



Pine Ridge Post

Pine Ridge Campground
W5132 County Hwy N
Waldo, WI 53093

www.pineridgecamp.webs.com

It's Almost Time for Family Campout

When: August 5-7, 2016

**Where: Pine Ridge
Campground, Waldo, WI**

The family campout is a yearly tradition. It's our way to say thanks to the many campers who visit Pine Ridge throughout the year and a time to share in some fun with others who enjoy camping at Pine Ridge as much as you do.

Have you made your reservations for the family campout yet? If not, please make it today by calling Cindy at (920) 528-8307 to reserve your spot. Don't have a camper or tent? Reserve a bunk in one of the bunk houses. Bunk house space is limited so be sure to make your reservation. Remember if you are staying in a bunkhouse, you need to bring your own bedding. There is still plenty of room to camp!

Want to come, but can't stay for the whole weekend? You can just come to Pine Ridge for the day. No reservations are necessary but it would be nice to know about how many people are expected for activity plan-

ning purposes.

Just a reminder that camping or visiting for the day is free but if you wish to contribute your camping fees as a donation, it would be greatly appreciated. To help cover the campground's operation expenses, there is a minimal fee for electricity (\$1/night for tents & \$5/night for all other units. If you stay in the bunkhouse, there is a small fee for electric usage as well. Other fees for the weekend include: firewood (\$4/crate, \$12/wagon load), sanitary station use (\$5 per use) and dumpster fee (\$2/garbage bag).

There are many activities planned for the weekend. Friday Night is the annual old-fashioned Ice Cream Social. Vanilla ice cream with chocolate or caramel topping and lots of time for chatting with friends old and new. Saturday is jam-packed with fun! Scheduled activities include crafts, games, wagon rides, a potluck supper, an outdoor

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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*

Welcome Dan Gruenwald to the Board of Directors

The Pine Ridge Board of Directors would like to thank Mr. Dan Gruenwald for volunteering to be a board member. Mr. Gruenwald is a member and WELS teacher at Salem Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, WI. Mr. Gruenwald is replacing the position that was held by Patti Behmke.

Many thanks to Patti Behmke for her many years of service on the Pine Ridge Board of Directors.

Are you interested in volunteering for a position on the Pine Ridge board, or volunteering your skills at Pine Ridge? Please contact the Chairman, Phil Wagie for more information.

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worship service, and a huge bonfire to complete the day.

The “Minute to Win it” game will be returning for the 2nd year in a row, and new this year will be a scavenger hunt. Can you find all the requested items before anyone else?

Don't forget to bring a dish to pass for the potluck supper taking place on Saturday night along with the annual corn roast. Also remember that you will need to bring your own supplies (plates, utensils, napkins) and beverages for the pot-luck dinner.

Sunday morning there is an all-you-can eat breakfast. A free will offering will be taken at breakfast to defray the costs. Breakfast will include scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausages, orange juice, fruit and coffee.

It's not too late. Make your reservation today! Hope to see you there.

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 articles 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!



Found at Pine Ridge— Large White Trillium

By Nancy Gittel

If you take a walk on the Nature Trail in in early spring, you can see these beautiful white and pink woodland wildflowers on Pine Ridge's own property.

The trillium gets its name from the Latin word for three. It has three large petals and three broad leaves. Trilliums, a member of the Lily family, are a favorite woodland wildflower for many people. They can be seen in the early spring covering the woodland floor with white and pink blossoms. Other common names for Trilliums are snow trillium, trinity flower, or large-flowered trillium. Because Trilliums bloom at just about the same time that robins appear they are also know as "white wake robins."



Trilliums can be found from Ontario and Quebec, to western Maine, south to Georgia, west to Arkansas and to northern Minnesota. Look for a stalk 8-10 inches tall with three large oval-shaped leaves just below the three ruffled white petals at the top. As the plant ages, the white, wavy-edged flowers will often fade to pale rose. Trilliums were used by Native Americans for food and as a drug to help the sick and are a favorite springtime food of white tail deer. The leaves can be cooked and eaten and are similar to spinach.

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 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 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 it 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.

