

# THE WAGON TONGUE



Iowa Good Sam

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We're back! Plans are being made for the 2022 Annual Iowa Good Sam RV Rally. June 23-26, 2022 Amana RV Park, Amana IA

## **"WILD WILD WEST"**

June 23-26, 2022 are the dates for our going out west, to the Wild, Wild, West Iowa Good Sam Rally, that is. Held at the Amana RV Park, Amana IA, where camping is great with all full hookup sites. Come one, come all, we'll have a 'rootin'-tootin' good time. (And remember, you do not need to be a member of Good Sam RV Club to attend.) Bring your friends and enjoy games, raffles, crafts, 50/50 drawings, pancake

**WATCH FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON 2022 RALLY.**



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**WEBMASTER: OPEN**

We're looking for people to accept the open positions on our State Officers Roster. Interested????  
Contact our State Director

2/23/2022

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## Camping Schedules

Chapter	Dates In 2022	Location	
<b>4 F's Sams</b>			<b>2022</b>
	May 6-8	Wilder Park-Allison, IA	
	June 3-5	Dike	
	June 23-26	Iowa State Rally, Amana, IA (to be determined)	
	July 8-9	New Hampton Airport	
	Aug 5-7	Beeds Lake, Hampton, IA	
	Sept 9-11	Mason City	
	Oct 7-9	Wilder Park, Allison, IA	
<b>Backbone Country Sams</b>			<b>2022</b>
	May		
	June		
	June		
	July		
	Aug		
	Sept Oct		
<b>Big River Sams</b>			<b>2022</b>
	Jan, Feb, Mar	Lunch, TBA	
	April 21-24	Waubonsie Park, Cantril	
	May 5-7	Lake Red Rock—Howell Station, Pella <a href="http://recreation.gov">recreation.gov</a> (6 mo )	
	June 9-12	Oakland Mills, Mt Pleasant <a href="http://mycountyparks.com">mycountyparks.com</a> (1 Yr)	
	June 23-26	Iowa State Rally—Amana	
	July 14-17	Pollmiller, West Point <a href="http://mycountyparks.com">mycountyparks.com</a> (1 yr)	
	Aug 18-21	Marr Park, Ainsworth	
	Sept 15-18	Lake Darling, Brighton	
	Oct 13-16	Lake Sugema, Cantril <a href="http://mycountyparks.com">mycountyparks.com</a> (1yr)	
	Nov, Dec	Lunch, TBA	
<b>Cedar Sams</b>			<b>2022</b>
	May 20-22	Manchester Fairgrounds, Manchester IA	
	June 23-26	Iowa State Rally, Amana IA	
	July 15-17	Hidden Valley, Vinton IA	
	Aug 19-21	Kalona City Park, Kalona IA	
	Sept 16-18	Shady Creek, Muscatine IA	
	Oct 1-2	Lazy Acres, Urbana, IA	

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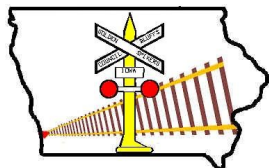
HOW DO "DO NOT WALK ON THE GRASS" SIGNS GET THERE?

## Country Travelers



April  
May  
June  
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July  
Aug  
Sept  
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## Golden Spikers



April 8-10 or 15-17  
May 13-15 (Free Fri)  
June 2-5  
July 8-10  
Aug 12-14  
Sept 9-11  
Oct 14-16

**2022**  
Botna Bend County Park —Hancock  
Nelson County Park (Free Friday)  
Nebraska State RV Rally, Hastings NE  
Prairie Rose State Park, Harlan IA (Make Reser 4-11-21)  
Lewis & Clark State Park, (Make Reservation 5/13/2021)  
Littlefield Recreation Area, Exria, IA  
Cocklin Fish Farm, Griswold, IA

## Optional Campouts

June 10-12 (Backup)  
June 23-26

Viking Lake State Park, Stanton, IA  
Iowa State Rally, Amana, IA

## Heart of Hawkeye



May 9-15  
June 6-12  
June 23-26  
July 5-10  
Aug 8-14  
Sept 12-18  
Oct 3-9

**2022**  
Yellow Banks Park, Sites 1-7, mycountyparks.com  
Green Valley State Park, near Creston  
Good Sam Rally, Amana  
Winterset City Park  
Little Wall Lake near Jewell mycountyparks.com  
Ledges State Park, Boone IA reserveamerica.com  
Roberts Creek near Otley mycountyparks.com

## Happy Trails Sams



April  
May  
June  
June  
July  
Aug  
Sept  
Oct

YOU KNOW YOU ARE GETTING OLDER WHEN A FORTUNE TELLER OFFERS TO READ YOUR FACE!

