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Headwaters
Laurentian Divide Kampers
Lucky Lindy
Prairie Pioneers
Vikingland Sams

District #2

Central MN Sams
Cloudy Town Sams
Crow River Sams
Past Timers

District #3

Jesse James Wheelers
Minne Wheelers
Northern Lights
Wandering Sams

Representatives:

Kathy Anderson & Bruce Koshiol
District 1

Bob & Diane Porath
District 2

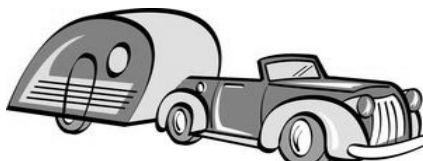
Vacant
District 3



Camping Schedules

Please email your 2021 chapter camping schedules to me at bretomoneil@gmail.com. I will continue to add/update listing on website as I receive new or updated schedules.

Thank you,
Brenda O'Neil



Congratulations to the following chapters who are celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2021!

Vikingland Sams - 35 years

Headwaters - 30 years

Past Timers - 20 years

Certificates will be awarded at the Fall President's Meeting.

Chapters - Items to bring to the 2022 Rally

Two \$10 donations for door prizes

125 items for the "Goodie Bags" (start planning now, as you have a year or so)

Chapter Members - Items to bring to the 2022 Rally

One dozen packaged store-bought cookies (per rig) for hospitality. (Gluten-free and sugar-free are encouraged)

New or gently used items for the Silent Auction with proceeds to go to the Scholarship Fund

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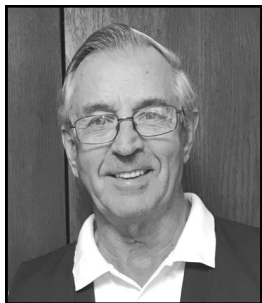
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Welcome!

By the time you read this I hope covid-19 restrictions will be over. First, we have four scholarship applications, but only enough money for two. District

meetings are coming up and hopefully some additional funding for scholarships will come in. We will find the balance from the general treasury if not enough money is raised to fund four scholarships. If you would like to donate to the scholarship fund please send checks to me. Second and most important is the fact that State Director election is coming up. Tom's term is ending in December. Nomination forms were given to Chapter Presidents at the spring meeting in St. Cloud. Nominations must be mailed or e-mailed back to me by Aug 1, 2021. Those names then will be sent to Chapter Presidents with an election to be held at the fall meeting Sept 25, 2021. At the same time a treasurer will be elected. Please use only one form for nominations, and you may nominate anyone, even from another chapter. At the fall meeting your chapter may only vote for one person.

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Happy Summer!

This weather has been brutal so far this year, literally 80's one day, and 50's the next, then in the 90's for days on end! Hopefully as we continue through the camping season, it will be more predictable and we can enjoy our camping outings!



The Spring President's meeting was well attended with twelve of the thirteen chapters being represented! Thank you so much to all the presidents for attending! Kathy Anderson, president of Lucky Lindy Chapter was the winner of the drawing for the free night of camping at St. Cloud Campground.

We have attended each of the three District campouts. All three districts were well attended, and from what we saw, all attendees enjoyed the fun and fellowship with other chapter members and other district campers. We are pleased to see that people are getting out and enjoying time with friends, old and new. The high temperatures during the District 1 campout were trying, but we still managed to play a few outdoor games in the shade, along with card games and bingo.

The Fall President's meeting has been scheduled for 10:30 am on September 25th at the St. Cloud Campground and RV Park in St. Cloud.

Director elections will take place at the Fall President's meeting this year, with the nominations from chapters due in to Andy Rozeboom by August 1st. Once the nominations are in, the nominees will have to accept or reject the nominations, and the names will be put into the September, and maybe August newsletters to the chapters, so a vote can happen at the meeting. After the Director election is complete, nominations will be accepted for State Treasurer, and the vote will take place there also.

Talks are in the works for the 2022 Rally. As soon as we can get a location and a contract signed, we will put out the registration forms so you can begin making your plans for next year!

Chapter camping schedules are being added to the website as they are received. Check it out and think about attending a campout with another chapter if you have some free time and want to meet new friends, or catch up with old ones.

Happy Camping!

Tom and Brenda O'Neil
 Minnesota State Directors



Don't forget to nominate a deserving couple or individual for the Camper(s) of the Year award! Nomination forms will be in your President's packet or can be requested from your State Directors Tom and Brenda. Return to the Directors at or before 5 pm on Thursday of the 2022 Rally.

RED SKELTON....

1. Two times a week we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays, I go on Fridays.
2. We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in California and mine is in Texas.
3. I take my wife everywhere, but she keeps finding her way back.
4. I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said. So I suggested the kitchen.
5. We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.

Can't you just hear him say all of these?

I love it. These were the good old days when humor didn't have to start with a four-letter word or be political. It was just clean and simple fun. And he always ended his programs with the words, "And May God Bless" with a big smile on his face.



