

Get'away Gals Gazette

Camping Season Starts Again

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Hi GG's ..Well, what can I say? Did we have a great 2014, or what! We had so many awesome campouts and now it's almost time to start all over again with more of the same.

I want to thank all you girls again that hosted for me this past year. I truly appreciated all the hard work you put into your campouts and I know the GG's that attended had as much fun as I did.

Since we didn't have a campout scheduled for this January and February, this newsletter will be more of an "information" letter. I will address the same things I did in last year's letter and will add more to this year's.

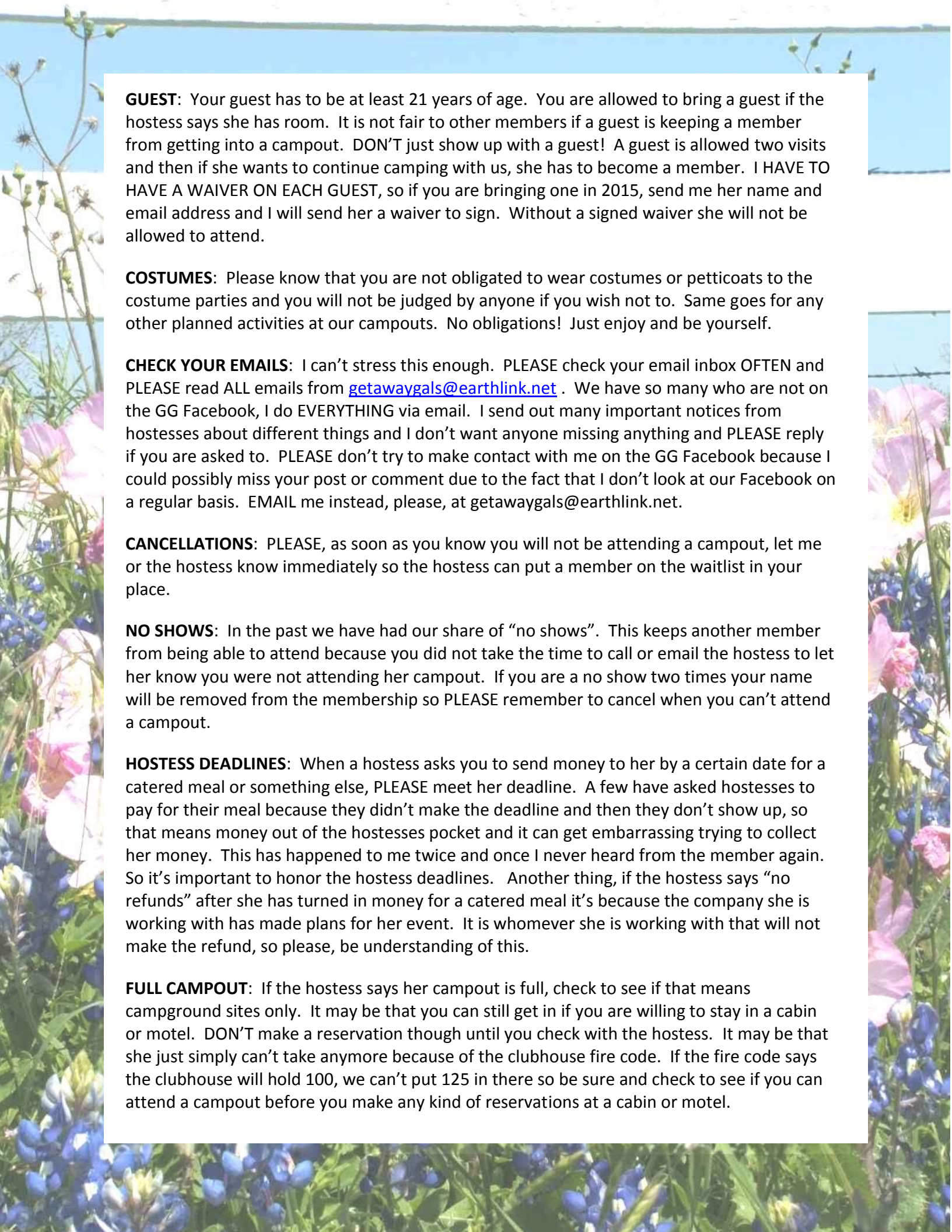
This year you will be getting a three page Gazette (newsletter) instead of the usual two page. I am adding a miscellaneous page and this is an invitation for you to send me anything you might want to put on it. For example, what being a GG means to you, a recipe, a trailer tip, household tip, garden tip, etc. Anything you want to send to me. Send it to getawaygals@earthlink.net.

Being a large organization we have to have some rules and they are as follows with other information...

CAMPOUTS: Only the campouts listed on the GG calendar are official GG campouts. You are welcome to have personal camp-outs but please do not refer to them as a GG campout and do not post them on the GG Facebook out of respect for our hostesses who works very hard on the official ones.

