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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

John Cantin & LeAnne Olson
 District 3



Camping Schedules

Please email your 2021 chapter camping schedules to me at bretomoneil@gmail.com. I will put these on the website closer to the beginning of the year or as soon as I receive them after then. This will allow Tom and I to visit or camp with your chapter as long as travel is allowed.

Thank you,
 Brenda O'Neil

Greetings from your State Secretary



Happy New Year!

Some of you may have chosen to stay put this winter, instead of traveling to warmer climates. Wherever you are, I am hoping you are all healthy. We are down to just thirteen chapters left in the state of Minnesota. Several of these chapters received new members during 2020! Many continued to enjoy getting out in their campers. I am hopeful this year will be even better. Please send your 2021 chapter camping schedules to Brenda O'Neil, as they become available, so she can get the website updated with this information. I sometimes receive minutes from different chapter meetings throughout the year. I am interested in what you all are doing. Please feel free to continue, or start, to send these. You can send via email or USPS mail. If you have any changes in officers in your chapters or updates to your contact information (address, phone, email, etc.) please make sure I get those updates for any and all chapter members so everyone continues to receive the newsletter and updates from the State. If anyone has any questions for me, don't hesitate to contact me!

Take care and stay safe!!

Kathy Anderson
 MN Good Sam State Secretary

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MY ELECTRICITY WENT OUT!!

A list of typical appliances and the average AMPS required:

<u>Appliance</u>	<u>AMPS</u>
Microwave oven	12.8
Air conditioner (15,000 BTU)	12.5
Electric water heater (6 gal.)	12.5
Toaster	10
Hair dryer	10
Iron	10
Electric fry pan	10
Space heater (1100watt)	10
(750 watt)	6.5
Electric coffee maker	9
Food processor	6
Refrigerator	5.2
Box fan	2.5
Hand vacuum	2
TV	2
Crockpot	1.5

Happy Holidays to All!

Hope this finds you all healthy.

Wow, what a year Good Sam had, or should we say 'didn't have'. First we had to cancel the Rally and no camping. Finally getting to camp beginning in June and then cancelling the 2021 Rally. 2021 could be another strange year, as we have no clue what this COVID virus will bring.



With no Rally in 2021, we would like to see chapter members attending their District campouts. All three districts have secured campgrounds for their events, and should be getting information out to their members. We hope everyone can make it, and we also plan to attend each one.

Planning for a 2022 Rally will begin as soon as we get the okay from Good Sam. All of the State and Provincial Directors are meeting monthly with Marcus Lemonis to try to keep up with any changes and to figure out how to move forward.

The 2021 budget passed, so we will have something to work with. As of the writing of this article, we have enough in the Scholarship Fund to award only one scholarship. If you have any donations you would like to make, we can accept them prior to April 30th for awarding this year. Send to Andy Rozeboom, State Treasurer. Scholarship applications are due to Diane Porath by May 1st.

May 8th is booked for our Spring President's Meeting. We will meet at 10:30 am, with a pot luck to follow, at St. Cloud Campground and RV Park. It would be great if all of the presidents and maybe some of their chapter members would camp with us for the weekend, in support of Cris and the campground. We will be again offering a gift certificate for a free night of camping on a future night to be drawn from those presidents that spend the weekend.

Thank you all for your support through this different year and we hope that the near future only gets better. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact us!

Tom and Brenda O'Neil
Minnesota State Directors

People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention!

District 1 News

With the loss of a few chapters statewide and a reorganization of districts, we welcome Laurentian Divide to District 1! The district now consists of the following chapters: Headwaters, Laurentian Divide, Lucky Lindy, Prairie Pioneers and Vikingland Sams. With the start of a new year, I have hopes of returning to a more normal way of life. As long as Finn Creek Museum opens this year, our District 1 campout will happen there June 7-9. Due to the unknowns of the past year, the decision was made to NOT have a State Rally this year, but to grow our district campouts. We have room for more to plug in at Finn Creek and we would love to see you there! In the event they decide to remain closed for another season, we will make every attempt to locate a new venue so that we are able to get together and make memories again. Please stay tuned. Communication will go out through your chapter president with details of the campout. In the meantime, if you have questions, please let me know. If I don't know the answer, I will get it for you.