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2021 Chapter Camping Schedules

July

- 9-11 - Cloudy Town Sams - Sibley State Park, Willmar
- 9-10 - Minne-Wheelers - Moose Lake City Campground, Moose Lake
- 12-13 - Central Minnesota Sams - Sportsman Campground, Sleepy Eye
- 12-14 - Vikingland Sams - St. Cloud Clearwater Campground, Clearwater
- 12-15 - Wandering Sams - Hope Oak Knolls, Owatonna
- 13-16 - Prairie Pioneers - Oak Park Campground, Garfield
- 16-18 - Lucky Lindy - St. Cloud Clearwater Campground, Clearwater
- 20-23 - Headwaters - Bagley City Campgrounds, Bagley
- 23-25 - Cloudy Town Sams - Sunnybrook Campground, Wadena
- 26-28 - Jesse James Wheelers - Lake Pepin Campground, Lake City

August

- 10-11 - Hidden Meadows RV, Pine Island
- 13-15 - Cloudy Town Sams - Father Hennepin State Park, Isle
- 16-18 - Central Minnesota Sams - Swift Falls Park, Benson
- 16-18 - Jesse James Wheelers - St. Cloud Campground, St. Cloud
- 16-18 - Vikingland Sams - The Homestead Ottertail RV Park and Resort, Ottertail
- 17-20 - Headwaters - Sunnybrook Park, Wadena
- 20-22 - Lucky Lindy - Sunnybrook Park, Wadena
- 27-29 - Cloudy Town Sams - Lum Park, Brainerd

September

- 7-9 - Vikingland Sams - Two Rivers Campground, Royalton
- 10-12 - Cloudy Town Sams - Army Corp of Engineering, Gull Lake
- 14-17 - Headwaters - Leech Lake Rec Area, Federal Dam
- 14-17 - Prairie Pioneers - Country Campground, Detroit Lakes
- 17-19 - Jesse James Wheelers - Nelson Landing, Nelson, WI
- 17-19 - Lucky Lindy - Pierz Campground, Pierz
- 24-26 - Cloudy Town Sams - St. Cloud Campground, St. Cloud
- 24-25 - Minne-Wheelers - St. Cloud Campground, St. Cloud

October

- 1-4 - Wandering Sams - St. Cloud Campground & RV Park, St. Cloud
- 8-10 - Lucky Lindy - St. Cloud Campground & RV Park, St. Cloud
- 8-9 - Minne-Wheelers - Veterans Campground, Marine on St. Croix

MINNESOTA GOOD SAM CLUB CHAPTER OF THE YEAR GUIDELINES

To qualify for the "CHAPTER OF THE YEAR" your project must have taken place during the last 12 months. The project may be a continuing one, but some major goals must have been accomplished during the above period.

Your entry should include a description of your Chapter's project and information on how the goals of your entry were met. Tell us your story in pictures, correspondence, thank-you letters, newspaper clippings or any other form. Remember--- the entry does not need to be complicated, but the judges can only base the final selection of CHAPTER OF THE YEAR on the material you provide.

The following is not a form to be completed and returned, but to help prepare your entry. We suggest you include:

1. Chapter Name
2. Location of the Chapter (City and State)
3. Number of chapter members
4. How many participated in the project
5. Explanation of your project
6. What initiated this project
7. Goals of the project
8. What your chapter did, and dates of the project
9. Is the project a continuing one, and if so, what are future plans and goals
10. If funds were required for the project, how were they raised
11. Try to include pictures of your chapter members WORKING ON YOUR PROJECT and any correspondence pertaining to your project, thank-you notes, newspaper clippings, etc. (Remember—your pot-lucks are not what is important—YOUR PROJECTS ARE)
12. PUT YOUR ENTRY IN A SCRAP-BOOK FORM

The above should be turned in Thursday of the Minnesota Rally to the State Director or at the information desk prior to 5 pm.



Greetings from your State Secretary,



It is good to be back up and running as a State organization. I hope you are getting back to your normal camping routines. I also hope that you have been able to get out and enjoy the company of family and friends. As of April of this year, the International organization of Good Sam indicated states were again able to hold events as long as we follow the health guidelines set by each state when doing so. Each of our 3 districts held a camp out this year, and plans are to do the same next year. These gatherings are nice because it seems you get to know people at a more personal level as there is not as much going on as when we have the state Rally. We didn't have time to plan for a Rally this year after the announcement was made to reopen, but a Rally for 2022 is in the works. Location and dates are yet to be determined. Because there is no Rally again this year, there is no scheduled meeting for chapter secretaries. I will need an updated Chapter Roster, as well as dues of \$10.00/rig turned in to me by November 1, 2021. It is important to include correct contact information for all chapter members, as well as who your officers will be for the 2022 camping season, most importantly president and secretary, along with email and phone information where applicable. If anyone has any questions for me, please don't hesitate to contact me. If I don't have the answer, I will get an answer for you. I continue to look forward to the day we can all gather safely again and do all the things we love to do. Take Care and Stay Safe!!

