



Pine Ridge Post

Pine Ridge Campground
W5132 County Hwy N
Waldo, WI 53093

www.pineridgecamp.webs.com

Camping at Pine Ridge is Fun—Even in Winter!

Did you know that Pine Ridge is open year round for camping? Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter— Pine Ridge is ready for your visit!

Camping in the winter requires a bit of planning, and making sure you have the right equipment, but it can be just as fun as being at the campground in the summer months—and a bonus there are no mosquitoes!

Many winter outdoor activities can be found at Pine Ridge including: Snowshoeing, Cross-Country Skiing, Building Snowmen, Hiking, Birdwatching, Spending time around the campfire and enjoying God’s Winter Wonderland. And don’t forget it’s always a good time to make s’mores around the campfire. Just remember, you will need to bring all your own outdoor equipment with you.

If you don’t have your own camper suitable for winter camping, Pine Ridge is still a great place to come and get away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Pine Ridge has 5 heated bunkhouse facilities and the chalet available for you to

rent. Remember when staying in our bunkhouses, you need to bring all your own bedding (sleeping bags and pillows, etc.).

Are you ready to schedule your next camping adventure? Make your reservations now for your camping trips in 2016.

Reservations can easily be made by calling our campground caretakers: Eric and Cindy Vanselow - (920)-528-8307. Reservations can only be made by calling Pine Ridge. Reservations can not be make by email or through the Pine Ridge website. We are looking forward to your stay.



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

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Special points of interest:

- ♦ Annual Family Campout is August 5-7, 2016
- ♦ For Reservations, call Cindy and Eric Vanselow (920) 528-8307

2015 Annual Family Camp Out Recap

This last August, we were blessed with another beautiful weekend. We had a smaller group this year that registered for camping or just came for the day. Some new faces, some old. The weather was perfect except for the storm on Friday that made it a little difficult when setting up your site.

Some campers came a few days earlier and helped get the campground ready for the annual family campout, while others arrived on Friday and left on Sunday. Campers talked with their friends and met a few new faces. Many sat around campfires and enjoyed each other's company.

Friday night started the activities with an ice cream social. Saturday morning's activities were Crafts (various bead crafts, Rainbow rubber band crafts, rain sticks made from paper towel tubes) and Games (Minute to Win-It game, ladder golf game, bean bag toss, horse shoes, etc.). There was catch-n-release fishing in the lake this year. You may fish on the Onion River which requires a state fishing license. After lunch, many kids and adults enjoyed the wagon rides and others enjoyed playing Bingo. The silent auction started Friday night and ended Saturday afternoon. Campers even enjoyed the disk golf course, swimming and canoeing.

Saturday night we enjoyed a great corn roast and potluck. The grillers were Jay Gittel and Bud White. Our outdoor worship service was officiated by Chaplain Mike Bartsch with worship music accompanied by Joe Warren, who played guitar. We ended the evening with a bonfire.

Sunday Breakfast at the Chalet was DELICIOUS as always! Mike, Harold, and Gary Schmid did a marvelous job again. There were plenty of pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs and sausages to go around. Many were smacking their lips with full bellies.

The Family Campout Committee would like to express its sincere appreciation and thanks to everyone that helped get the campground in shape for the weekend, planning and organizing it, for helping with the preparations and activities, the special church message/music. We couldn't have done it without all of you!!!

2015 Family Campout Committee
Nancy Gittel, Patti Behmke and Beth Thornton



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, W5132 County Hwy N, Waldo, WI 53093. Pine Ridge welcomes donations to be put towards the following:

- * Need four (4) commercial grade toilets for Chalet (\$200/pc)
- * New picnic tables – 10 needed (\$60/pc)
- * 10 new fire rings (\$30/pc)

Did you know that members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans can help support Pine Ridge Campground through Thrivent Choice? In 2015 Pine Ridge received \$666 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. Or contact your local Thrivent Financial representative.

