shitsue/blue healer mix named Lily. We plan to camp as much as possible during the season between working and keeping the home in acceptable condition. Hope to see you at the rally in St. Croix Falls this June. Otherwise, safe travels to all.

Karen Welcing

State Secretary

Stop!!--and Smell the Roses"

Please come to our Good Sam Rally at the Polk County Fairgrounds in St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, June 14th – 17th. Hey come early on June 12th and 13th to enjoy a couple more days of fun and fellowship with other campers. As your State Secretary it is my pleasure to be able to take the minutes of our Good Sam meetings. Join us during the Rally to find out what is all taking place and what decisions need to be made for the good of our organization.

See you in June in St. Croix Falls!!!!

Roni Kaczor-Smith

State Wagonmaster

The Wagonmaster is responsible for getting a crew together to park all units as they come in to the State Good Sam Rally. Although it's technically Hobo parking, they do their best to put Chapters together if desired, but appreciate being notified ahead of time for the number of people your chapter expects. We appreciate the volunteers on the crew, both from our chapter and the Rocky Rollers, who give their time at the Rally. We couldn't do it without them.

Ken and Sharon Shaver

Equipment Manager

Hello!! We are the equipment managers. We help buy the supplies for dinners and hospitality such as the coffee (regular or decaf), creamer, plates, silverware, juice, tablecloths, and whatever else we might need. We also do the set up in the morning like set up the coffee and get the cookies out. We also help to set up chairs, tables and the stage for the Rally. We take care of the trailer which has all of the supplies for the stage, games, the youth, and the kitchen. We make sure that everyone has the right supplies they need depending on what they are doing. Once everything is done, we help clean up and make sure the trailer is packed. We always make sure that all the equipment that was taken out of the trailer is back on the trailer and put into place for traveling. We also make sure that we lock up each night and also make sure everything is unlocked for in the morning. One thing we make sure it to is always have a smile on our faces, and that we listen to the director!

See you in June!!

Al and Diane Stolzman

Sam-A-Gram Editor

Hi everyone!! I will be your new Sam-A-Gram editor, with the help of a friend of mine Chris Brooks. I tried to get in contact with all of the Chapter Presidents, and all of the State Staff. I am doing this to help try and get new people to join by giving them a little information about what each chapter might do, or what it is like to be part of the State Staff. If you have any ideas of what we could add to the Sam-A-Gram for next year, please contact me at erinwelcing04@gmail.com. Hope to see everyone at the Rally!!

Erin Welcing

WORDS FROM THE STATE STAFF

State Musician, Webmaster, & Historian

Greetings!

Randi and I share in the duties of webmaster. Right now it's a work in progress as I am archiving the State's history files so there may be some things not out there right away. As Historian, I'm scanning the old history files and burning them to CDs, which is taking a considerable amount of my time right now, but is coming along well. We are looking forward to the Samboree in in St. Croix Falls this year with a theme of "Stop!!... and Smell the Roses" and hope to see you there.

Randi & Bonnie Owen

State Music Director

Roses. How many songs are there about roses or have the word rose in them??? I wonder if there is a medley of "Rose" songs. Something to think about from now until the Rally. Come and join our Choir and we'll have some fun with "Rose" songs. We need more members in our choir or else we will have to disband. The faithful are always there but it sure would be nice to have some more people help them out. Check the bulletin board out for practice schedule times and hope to see you there. All you need to bring is your smile and your heart for singing.

Roni Kaczor-Smith

Youth Director

I am Deb Van Dyke from Newton, WI and I will be your new Youth Director for the Good Sam Rally this year. My husband Daniel and I became members in 2012 with the Shawano Area Campers. I have been the Treasurer for the past 4 years and this year I will be taking over the Wagonmaster position. I am excited to start some of our projects with the youth. I plan on having 3 projects for us to do. One day will consist of tie-dying shirts for each youth and we will also make more to either sell, or give to our Vets for saying Thank You for their service. Second project will be on our theme for the Rally, Stop and Smell the Roses, we will be painting window clings of roses. And, thirdly we will paint some portraits of roses using unusual items found in the grocery store and around the home. I am hoping to have several children and youth participate so we may have a party on our last day to show off our art projects!