Kathy Anderson
MN Good Sam State Secretary
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2021 MN GOOD SAM \$500 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Recipient:

Caleb Schuler
Erin Brouwer
Jessica Sandberg
Kendall Mack

College:

Augustana University
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Nominator:

Larry & Miriam Schuler
Don & Clara DeRonde
Donna Holovnia
Bob & Diane Porath

District 1 Campout June 7 – 9, 2021

We were, once again, able to gather at Finn Creek for our District 1 campout. There were close to 30 rigs that joined together from Headwaters, Lucky Lindy, Prairie Pioneers, and Vikingland chapters. The numbers of attendees were relatively normal even though we were in the middle of a heat wave. We survived daytime temps in the 90's each day, with barely enough reprieve overnight to be comfortable. We weathered a pretty good storm Monday overnight, but had sunshine during the days. Due to the dry conditions, the wind, and the extreme heat, we didn't have our normal hot dog roast over the open fire, but instead, prepared our meat at our campers and shared the rest of our meal together. Our planned schedule included our familiar activities, the fundraiser breakfast by Headwaters chapter, ice cream social served by Lucky Lindy chapter, great entertainment by Pete Peterson and Jackie Diamond, and rolls brought in by Vikingland chapter before we left on Wednesday morning. We also tried some new things this year. Some participated in a cribbage tournament. Many played bingo led by Prairie Pioneers chapter. We had a silent auction consisting of 58 new or gently used donated items and raised just over \$400 for the Good Sam scholarship fund. We also collected 50 pounds of nonperishable food items and \$40 cash for the food shelf in New York Mills. Some played cards and many played bean bag baseball before the sun got too high in the sky. I am open to new ideas and welcome any feedback about the way things went this year. Reservations have already been made for next year at the same location. Dates are June 6 – 8, 2022. Mark your calendars! We would love to see some of our friends from Laurentian Divide Kampers, the newest addition to our district. There is room for more and would love to see you!!



Kathy Anderson, District 1 Representative

District 3 Campout May 14 – 17, 2021, Finstads Oak Haven Camp- ground in New Ulm

The first District 3 campout of the 2021 season was hosted by the Wandering Sams Chapter. There are four chapters in District 3: Wandering Sams, Northern Lights, Minne-Wheelers, and Jesse James Wheelers. All four chapters had rigs in attendance. State staff Directors Tom and Brenda O'Neil and Treasurer Andy (and Nancy) Roseboom joined us for the weekend also. The weekend kicked off with a pot-luck meal on Friday night, followed by a presentation by a local historian, Terry Sveine. Terry provided a fascinating history lesson and suggested some must see things in the New Ulm area. Chapter meetings were held, and of course a few beanbag baseball games had to be played. There was time for discovering the area on your own. Saturday night a catered lasagna meal was served by Wandering Sams members, followed by prizes donated by Good Sam and our State Directors. Pot-luck breakfasts, pizza delivery, card and game playing and bonfires rounded out the weekend. All in attendance enjoyed seeing each other again and participating in our beloved camping activities. We all felt very blessed to be together again.



Glenda Ridley, Wandering Sams President



Some Wandering Sams members

District 2 Good Sam Campout was held May 18th – 20th at Kandiyohi County Fairgrounds, Willmar, Mn.

Chapters: Central MN Sams, Cloudy Town Sams, Crow River Sams & Past Timers Sams.

Twenty-three rigs were present along with four drive ins.

A tour was planned at Louriston Dairy near Murdock, MN. Their herd consists of approximately 9,500 cows. They showed us how they milked that many cows twice a day, cared for the herd, cared for the newborn calves and the feed that was necessary for the different cows as they prepared for birthing. Schwanke Tractor Museum in Willmar was another interesting tour and also local thrift stores for those who wanted to shop. Entertainment for Tuesday evening was Donna Nelson, Deb Fischer & their sister Betty joining them playing mostly country music and some "oldies". Wednesday morning a pancake breakfast was served by Central MN Sams. Wednesday evening Crow River Sams organized card bingo with prizes. Fun!! A silent auction was held to raise funds for Good Sam Scholarships. Each rig was asked to bring an item (we had 56 items) and the bid was open from Wednesday morning until Thursday morning. We raised \$934.50!! This was way above our expectations! A big thanks to everyone who donated and placed their bids.

Coffee and donuts were served by Cloudy Town Sams on Thursday morning. Thank you to Central MN Sams for hosting the event this year. Cloudy Town volunteered to be host for 2022. It will be held May 24th -26th at the same location. Thanks to everyone for attending and we are looking forward to next year.

Bob & Diane Porath
District 2 Good Sam Representatives



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