Save the Date—2016 Annual Family Campout

Mark your calendars! The Pine Ridge Campground Annual Family Campout is scheduled for the weekend of August 5-7, 2016.

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. Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters.



CHAIRMAN'S

O Greetings,

R Now that the leaves are changing the nights are getting cooler, after a great summer
N (at least temperature wise), are you looking for a place to enjoy God's beautiful cre-
E ation? Since our caretakers and other volunteers continue to keep the camp look-
R ing great, what better place to do outdoor activities? For the more adventurous,
you can tent camp. You can also bring your Pop-up or RV for use at Pine Ridge
(you can store it there for the winter).

Even though the weather will continue to get cooler and cooler, Pine Ridge camp
ground is open year round for your use. The chalet is a great place for events
where groups can hold their activities, cook their meals in the kitchen and sleep in
the upstairs beds. If your group is smaller, you can also rent a bunk house or two.
Remember, the Chalet & Bunk houses are heated.

Pine Ridge can always use your monetary support. But that support is especially
appreciated during the colder months since our income is generally lower but our
costs continue, just like your house and church.

If you want to come up to Pine Ridge give Cindy a call or if you want to give us a do-
nation, send it to Beth Thornton.

Lastly, of course, Pine Ridge is the place where our Pioneers go. But Pine Ridge is
also the place for church groups and family events to be held. So if anyone you
know is planning an event, please be an advocate for Pine Ridge and suggest that
they use Pine Ridge for their daily or longer events.

In His Service, Chairman Phil Wagie

Did you or a group you are a member of have an event at Pine Ridge? Would you like to
share your event with other users of the campground? We are always looking for arti-
cles for this newsletter from groups and individuals who make use of Pine Ridge. Send
your stories to PineRidgePost@gmail.com.

Do you have a favorite camping recipe? Let us know. We are looking for camping related
recipes to share in our newsletter. Please send your recipes to
PineRidgePost@gmail.com

Thanks in advance!

2015 Midwest Archery Camp

The Midwest Archery Camp is held each year the last weekend in September at Pine Ridge. This is the 5th one held at Pine Ridge but the camp (which for many years moved around) has been going on for more than 20 years.

The Midwest Archery Camp has two goals, that the boys and leaders life skills are enhanced and that everyone has an enjoyable time. These goals are accomplished in everything done at camp. For example, on Friday night at the small dinner the boys helped serve the food and everyone is responsible for cleaning up after themselves. Also, a safe and long burning campfire, under the direction of the leaders, was built by the boys. Then on Saturday, after a good breakfast and excellent devotion (lead by the Pine Ridge Chaplin), the boys then rotated between the following events: archery targets, starting a fire w/o matches, BB gun and slingshot and animal stalking techniques. The advanced archery group shot at animal targets in the woods north of the Nature building. By the end of the day, both the boys and leaders skills were enhanced, while having a good time.



But Archery Camp's overall purpose is much more than archery, eating and having fun. The main purpose is to help young boys turn into maturing teenagers and then Christian adults. It is also a time that both the leaders, fathers and boys have a great time in God's creation without the boys using technology (we even ask the boys not to use their smart phones). How is this done? First and foremost, everything is done following Biblical principles, asking the question what Jesus would do in every situation. Also, in everything that is done, the boys are asked to help in some way. That is also why we have junior leaders who have real responsibilities that the younger boys can aspire to be like.

We believe the purpose and goals of Archery Camp were meet this year and will continue to be met in the years to come. If you know any boys or adults who you think may be interested, please see the [Midwest Regional Archery Camp Facebook page](#) or call 920-210-9018.

Pine Ridge Campground

Waldo, Wisconsin
Owned and operated
by
Lutheran Pioneer
Camp Conference

Visit our website:
www.pineridgecamp.webs.com

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



Pine Ridge is
on Facebook!

Upcoming Activities:

January 30-31—Salem

February 19-21 Gruenwald

February 26-28 Caledonia

August 5-7 - Annual Family
Campout

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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