



# Pine Ridge Post

Pine Ridge Campground  
W5132 County Hwy N  
Waldo, WI 53093

www.pineridgecamp.webs.com

## Pine Ridge Update

The next time you visit Pine Ridge, you may notice the campground looks just a bit different. The most noticeable change is the removal of the many ash trees on the campground property.

Like most of the area, the ash trees at Pine Ridge have become home to the Emerald Ash Borer beetle, which feeds on the trees, eventually killing them. The ash trees at Pine Ridge needed to be removed. Thanks to our Caretaker for his work in removing the necessary trees. Removing the dead trees will allow new growth to occur. There will be replacement trees planted in some of the areas. Take a walk in the woods and you will see the results of this work.

Two major and some minor improvements have been made to the pond. Thanks to a wonderful donation, the pond now has two aerators installed. This water movement will improve the ecosystem in the pond, hopefully allowing the fish to thrive. It will also move the water, reducing the amount of growth both on the top of the water and from the bottom of the pond. Secondly, the dam on the south side of the pond has been repaired which will keep the water level of the pond higher and more consistent. This should make the pond enjoyable for the many activities that take place. There have also been improve-

ments made to the Chalet. All of the windows have been replaced with new double pane windows which greatly improve the heat retention of the building in the cooler months.

Pine Ridge also received a donation of a clothes dryer which has been installed in the Chalet allowing campers to dry things out after getting caught in the rain or playing in the snow.

Thanks to the efforts of a number of volunteers, new picnic tables were built throughout last summer.

Do you have suggestions on improvements to Pine Ridge? Let the board know by coming to the annual delegates meeting on May 16, 2018 at the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry in Waukesha, WI.



Volunteers hard at work constructing new picnic tables.

*Family Camping,  
School Outings, Church  
Picnics, Church  
Retreats, Church  
Workshops*

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### Special points of interest:

- ◆ Annual Delegates Meeting May 16
- ◆ Family Camp – August 3-5. Make your reservations now!
- ◆ For Reservations, call Cindy and Eric Vanselow (920) 528-8307

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## Pine Ridge Campground Rules

During their September meeting, the Pine Ridge board updated the campground rules. The rules are as follows:

*Please remember camping at Pine Ridge is a privilege not a right. If you are deemed to not be in compliance with these rules you, will be asked to leave with no refund. Please keep God's nature enjoyable for all. Thank You - Pine Ridge Board and Caretakers.*

- 1) Reservations are to be made in advance. Payment is due upon arrival. Pay in office or payment drop box.
- 2) Quiet time is from 11PM to 6AM.
- 3) Keep campsites, buildings, and recreational areas clean, or cleaner than you found them. Return any items you moved to where you found them.
- 4) Place your trash in the proper trash receptacle. No burning of trash in the fire pits.
- 5) Campfires are to be in fire pits only and must be under control. No outside firewood from *more than 10 miles away*. No fireworks or flares.
- 6) No hunting.
- 7) No swimming without adult supervision.
- 8) When canoeing, life jackets must be worn at all times.
- 9) When hiking and exploring, do not disturb the wild life and "plants".
- 10) All pets must be on a leash, or in a kennel, and under control at all times. Clean up all pet waste.
- 11) If ground is wet and/or soft, please limit travel on grass and park in proper parking areas.
- 12) Speed limit 10 mph—No ATV's, UTV's or Golf carts.
- 13) No throwing of rocks anywhere, including in/on pond or ice.
- 14) Conserve energy and turn lights off when not in use.
- 15) For non emergency problems or concerns contact office at (920) 528-8307.

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## Save the Date—2018 Annual Family Campout

Mark your calendars! The Pine Ridge Campground Annual Family Campout is scheduled for the weekend of August 3-5, 2018.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Do you have a suggestion of an activity or idea you would like to see at the Family Campout? Let us know. Suggestions can be emailed to [PineRidgePost@gmail.com](mailto:PineRidgePost@gmail.com). Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters.