Patch Packer

Hello Good Sam Campers

If you are looking for Good Sam Merchandise, check out my tables. Get your 2018 Patches and some older ones if you missed them. If you are looking for a size or color I don't have, I might be able to get it for you. We have some sale items too available. Or, come by my tables and just say "Hi".

Let's have fun at the 2018 Rally!

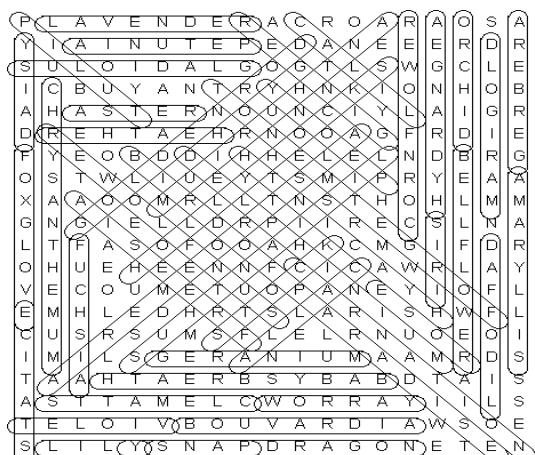
Cheryl & Keith Keene



2018 Dates to Remember...

- April 27 – 29 **WI State Meeting & Campout** at St. James Retreat in Shawano, WI
- April 28 **WI State Meeting at 10 AM**
Followed by State Staff Meeting
- May 30- **Manitoba & N.W. Ontario Rally**
June 3 Carman, Manitoba
- June 6 – 10 **Saskatchewan Rally**
Shaunavon, Saskatchewan
- June 6 – 10 **Nebraska State Rally**
Hastings, NE
- June 14 – 17 **Wisconsin State Rally**
St. Croix Falls, WI
- June 21 – 24 **Iowa State Rally**
Amana, IA
- July 13 – 15 **South Jumbo**
Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn, WI
- July 19 – 22 **North/West Jumbo**
Taylor County Fairgrounds, Medford, WI
- July 26 – 29 **South Dakota State Rally**
Plankinton, SD
- Aug 2 – 5 **North Dakota State Rally**
Valley City, ND
- Aug 15 – 19 **East Jumbo**
St. James Retreat, Shawano, WI
- Sept. 6 – 9 **Minnesota State Rally**
St. Peter, MN

Word Search Solution



Wisconsin Members at Large

The Wisconsin Good Sammer’s invite all National Good Sam members to join us in the fun and fellowship of becoming Wisconsin State Good Sam members. There are several National members in Wisconsin, however, we are saddened by the fact that only a small percentage “actually” get the most out of their national membership, because they are not members of a Wisconsin State Good Sam’s local chapter.

The Wisconsin State Director is inviting you to join Wisconsin Good Sam’s, by paying state dues of \$5.00 per rig. You may, if you wish remain a member at large with no responsibilities other than paying your national and state dues. However, to receive the greatest benefits from your Good Sam membership, we invite you to join a local chapter. We have 16 chapters meeting and having a grand time at the local campgrounds across the state. We also have one State Rally and four Jumbos (Regional Campouts) in the state. Additional information may also be obtained from our State Website at www.wigoodsam.org.

Please feel free to contact any Chapter President, Assistant Director or State Staff member at any time for any questions you may have or your State Director can help direct you to the closest chapter in your area. Please complete the application below and return it to our State Treasurer.

Make your check payable to: Wisconsin Good Sam
Mail check & following form to:
Karen Welcing, State Treasurer
W5338 Porter Road Bonduel, WI 54107
Phone: 715-853-8728
Wisconsin State Dues \$5.00 for Membership at Large January 1 to December 31

NAME: _____
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 Are you interested in a local chapter? _____

CHAPTER CHATTER

Apple River Drifters

The Apple River Drifters chapter is centered in Polk, St. Croix, and Burnett counties in the western are of our state. We are a small chapter of 5 rigs, but always open to others joining us!