YOU CAN TELL YOUR GETTING OLDER WHEN YOU GET INTO A HEATED ARGUMENT ABOUT PENSION PLANS!

**Inspiration Sams**



April  
 May  
 June  
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**Iowa Second Chance Sams**

2022

June 23-26,2022

Iowa State Rally—Amana, IA



**Iowa Military Veterans Sams**

June 23-26, 2022

Iowa State Rally, Amana,

**Key City Sams**

2022

**Key City Sams**



April 21-23  
 May 16-19  
 June 23-26  
 July 11-14  
 Aug 17-20  
 Sept 14-18  
 Oct 10-13

Lazy Acres Center Point, IA  
 Sugarbottom Solon, IA  
 Amana RV Park , Amana IA  
 Moorwood Campground, Hazelton, IA  
 Wilder Park , Allison, IA  
 Lunney Lake Farm Campground, Madison, WI  
 Scott County Park, Eldridge, IA

**Siouxland Sams**



April  
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 October

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**Two Rivers Sams**

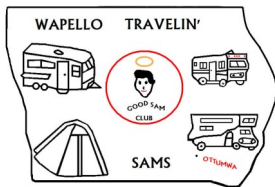
**2022**



April 9	Lunch
May 15-17	Manchester Fairgrounds, Manchester, IA
June 12-14	Beauters Home, Walker IA
June 23-26	Iowa State Rally - Amana, IA
July 10-12	Annis
Aug 14-16	Martin
Sept 11-13	Price
Oct 9-11	Heintz
Nov 12	Lunch TBA
Dec 10	Lunch TBA

**Wapello Travelin Sams**

**2021**



April 10??	Lunch Meeting—Ottumwa, IA
May 11-14	Indian Lake, Farmington, IA—w/a Lodge
June 8-11	Marion County Park, Knoxville, IA
June 24-27	Iowa State Rally, Amana, IA (Pending)
July 13-16	Lake Belva Deer, Sigourney, IA
Aug 10-13	Jefferson County Park—Fairfield, IA
Sept 14-17	Ottumwa City Park, Ottumwa, IA
Oct 12-15	Marr Park, Ainsworth, IA

**Washer City Sams**

**2021**



April 23-25	KOA - Newton, IA
May 28-31	Amana RV Park, Amana, IA
June 24-27	Iowa State Rally - Amana, IA
July 23-25	Howell Station
Aug 27-29	Roberts Creek East, Pella, IA
Sept 24-26	Ottumwa RV Park
Oct 8-10	Howell Station

**Inactive Chapters**

**NE Iowa Vagabonds**



**Good Sam Hillbillies**



**Herky City Sams**



**Sippi Sams**



**Tri- State Sams**



**Algonquin**



**Helping Hand**



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Age is a matter of mind.....If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.



## Good Sam Club

Are you really a Good Sam  
Doing the best you can  
Making life more enjoyable  
For your Chapter and fellow man

Do you pause to remember  
How the name came about  
Do you remember the Samaritan  
Who helped the traveler out

If you could only see  
Through the eyes of someone else  
Long enough to visualize  
The true image of yourself

Could you accept the image  
Or would you cast it out  
Why not be a Good Samaritan  
And leave no room for doubt.

A man and his wife, now in their 60's were celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. On their special day a good fairy came to them and said that because they had been so good that each of them could have one wish. The wife wished for a trip around the world with her husband. Woosh! Immediately she had airline/cruise tickets in her hands. The man wished for a female companion 30 years younger. Whoosh! Immediately he turned 90. Gotta love that fairy!!



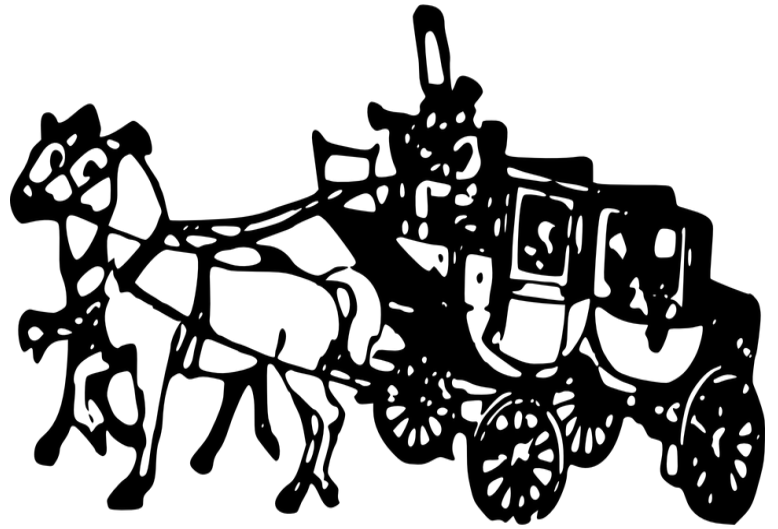
## PLEASE LET US KNOW

If you would like something printed in the Fall Wagon Tongue, please get it in as soon as possible.