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## Annual Delegates Meeting—May 16, 2018

Do you have suggestions to improve Pine Ridge? What would you like to see at Pine Ridge? This is your campground. Help the board make the important decisions on how the campground is run. Delegates from all of the Camp Conference Congregations are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please contact Phil Wagie ([phil@wagie.org](mailto:phil@wagie.org)) with any questions. The agenda for the meeting includes passing a budget for 2018, and discussing campground plans for the upcoming year.

The Lutheran Pioneer Camp Conference Annual Delegates meeting is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> at the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry, N16W23377 Stone Ridge Drive, Waukesha, WI 53188. The meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30 PM.

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## Games—Activities at Pine Ridge

Can you find all 22 activities you can do at Pine Ridge? The words may be backwards or on a diagonal.

ARCHERY  
BASEBALL  
BIRD WATCH  
CAMP  
CAMPFIRE  
CANOE  
DISC GOLF  
FISH  
GAMES  
HIKE  
HORSESHOES  
NATURE TRAIL  
RELAX  
RIFLE RANGE  
ROAST MARSHMALLOWS  
SCAVENGER HUNT  
SING A LONG  
STAR GAZING  
SWIM  
TAG  
VOLLEYBALL  
WAGON RIDES

Q C W S R X F I S H W T T H S B Q S S Q  
Y M A H I T A E K A A N X C W A W C E R  
G X D M Q N H L G G U B S T O S F C M G  
L R D C P B G O E H Z E H A L E O N A C  
D L R B D F N A R R O M I W L B J T G P  
R K A C Q R I E L H Q P K D A A T G D A  
V G T B I Q G R S O T L E R M L T H H J  
H W F D Y N C E E D N S Q I H L D H M B  
C Z E W E E S N Y B B G X B S Z J A S Y  
Q S E V U R L N A T U R E T R A I L G I  
N C A Q O P E L R O W J J Q A B P R H J  
V C A H X U U W O A H D T V M O E I D G  
S R H M C B Q M M V I W W Z T V O F J B  
X H L L P D I S C G O L F A S L C L G M  
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# CHAIRMAN'S

O Greetings,

R After a year in which true spring weather didn't want to come, and by the time you read  
N this, the spring weather will be here. It is now time for you to make plans to come to  
E Pine Ridge. Come once, come twice or even 3 or more times this year. As always, Pine  
R Ridge is a great place to experience God's Nature, with the many beautiful pine and deciduous trees, the beautifully mowed grass, wooded areas and the now completely full pond. At night, Pine Ridge, without the city lights is a great place to look at the stars.

R If relaxing is what you're looking for, Pine Ridge is a great place to come. Relax by or on the lake, in a Gazebo, by a campfire or many other places. You can also relax by fishing, canoeing, swimming or wading.

If you want to move you can do that too at Pine Ridge. You can take a nature walk / hike on the many walking trails that can be used or you can make your own trail (but be careful and do it with a friend). There are also 18 holes of Frisbee golf (Frisbee's available in the Pine Ridge office). At the archery area, improve your bow & arrow skills. There is also tons of room to do sports activities like playing baseball/softball (or just play catch), volleyball (we have a net) or soccer.

Pine Ridge is ready for you, no matter what style of camping you prefer. We can accommodate RV's, Campers or tents. If you don't have a camper or ten, you can use one of our Bunkhouses. If you have a big group or a family reunion, the Chalet or Open Air shelters are great places for them to be held.

Of course we'd like you to come up for a week or the weekend, but Pine Ridge is close enough to drive up in the morning and stay for a while and return home. A day at Pine Ridge would be great for families, youth groups, school classes, etc. We have a few groups that have done this for a number of years.

If you know people that like to camp or hike or be outdoors, please tell them about Pine Ridge or pass this newsletter onto them or have them contact me. If you can get information concerning Pine Ridge in your bulletin or on your information board, also let me know.