Take care and stay safe!
 Kathy Anderson
 District 1 Representative

THIS IS A COPY OF THE LETTER SENT TO ALL DISTRICT 2 GOOD SAM CHAPTER PRESIDENTS 11/23/2020

Memo to Minnesota District 2 Good Sam Chapters:
 From Bob and Diane Porath, MN Good Sam Staff
 District 2 Chapters: Crow River Sams, Cloudy Town Sams, Past Timers, Minne Singles & Central MN Sams

As most of you know by now, we will be unable to have a MN State Rally in 2021. Our State Directors Tom & Brenda O'Neil have suggested we have district campouts to bring some of our chapters together in 2021.

In visiting with some of you regarding locations, we have zeroed in on Kandiyohi County Fairgrounds in Willmar, MN. We have reservations for Tuesday May 18, Wednesday May 19 and departing on Thursday, May 20th. We will have 15 or 20 amp electric service for everyone. No water or sewer hookups are available. There is a sewer dump in Willmar. The charge will be \$30.00 per night payable upon arrival to the Kandiyohi County Fairgrounds. There is a building we can use for our events with a full kitchen. Therefore, we can be inside or outside as weather permits. There is no charge for electric or use of the building. This will be our first try at a district 2 campout. We have some ideas for this first one. For Tuesday evening; brats and a dish to pass. Wednesday morning breakfast (pancakes?) and tours. Wednesday PM; games, chapter meetings and evening entertainment. Thursday morning rolls and coffee before departing. Chapters are encouraged to volunteer for these events and may use some as fund raisers. These are just suggestions. Discuss among your members and let us know your thoughts.

We will be back in touch with each of the chapters in early 2021.

At this time, we have no idea what the Covid 19 virus situation will be in May of 2021. We are just hoping that this timing for a District Campout will work and we will keep everyone informed in case we need to cancel.

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Central Minnesota Sams

Central Minnesota Sams Club celebrated twenty years of camping together and fellowship. Members joined with past members and enjoyed a catered meal at a local church on Thursday, October 8, 2020. A short skit was performed by Dale Danielson, Darrell Modica and Roy Pederson. There was lots of reminiscing with photos and artifacts. We sat at tables of four at least six feet apart from other tables. There were many smiles behind our masks!

Our club camped at Sleepy Eye Municipal Park in June with only a few units. July found us at Oak Park in Garfield with almost the whole group. August we were at the Kandiyohi Fairgrounds with most of the club. September was at the Hennes Farm where we also went on a hayride to the scenic lake area. Always lots of food, chatter, and games!



District Campouts

This year we hope to promote the District campouts in place of the Rally. Being that it is recommended at this point to not have large gatherings, we feel that this is a way to still gather, just at a smaller scale that will fit into the current regulations. As things change, we hope to move back into planning and hosting a statewide Rally.

MARGARET'S HOT DISH

Cut 1 lb bacon into bite size pieces and fry till brown
 Add 1 large diced onion and
 1 lb ground beef and cook till brown – drain grease
 Add 1 large and 1 small can Franco American spaghetti
 2 can kidney beans (drained)
 Heat and serve

Lucky Lindy Chapter News

Lucky Lindy Chapter met for just one formal meeting at a campout during the 2020 camping season. That happened in October! Our first two campouts were cancelled due to the campground being closed. We scheduled an additional campout soon after they opened, and kept the rest of our schedule as planned. There were some that were just anxious to get out and camp. It was certainly a different kind of camping this year with limited accessibility everywhere. We were fortunate to have good weather as we were unable to use any shelters throughout the season. We planned regular shared meals, enjoyed campfires, and were also able to take in a couple of field trips to local wineries and brew houses. It was great to be able to get out and 'camp with friends' as we called it. We have our schedule set for 2021 and look forward to getting out again. I am hoping that more friends will be able to join us as we hope things start to return to a more normal state.