Rosters and Chapter Dues will be due before the Wagon Tongue is published in the fall.

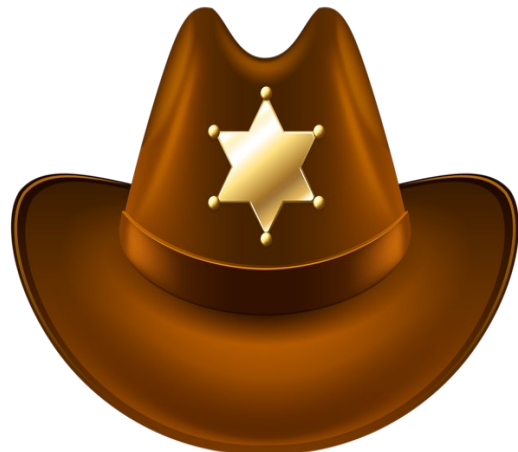
If you would be willing to become a State Officer. We have several openings at the present time.

Please support our Iowa State Rally and the Western Iowa Roundup!



## WHAT IS A GRANDMA?

A Grandma is a lady who has no children of her own, so she likes other people's little girls. A grandpa is a man grandma. He goes for walks with boys and talks about fishing and stuff. Grandmas drive you to the supermarket where the pretend-horse is and they have lots of dimes ready. Or, if they take you for walks, they slow down past pretty leaves and caterpillars. Grandmas never say "Hurry up!" Sometimes Grandmas are slow, but not too slow to tie kids' shoes. Grandmas wear glasses and funny underwear. They take their teeth and gums off. They answer questions like, "Why do dogs hate cats?" and, "How come God isn't married?" When they read to us they don't skip words or mind if it's the same story again. Everybody should try to have a grandma, especially if you don't have a TV, because grandmas are the only grown-ups who have time.



## 2022 IOWA STATE RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle Tickets are in and ready to be dispersed to all chapters. Because no fall meeting was held, Chapters may not get the tickets until the Spring meeting. If you would like to receive them before that time, please make a request to the State Treasurer, hynesjc@aol.com. Thank You.

**NOTE: Watch for updates on the status of the raffle tickets we have printed. We will be using the tickets and prizes for our raffle at the next authorized rally.**

**10/15/2020**

### **2020 IOWA GOOD SAM**

**\*\*June 25, 2022\*\***

1. \$100 Bill
2. Stanley Airpro 120 Digital Air Compressor
3. Patio Mat (5x8 Indoor/Outdoor)
4. ShopVac (5 gal,4.5 horsepower)
5. "Living the Life" Camper Wind Spinner
6. 7 pc Classic Pitcher Set

Proceeds to :

Ronald Mcdonald House

Iowa Special Olympics

Dogs for Better Lives

Camp Courageous

### **TICKETS**

**\$1.00 Each or 6 for \$5.00**

**Need Not Be Present To Win**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**CANCELLED**

**"WILD, WILD, WEST - AMANA, IA**

**CANCELLED**

**IOWA GOOD SAM RALLY—JUNE 23-26,2022**

While this has not been a normal “camping” year, it is fun to hear how the chapters have been “socially distancing” and enjoying the camaraderie while the pandemic is going on. We can stay healthy, and still maintain good conversations, with or without a campfire!

#### **4 F’S SAMS:**

We had our first group campout at Allison once Wilder Park was open. It was so good to camp with our Good Sam friends once again and to spend time outside around the campfires. In June we camped at Dike and in July we camped at Cedar Bend. During our July campout, the chapter attended and assisted Norma Forest with a Celebration of Life for Chris Forest (our former 4-F Good Sam President who passed away this last winter in Texas). Four our August campout, were in Split Rock in Fredericksburg where we challenged each other in bean bag toss and in September we plan to camp at Mason City, McNider Park. Our last campout of October will again be at Allison. In April 2020, our Chapter voted to make a monetary donation to the NE Iowa Food Bank because the need was great for many communities due to job shut-downs, the virus, etc. However going forward we have not had any fund raisers for the safety of our members and others. We dealt with the virus at our campouts by sitting apart or at opposite ends of picnic tables and for our potluck meals, we had 3-4 chapter members serve the food with gloved hands limiting one couple at a time coming forward for their food. It has worked out really well We are comfortable that all of our members have done their part to be responsible to wear their masks at appropriate times, stay away from large crowds and stay home if they did not feel well. This has truly been a very challenging year but hope everyone has been well and able to have some time with family and friends in whatever form it takes.