To make your reservation to camp, please call Cindy at 920-528-8307. Donations can be sent to Pine Ridge Campground, W5132 County Hwy N Waldo, WI 53093.

Lastly, Pine Ridge has both a website (Search for Pine Ridge, Waldo WI) and a Facebook page, check them out for up-to-date information.

In His Service,

Chairman Phil Wagie

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## Campfire Cooking— Dutch Oven Mountain Man Breakfast

By Nancy Gittel

1 pound mild pork sausage	1 onion, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced	1 red bell pepper, chopped
1 green bell pepper, chopped	12 eggs, beaten
1 (2 pound) package frozen shredded hash brown potatoes	
1 (16 ounce) package shredded Cheddar cheese	

Build a campfire and allow the fire to burn until it has accumulated a bed of coals.

Cook and stir the sausage, onion, and garlic in a 12-inch cast iron Dutch oven with lid, raised over the coals to medium-high heat, until the sausage is no longer pink and the onion is tender. Stir in the red bell pepper, green bell pepper, and hash brown potatoes until evenly mixed. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the hash browns are hot and the peppers are tender, about 15 minutes.

Pour the beaten eggs evenly over the top of the potatoes, allowing them to sink into the potatoes. Cover the Dutch oven, and place 6 to 9 coals underneath, and 12 to 18 on top. Allow to bake until the eggs are firm, about 40 minutes. Sprinkle with Cheddar cheese, cover, and continue cooking until the cheese has melted, about 5 minutes.

Serve and enjoy! It makes a lot.

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## Donating to Pine Ridge

Did you know Pine Ridge is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization? Your donations are tax exempt. Donations can be sent to Pine Ridge Campground, Beth Thornton, Treasurer 4701 Amanda Lane Apt D, Sheboygan, WI 53018. Pine Ridge welcomes donations to be put towards improvement of the campground facilities.

Did you know that members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans can help support Pine Ridge Campground through Thrivent Choice? In 2016 Pine Ridge received \$465 from the Thrivent Choice Program.

Each year, eligible benefit members of Thrivent Financial are designated Choice Dollars, based on qualifying insurance premiums, qualifying contract values and qualifying Thrivent volunteer leadership. When eligible members direct Choice Dollars, they make a recommendation as to where Thrivent Financial distributes a portion of its charitable grant funds.

If you are an eligible benefit member, you can help strengthen our community by directing your designated Thrivent Choice Dollars to Pine Ridge Campground.

It's all about our community. Your support. Your Choice. Choose to make a difference by directing your designated Choice Dollars today. If you're eligible to participate in Choice Dollars, or are uncertain about your eligibility, visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice). Or contact your local Thrivent Financial representative.

## **Pine Ridge Campground**

Waldo, Wisconsin  
Owned and operated  
by  
Lutheran Pioneer  
Camp Conference

Visit our website:  
[www.pineridgecamp.webs.com](http://www.pineridgecamp.webs.com)

For more information  
and registration call  
Camp Caretaker:  
(920) 528-8307



Pine Ridge is  
on Facebook!

## **Upcoming Activities:**

May 4-6 — Beaver  
May 11-13 — Evans  
May 11-12 — Heilman  
May 25-28 — Schmidt  
June 21-24 — Swenson  
June 23 — LGP Rainbow  
District  
July 2-5 — Frances  
July 6-8 — Mooney  
July 13-15 — Duffey  
July 13-15 — Lange  
July 15-23 — Dunn  
July 20-23 — Lighthouse  
July 21-28 — Nationals  
August 3-5, — Annual  
Family Campout.

August 9-13 — Hahn  
August 17-19 — Campers  
Association  
September 14-16 — Johnson  
September 20-26 — Archery  
Camp

### **Call to schedule your reservations.**

Pine Ridge has seven separate  
camping areas available along  
with bunkhouse facilities.

### **Campground Reservations and information:**

**Caretakers: Eric or Cindy  
(920) 528-8307**

## **Pine Ridge Board of Directors**

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