Kathy Anderson
 President

District Information:

District 1 - Representatives -

Kathy Anderson and Bruce Koshiol
 - Chapters - Headwaters, Laurentian Divide
 Kampers, Lucky Lindy, Prairie Pioneers,
 Vikingland

- 2021 campout - June 7 - 9 (Monday - Wednesday), Finn Creek Museum, New York Mills

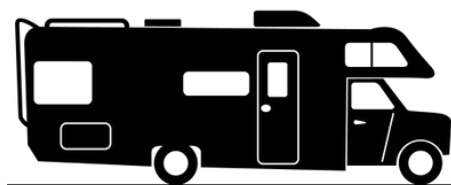
District 2 - Representatives - Bob and Diane Porath

- Chapters - Central MN Sams, Cloudy Town
 Sams, Crow River Sams, Past Timers
 - 2021 campout - May 18 - 20 (Tuesday - Thursday),
 Kandiyohi County Fairgrounds, Willmar

District 3 - Representatives -

John Cantin and LeAnne Olson
 - Chapters - Jesse James Wheelers, Minne
 Wheelers, Northern Lights, Wandering Sams
 - 2021 campout - May 14 - 17 (Friday - Monday),
 Finstad's Oak Haven, New Ulm

(The locations listed above are subject to change, as COVID regulations may prevent some from allowing camping.)





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Keeping Bugs Out of Your RV

Nobody likes being bugged by insects, especially on vacation, but the nature of RVs and outdoor camping means that your vehicle attracts bugs from the first hatch of spring to the first frost of fall. A few simple tricks and handy products can turn your vehicle into a relatively bug-free zone and prevent bugs from invading your space. Whether it's black flies, mosquitoes, spiders, ants or lady bugs, keeping nuisance bugs out of your RV means taking a few preventative steps to ensure that when your door is closed, insects have no way to get in your RV. The first step is to think like a bug and look for ways they may be entering your vehicle. Is there light streaming in around the edges of your screen door? Are all of your window and vent screens in perfect condition? Don't forget the over-the-stove vent as well. Making sure there are no obvious pathways for bugs to fly or crawl in is your best defense — whether that means using caulk, tape or installing new screens to better seal your interior from the exterior. Rope caulk, available in most hardware stores, is a simple, low-cost and easy-to-remove way to improve your vehicle's physical barrier to the outside world — and it won't damage painted or stained surfaces when removed. Use it around doors, windows or vents. Duct tape works in a pinch. After you've secured the premises, take preventative measures by installing ant/household pest bait stations in key areas: under the sink, in exterior storage compartments and the back of closets — anywhere that's practical without getting in the way or being accessible to children or pets. Some RV retailers also offer bug bulbs that claim to repel flying insects by emitting less ultraviolet energy and, in general, a tone of light that is less appealing to airborne insects. And finally, for minimizing bug damage to the exterior, some have gone as far as spraying the exterior of their vehicle with nonstick cooking spray to prevent little buggers from adhering to your vehicle's exterior. Rain-X also sells bug-removing windshield fluid that is more effective at removing bug gunk than the cheap blue stuff at gas stations.



SAMANTHA'S HELPFUL HINTS

Did you know if you need peeled fresh tomatoes in recipes, it's easier than you think? Simply pierce a tomato or two with a fork, and then arrange them on a plate and place in the microwave. Process on high for 30-45 seconds (no longer or you might start the cooking process). Then, run cold water over them for a few seconds and take a paring knife and slip the skins right off!

ALL IN ONE CASSEROLE

Arrange in layers:

1 layer raw sliced potatoes, 1 layer chopped onion, uncooked bacon pieces, sliced green pepper, chopped celery, thin sliced carrots, raw ground beef in pieces, cheese slices, 3 Tablespoons uncooked rice.

Mix together 1 cup cream of mushroom soup and ½ cup milk

Pour over layers

Bake 350 degrees for 1-1/2 hours or till done

BEEF VEGETABLE CASSEROLE

Place in casserole 2 lbs raw ground beef broken into pieces

Sprinkle with 1 pkg dry onion soup mix

Layer on: 2 small pkgs frozen green beans

1 (10 oz can) cream of mushroom soup

Frozen tater tots

Bake 375 degrees for 1 hour

Note: You can also use canned green beans or whole kernel corn, drained

Use lots of tater tots.





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