Submitted, 4-F Chapter President, Connie Van Dyke

#### **KEY CITY SAMS:**

2020 offered Key City Sams some challenges when it came to their camping schedule. January bad weather prohibited us from having our monthly breakfast. February we got together at HyVee for our Saturday morning breakfast/meeting. March the Covid-19 had closed the restaurant in HyVee where we would have held our monthly breakfast/meeting. April our schedule included Deer Run in Elkader IA. Due to the pandemic, the campground was closed. Our deposits remain good for 2021, so we hope to start our camping season there again next year. May we were scheduled to camp at Thomson Causeway, Thomson, IL, however, federal campgrounds remained closed. We received our deposits back from the Corp of Engineers. June, of course the rally was canceled so no campout for Key City members. July, hooray we had a campout. 5 rigs attended at Volga River Campground Volga IA. It was so good to have an actual campout! We practiced “social distancing” with no potluck. August we were scheduled to camp at Sugarbottom near Coralville. While some of our members did go on Monday afternoon, they realized the results of the storm that morning. They camped overnight despite the electricity being out in the park. On Tuesday they were advised they had to leave because the park was closing. All returned home. September we camped at the Corp of Engineers Park, Grant River Recreation Area near Potosi WI. All members were present so we held our annual business meeting. Another week of wonderful camping weather. In October we expect to have our soup supper at Lazy Acres in Center Point. Even if it rains we will have a nice warm room to ‘safely’ distance and enjoy the company. While we would have breakfasts the third Saturday of the month thru the winter (and some snowbirds are debating their return to the south), it will depend on the pandemic, as we won’t likely be eating outdoors like we are now.

10/15/2020

We hope 2021 will bring us a better camping season. Until then, we are wishing all a safe and healthy winter so we are ready to go to the Wild, Wild, West RV Rally in Amana, IA. (No positive word on this being held in June 2021, but we are ready for it!) KEEP SMILING.

Key City Sams

#### WAPELLO TRAVELIN' SAMS

Our Decembert 2019 meeting was cancelled duto to the Holidays. January 2020 meeting was also canceled, weather. February, March and April meetings canceled due to the Covid Mandates. Our May campout was at Farmington, Iowa and proved to be chilly so the campfire was welcome. We weren't allowed to use the cabin because of the size of our group, but spirits remained high as the group caught up on lost time., 12 being present for the meeting. The men set up canopies and a windbreak, with temps in the 50's. Our June campout was at Knoxville, IA with 20 present, warmer weather finally. July campout was held at Sigourney, IA with 12 present. August we were back to Knoxville with 17 present for meeting. September the club met in Ottumwa, IA with 14 present for the meeting. Our new Wagonmaster, Jerry Smith added a new campground to our 2021 Schedule. In October we gathered at Marr Park in Ainsworth, IA. The weather was cool but we enjoyed the use of their cabin with wood heat. There were 12 present . November we will be at Old Country Kitchen in Ottumwa near the mall. December has been cancelled due to the holidays. We were not able to have any fund raisers this year due to Covid and several members having health issues.

**Berniece Kenney, Secy. Wapello Travelin' Sams**

#### WASHER CITY

Washer City Sams had their normal meetings in January and February for 2020. When it came to March, it was cancelled as the establishment we were going to meet and eat at was closed due to Covid-19. April, the state campgrounds were closed so we did not camp. May, most of us had reservations at Army Corps of Engineers campground, Howell Station, which was cancelled and we all received our refunds. Then June came and we ended up camping at West Overlook Campground, over by Iowa City, IA. We had a very nice week except two members each had a flat tire, one coming in and one going home. July campout was at Hickory grove and it was very hot out. Thank goodness it was for the most part shady with lots of trees. August was at Roberts Creek East. It was very hot and no shade. We all survived and had a very good time. There were two couples (not members yet) that joined us. Our group has already reserved our September (Marion County Park) and October (Rock Creek State Park) sites which will conclude our camping for 2020 but not our spirits! 2021 will be a better year.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Word From Washer City Sams:

Good Sam teamed up with Camping World, Gander RV Outdoors and Overton's for a four week sweepstakes. Connie Johnson, President of Washer City Sams, entered all four weeks and in week #3 won one of the 2nd prizes of a \$500.00 merchandise certificate. And so the saying goes "It does pay to play". Connie wishes to say a big THANK YOU to Good Sam, Camping World, Gander RV Outdoors and Overton's for the prize she received. She has been very thrilled and ecstatic ever since!

It's great to hear of someone's good luck. Nice Prize. HAPPY CAMPING CONNIE!