We camp the 2nd full weekend of the months of May through October. Sometimes we run into conflicts like in September when we have Fall Festival in Amery. During the fall and winter months we occasionally gather at a restaurant to have a meeting or socialize.

Our activities at the campouts include playing cards, games, dominos, or bean bag baseball as well as sometimes finding something of interest in the area to tour. Our campouts begin on a Friday, in time to go out to eat at a local restaurant. On Saturday and Sunday we enjoy potluck goodies with coffee for breakfast. We have our meeting Saturday afternoon with a potluck to follow. Campfires are always fun and we may also enjoy some s'mores or campfire pies!

We caravan to the Wisconsin Good Sam Rally in June, usually stopping off on the way at a restaurant for breakfast! It is such fun to meet new friends there and they will soon become old friends upon the repeated Rally's. There's always a variety of activities there and also a great way to see different parts of our beautiful state.

In July we attend the North/West Jumbo in Medford. We sometimes caravan to Dorchester earlier in the week and camp there until Medford starts. This is another fun gathering which is not to be missed! We have great fun meeting more new friends of similar interest! Our camping schedule will be ready at our April meeting. Feel free to contact our president, Gary Hover at mjhover@amerytel.net or home phone 715-268-8480 if you have any questions! Everyone is welcome to join us for a weekend of fun and socializing!!

Bay Sammers

We are 32 members/campers dedicated to enjoying each other and maintaining friendship. Our outings begin on Thursday and end on Sunday. Some activities include potluck meals, games, campfires, and a business meeting Saturday morning. Campouts are planned and organized in advance by our wonderful wagonmaster with local tours and attractions. We also have a few fundraising activities for local charities. We look forwards to meeting new friends, so give us a call and try out the Bay Sammers. If you would like a copy of our schedule, please contact Kate Zaddack at kzaddack@gmail.com or 920-810-6696.

Cranberry Country Cruisers

Greetings from the Cranberry Country Cruisers of the Tomah, Wisconsin Area. Our chapter is twelve years old as of September 2017 and we have 13 members. We are always looking to add more so come check us out.

We meet once a month during the winter months (October - April) where we have a meeting/dinner social at local restaurants in our camping area, and in the summer (May - September) where we camp for a weekend and have our meeting (usually on Saturday morning).

Our 2018 camping schedule has been posted to our website at www.wigoodsam.org/cranberrycountrycruisers and the State website at www.wigoodsam.org. However, some of the information may change, so if you're interested in visiting us, check the Website for current changes or give me a call and I'll let you know where our next meeting will be. We also have a Facebook Page so come check us out there.

We are looking forward to the Samboree in St. Croix Falls this year with a theme of "Stop!!...and Smell the Roses" and attending the Jumbo in Medford for the fifth year as the North and West Districts go together. If you want to have a great time, come and join us some time. We'll be looking forward to seeing you!

Bonnie Owen, President

Cell: 608-487- 6874

CHAPTER CHATTER

Marshlanders

We are a very small club, we have about 8 units, while a few years back we had about 25 unit. We still camp once a month in the summer time from May to October. At each meeting we have a potluck and play games. In the winter time, we have a get together either at a restaurant or meet at a member's home. In the spring we have a brat fry to raise money for Dogs for the Blind. At our October meeting, we have a lady come in and talk about how she raises, and trains puppies for Dogs for the Blind. Most of our members are in their 70's and 80's. It seems like we lose one to two members every year. It becomes hard to replace them with younger people. We will still keep on having our outings and enjoying them. A lot of our members head south for the winter.

Don Cepress, President

Rocky Rollers

Our club is from Janesville. We have 11 rigs and 22 members. We start our season in April and go through October. We try to keep our outings within 100 miles of Janesville. This year we are hosting the Southeast Jumbo. It is the weekend after the 4th of July at the Walworth County Fairgrounds in Elkhorn, WI. This September we are planning a club trip to Springfield, IL.

