

Arkansas One ...Arkansas's first chapter, since 1970

Good Sam Club

November, 2022



November Notes

Arkansas One chapter of Good Sam Club met at Lake Catherine State Park, October 30 thru November 4 for our annual work week. The 16 members who camped were James & Linda Niblett and Joe, Dennis and Peggy Card, Wayne and Lori Thomas Tommy & Phyllis Clark. Henry and Jeanette Heritz, Tom & Girtie VanHovel. Gene & Surita Hicklin, and Rex & Katy Weaver. Bill & Dee Nery and Carolyn & Fred Curliss came out for the staff lunch and business meeting on Thursday. Phyllis and Tommy had friends, Jess and Linda Odom, camping with them for the first few days. They also had grandsons, Briar and Riley for a couple of days and Sawyer got to come for trick or treat on Monday night. We also had a group of trick or treaters from the campground. Ruth Ann & James Hairston and Bobby & Lisa Duckworth were park hosts and visited and ate with us a time or two. Jean and Jerry Hosto and James Davidson also visited for lunch on Thursday.

Volunteer work included pressure washing and cleaning around garbage and trash bins, cleaning out fire pits and grills, and blowing leaves away from bathhouses, cabins, and other buildings. We contributed approximately 190 hours working on the park projects and the ladies spent another 10 hours preparing food for the meal for a total of 200 volunteer hours.

As always, Arkansas One likes to eat. The group went out for Mexican food in Malvern on Sunday night. Monday night Gene and Tom fixed chili and the rest of us brought hot dogs. Tuesday was some BBQ chicken from James' smoker. He said it was a first and wasn't sure about it, but it was really good! Wednesday was soup night and Girtie's lasagna soup was something at least one of us need the recipe for. Every day included sitting around the campfire, visiting, or just winding down from a day of work and waiting for food to appear.

On Thursday, at the end of work week, is a meal we prepare for the park staff. With carry out boxes, meals were sent to those who were unable to leave their work, while others ate with us. We then fed ourselves and some guests as well. Everyone enjoyed James' smoked pulled pork with, beans, slaw, potato salad, and lots of desserts. Peach, apple and blackberry cobblers were the favorites. With our group, guests, and park staff, we fed at least 36 people....and a few more plates were taken back to staff who weren't able to leave their post.

After the meal, a business meeting was held. After opening with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer, minutes and treasurer's reports were approved. Officers for the upcoming year were elected...the same ones as last year. A donation was taken for our annual Toys for Tots donation.

Campouts and meetings for the upcoming year were discussed. A list will be included with minutes from the meeting and a copy will also be provided at the next meeting.

The Christmas party will be held at the Clarks' in Hot Springs. Details are below. Let us know what you would like to bring.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sat. December 10 - 1:00

**Tommy & Phyllis Clark's
Little Hood Trail, Percy AR**

So far, we have: Ham, Turkey, Gravy, Dressing
Potatoes, Rolls (Girtie?), 1 or 2 desserts

Suggestions to bring....

Appetizer Salad Fruit Salad Vegetable
Dessert

Send a text, email, or give me a call to let me know what you can bring. (501-617-4280)

(More information & directions will come later.)