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Greetings, in mid-July, I was at Pine Ridge and if you're looking for a place to experience God's Nature, Pine Ridge, is a great place to go. The trees, both pine & deciduous look great, as does the beautifully mowed grass and the wooded areas. The pond is full of water. Therefore, any of the outdoor activities you'd want to do, can be done. Hiking, walking, Frisbee golf, playing catch, baseball, or softball, volleyball or even throwing the football can be done. On the pond, swimming, canoeing, boating or fishing are available. Come up for a day, a weekend or a week, just give Cindy a call to make your reservation.

Pine Ridge is also ready for all types of camping in your RV, Camper or tent. You could also use a Bunkhouse in you don't have any type of camping shelter.

If you have a big group or a family reunion, Pine Ridge is also a great place for your event with the Chalet or Open Air shelter available to be reserved for your group.

By the way, Pine Ridge is a great place to relax. We had a great time sitting around a fire, talking and enjoying the beautiful weather or when it is warmer, you can relax in the shade.

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 would like to receive information concerning Pine Ridge for your bulletins or on your information boards, also let me know.

If you want to come up to Pine Ridge please call Cindy (920-528-8307) to schedule your reservation. If you would like to give Pine Ridge a donation, please send it to the Campground (Pine Ridge Campground, W5132 County Highway N, Waldo, WI 53093) with a note that it's a donation.

In His Service, Chairman Phil Wagie

Wisconsin State Symbols



State Tree: Sugar Maple

In 1893, the sugar maple tree was selected as the state tree by a majority vote made by school children. Oaks, pines, and elms were also favorites, but the maple won out. A second vote was taken in 1948, reaffirming the sugar maple as the favorite. The Sugar Maple became the official tree of the state of Wisconsin in 1949. At the same time a state flower and state bird were also

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Campfire Cooking— Campfire Hobo Dinner



A favorite meal made on the campfire

Campfire Hobo Dinner—Serves 4

1 lb meat (ground hamburger, chicken, shrimp, pork chops, or beef tips/stew)

Mixed fresh vegetables – potatoes, onion, broccoli, carrots, celery, zucchini, etc.

Butter (if meat has no fat) – omit this if using soup

1 can of Cream of Mushroom, Chicken or Celery soup (or whatever you prefer)

Salt / Pepper to taste

Any other seasonings to your liking (Season salt works great!)

HEAVY DUTY aluminum foil – tear off large sheets

COOKING OVER A CAMPFIRE -- Campfire coals should be hot and ready for cooking. Cook about 30 min. or until done. Usually if you smell it, it's done. Use a tripod or grill over the fire. Use tongs or heavy duty mitts to remove foil packs from heat.

Shape hamburger into large patties. Place on foil, place potatoes, carrots, onion, celery or whatever vegetables you have on top.

Salt and pepper (or other seasonings) to taste.

Add about a tablespoon of Butter per packet or a heaping tablespoon of soup on top of the meat/vegetables.

Fold aluminum foil in half and make a crease. Fold in ends. Place on grill or in the hot coals. Turn frequently if on the coals.

When done, carefully unfold the foil and you only need a fork. You can eat the Hobo Dinner right from the foil. We use a paper plate and plate holder to hold it.

Enjoy!

HELPFUL TIP: You may make these ahead before your camping trip and after getting the campfire going that first night, you have your hobo dinners.

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selected. Sugar maples are also known and loved for their brilliant orange-red colors in fall and their fame for producing the best sap for making maple syrup. Maple wood is commonly used for bowling allies, bowling pins, baseball bats and basketball courts. The wood is also used for some musical instruments and archery bows.

The sugar maple is also the state tree of the states of New York, Vermont and West Virginia as well as Wisconsin. See if you can find a sugar maple the next time you are at Pine Ridge.

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:

June 27-July 4—Frahm/
Amundson

July 8-10 Endroff

July 15-16 Lange

July 16-23—Nationals

August 5-7 - Annual Family
Campout

August 12-14—Point of
Grace

August 19-21—Dunn's
Campers Association

August 31-September 5—
Frahm/Amundson

September 8-11—Builders
For Christ

September 23-25—Midwest
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**

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