Steve Lund, President

Sawdust City Sams

We are the Sawdust City Sams Chapter, from the Eau Claire area. This is our 49th year. We are down to 8 units in our chapter. Several of our members have passed away in the last few years, Ronald & Alvera Cater, Donald Jensen, Mercella Dettinger, and Catherine Baier. Several members can no longer drive their RV's. Our members are from Hixton, Eleva, Eau Claire, Colfax, and Chippewa Falls. We are looking for new members.

We start our summer camping the third week in May, Tuesday- Thursday meeting the first and third week of the month. We have a potluck at noon on Wednesdays, ending the season the first week in October. We have our meetings the first Wednesday of the month. We camp in different cities throughout the area including Chippewa Falls Fairgrounds; Colfax Fairgrounds; Pioneer Park, Prairie Farm; Stockholm; Crystal Lake campgrounds, Strum; Gile Park, Merrillan; and Pine Harbor Campgrounds, Chippewa Falls. We have a pancake breakfast once a summer and a root beer float night. We enjoy each other's company; plays games and go out to eat on Tuesday night unless we have a wiener roast. We end the year of camping with a Year End Party at the Main Street Cafe in Bloomer at 1:00pm the third Wednesday in October. During the winter we have lunch at Wild Ridge Golf Course, in Eau Claire, the first Thursday in November through May at 11:30am.

Our chapter supports Dogs for the Deaf, Ronald McDonald House, The Epilepsy Foundation, and the Bloomer Food Pantry.

President Al Harper 715-530-5979

Submitted by Pat Deetz - Secretary

Shawano Area Campers

Our Camping group is located in the Shawano County Area of WI. The group was created in 1971 and still going strong. We are a growing club; we have a variety members and campers alike. We donate annually to the local food pantries in the Shawano and Oconto area. We are focused on young families to keep our club growing for many more years. We are a pet friendly group and find campsites that are pet friendly also. Our schedule this year includes new campsites so we can enjoy the many great areas of WI. Our group has been participating in the local Founder's Day celebration in Bonduel WI; held in mid-September; we made a soup from our Club Cookbook and sold by the bowl. The proceeds were donated to local food pantries. Hope to see you at the Rally!

Joe Welcing, President

CHAPTER CHATTER

Bell Ringers

Hello from the Bell Ringers. We have been a chapter for about 39 years and are mostly from the South Central area of Wisconsin and Northern Illinois. We have members from Oregon, Deerfield, Mayville, Watertown, Oconomowoc, Cudahay, Belvidere, IL and more. We are even fortunate to have charter members in our group!

We took a break in January and March, but in February had a Chili "Camp-In" to eat and socialize (something we are good at!). From April to October we camp out once a month from Thursday (or whenever you can get there) to Sunday. During our campouts we normally go out for a Friday Fish Fry, and have a pot luck supper at 5:30 on Saturday, followed by a meeting. Our camping schedule for the rest of the year:

April 26 - 29 – Indian Trails Campground, Pardeeville, WI

May 17– 20 - Rustic Barn Campground, Kieler, WI

June 13 – 17 – WI Good Sam Rally, Fairgrounds, St. Croix Falls, WI

July 12 - 15 – Jumbo, Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn, WI

August 9 – 12 – Apple Creek Campground, N3831 County Rd U, DePere, WI

September 27 - 30 – Oakdale KOA, Oakdale, WI

October 11 – 14 – Wayne's World, HWY X, Cleveland, WI

November 10 – Lunch TBA

December 8 – Lunch TBA

Anyone interested in visiting or joining our Chapter, please feel free to come to one of our outings. For more information, contact the President. We'd love to have you!

Ken Shaver, President

Wisingles

Wisingle is a group of singles who love camping and sitting around the camp fire at night. We camp once a month except for August when we have 2 campouts. Camping starts in May and ends in September. From October until April we get together at restaurant once a month.