DRINKING: I don't mind you drinking as long as you keep it under control and don't offend other members. If you are at your trailer or cabin drinking and not disturbing anyone, that's your business, but if you start causing a problem among other members because of out of control drinking, then it becomes my business. If we are sharing the campground with other people, PLEASE be respectful of their presence. The GG's have a very good reputation with campgrounds and I want to keep it that way.

DOGS: ALWAYS ask the hostess if she will allow dogs at her campout. If she does allow them, PLEASE keep them on a leash or in your arms while outside your trailer. Keep them out from under members feet while they are trying to enjoy a meal outside. If you have a barking dog please consider leaving your baby at home. This will make your trailer neighbors much happier.



GUEST: Your guest has to be at least 21 years of age. You are allowed to bring a guest if the hostess says she has room. It is not fair to other members if a guest is keeping a member from getting into a campout. DON'T just show up with a guest! A guest is allowed two visits and then if she wants to continue camping with us, she has to become a member. I HAVE TO HAVE A WAIVER ON EACH GUEST, so if you are bringing one in 2015, send me her name and email address and I will send her a waiver to sign. Without a signed waiver she will not be allowed to attend.

COSTUMES: Please know that you are not obligated to wear costumes or petticoats to the costume parties and you will not be judged by anyone if you wish not to. Same goes for any other planned activities at our campouts. No obligations! Just enjoy and be yourself.

CHECK YOUR EMAILS: I can't stress this enough. PLEASE check your email inbox OFTEN and PLEASE read ALL emails from getawaygals@earthlink.net. We have so many who are not on the GG Facebook, I do EVERYTHING via email. I send out many important notices from hostesses about different things and I don't want anyone missing anything and PLEASE reply if you are asked to. PLEASE don't try to make contact with me on the GG Facebook because I could possibly miss your post or comment due to the fact that I don't look at our Facebook on a regular basis. EMAIL me instead, please, at getawaygals@earthlink.net.

CANCELLATIONS: PLEASE, as soon as you know you will not be attending a campout, let me or the hostess know immediately so the hostess can put a member on the waitlist in your place.

NO SHOWS: In the past we have had our share of "no shows". This keeps another member from being able to attend because you did not take the time to call or email the hostess to let her know you were not attending her campout. If you are a no show two times your name will be removed from the membership so PLEASE remember to cancel when you can't attend a campout.

HOSTESS DEADLINES: When a hostess asks you to send money to her by a certain date for a catered meal or something else, PLEASE meet her deadline. A few have asked hostesses to pay for their meal because they didn't make the deadline and then they don't show up, so that means money out of the hostesses pocket and it can get embarrassing trying to collect her money. This has happened to me twice and once I never heard from the member again. So it's important to honor the hostess deadlines. Another thing, if the hostess says "no refunds" after she has turned in money for a catered meal it's because the company she is working with has made plans for her event. It is whomever she is working with that will not make the refund, so please, be understanding of this.

FULL CAMPOUT: If the hostess says her campout is full, check to see if that means campground sites only. It may be that you can still get in if you are willing to stay in a cabin or motel. DON'T make a reservation though until you check with the hostess. It may be that she just simply can't take anymore because of the clubhouse fire code. If the fire code says the clubhouse will hold 100, we can't put 125 in there so be sure and check to see if you can attend a campout before you make any kind of reservations at a cabin or motel.

SELLING ITEMS AT CAMPOUTS: If you want to sell items at a campout inside the clubhouse, you have to get permission from the hostess. Selling from your trailer or cabin is acceptable.

GG FACEBOOK: Please do not post another "activity" such as a Festival or some kind of Show if it's on the same weekend as an official GG campout. It would not be fair to our hostesses if someone cancelled her campout to go to something else that is posted on our Facebook.

SHARING EMAIL ADDRESSES: Anytime anyone sends me an email or text asking for another members email address I don't mind giving it to you if I have permission from the person whose address you are asking for. What I won't do is post any member's personal information on FB or the Website. For those who do not want your information shared, I will ALWAYS respect your wishes.

WEBSITE: PLEASE check out our UPDATED website. www.getawaygals.com Our Webmaster, JoAnn Edgar, has done a wonderful job putting it all together. This is a new Website so click on the moving RV and enjoy! I love the way she has listed the Newsletters and also the Albums.

ATTENDANCE: We ask that you attend at least one campout within a 12 month period. When you joined if all campouts were full you will be given extra time to attend a campout. If you have any questions about anything concerning the club or if I have missed something please don't hesitate to send me an email and let me know.

I am looking forward to having another wonderful year of camping with you and thank you all for being an important part of my life.

Love you!
Dixie

Now, to use up this extra space! LOL

I love funny signs. I got so tickled one day at Athens when I saw a billboard sign advertising a Chiropractor's office. In very large letters, it read, "CRAWL IN'S WELCOME"! I still laugh when I think about it. If I needed one I would probably go to him just because of that billboard.

We live, laugh, and love to get'away!