Campouts: 2018

May 17 - 24 Vista Royale, Bancroft

June 14- 17 St. Croix Falls

July 19 - 22 Medford Jumbo

Aug 6 - 13 New Lisbon

Sep 6 -13 Vista Royale, Bancroft

As Good Sam group we are trying something new this year. Joined a social network called my MyGrove and here is a bit of information about it. MyGrove is empowering active adults and their activity groups with online/mobile tools and a social media experience that connects them with fellow enthusiasts and celebrates the activities they are passionate about. Many chapter and groups are adopting MyGrove as a better and easier-to-use sharing platform thank Facebook Groups, Yahoo Groups, and similar online groups.

Carol Yoemans, President



CHAPTER CHATTER

Yellow Thunder Sams

The Yellow Thunder Good Sam's are based out of Baraboo, WI. Our chapter was chartered in May of 1977, which makes our chapter 41 years old.

Presently we have about 12 families currently camping and several retired members that make visits throughout the year. As a chapter we have had several fund raisers, such as bake sales, brown bag auctions and other things to raise funds for charitable organizations. We have given funds to food pantries, Capital Candlelighters an organization for children with cancer, Humane Society, Special Olympics etc.

Our chapter meets on the fourth full weekend of the month (Friday thru Sunday), and the days must all be in that month. We camp April thru October. We hold winter meetings at different restaurants. At our campouts we play cards and different games and usually have a potluck on Saturday night followed by a campfire. We have a lot of fun and form lasting friendships. Presently the officers are: President Sharon Kreul, Vice President Wanda Maass, Secretary Garth Yeazel, and Treasurer Joanie Campbell.

Our 2018 Campouts are as follows: April 27 to 29th Stand Rock, WI Dells, May 18 to 20th Buffalo Lake Resort, Montello, WI, June 22 to 24th at Lake Joy, Belmont, WI, July 27 to 29th at Grand Valley in Dalton, WI, August 24 to 26th at Fox Hills, WI Dells, September 28 to 30th at Riverside Park, New Lisbon, and in October the 12 to 14th at Fireside Campground in Lone Rock, WI.

Need any further information or interested in joining our chapter, please call Sharon at 608-222-7115 or anyone of our officers. Have a great camping year to all.

Campfire, Campfire

By: David Welch

Campfire, campfire, sizzles and cracks,
a pillar of light in an ocean of black,
where the predators hunt, stalk, and track,
flames remind them: from mankind stay back.

Children are poking, with sticks growing charred,
swinging them in arcs, sending off sparks,
melting plastic spoons, twisting them into 'art,'
away from their phones, it warms parents' hearts.

Kids go to sleep, the moonshine comes out,
passed in a mason jar with a wide mouth,
warming as the flames, makes people loud
tales of 'epic doings,' everybody touts.

Long hours passing, friends move away,
taking to tents to sleep 'till the day.
One remains behind, stares deep in the flames,
brooding on troubles in a world shaded gray.

Dawn arrives slowly, the sunrise a sight,
a slow spread of orange that turns into light.
Campfire, campfire, has lost all it's might,
a muddle of cinders, at least until night...

Editor's Note: I did not receive articles from Black River Ramblers, Lake-2-Lake Sams, Second Chance Sams, S.O.V.E., and Top-O-Wisconsin before the Sam-A-Gram went to printing. If you are interested in those groups, please contact State Staff.

Ode To Camping

By: Odin Allfather

Alas the wind doth still blow hard
The hillside so too harshly beat
It blows now with the strength of ten
As if to blow me off my feet.

The sideways rain doth soak me through
It chills me right down to the bone
And now the rain doth change to hail
Which hits me hard like many a stone

As if the wind and rain and hail
Were not enough to show
The clouds turn white, oh brace yourself
Here comes the bloody snow

A camping trip they said to me
Escape the smog and grime
An ode to camping at its best
In British Summertime

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