

THE GETAWAY GALS TAKE ON THE WILD WILD WEST

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It was a rootin', tootin' time at Riverview RV and Recreation Park in Colbert, Oklahoma for the May Get'away Gals campout, thanks to hostess Penny Forell, who did a wonderful job making it a fun weekend for everyone. Heavy rain and storms in Texas prevented some of us from arriving until Friday, but the GGs who made it in Thursday the 19th gathered at the park's rally room, which was decorated beautifully in the western theme by park management!

The RV park was quite unique in that there were two levels of campsites, some on the top of the hill near the entrance and office, and the rest on a



lower hill overlooking the Red River. Rumors of snake sightings made several GGs ask for upper level camping! For others the view of the winding river made for relaxing camping.

Following the happy reunion of GG friends and a delicious salad dinner, games such as LCR and Skipbo entertained all who participated. GGs also picked up cute knapsacks (goodie bags) made out of

lunch sacks and decorated with burlap and cowboy hats. They were filled with information about local shopping and activities as well as candy and a cute pink bandana.

Name tags were made out of wooden ice cream spoons and tied with red bandana fabric or feathers so GGs could

choose a cowboy or Indian motif. So creative! There were also water bottles decorated with "Saloon Girl," "Cowgirl," and "Wild West" labels.





The next day, Friday, May 20, dawned beautiful and sunny, a perfect day for GGs to drive to nearby Denison or Sherman for shopping or sightseeing, or just hang out at the campground and enjoy the river and nice weather. That evening many of us gathered at the Golden Corral restaurant in Sherman where we enjoyed the huge buffet and great fellowship. After dinner everyone gathered at the rally room where Penny led us in some fun—and funny—outdoor games.

Team competition was fierce as we participated in relay races. The first race involved tying pantyhose around our waists while holding an orange in one pantyhose foot that we used to bat another orange across a finish line. For the second race, teams competed in roping an iron steer with a lasso. We learned a new skill! The last competition of the evening required teams to return to their trailers for items to dress their team leader as a rodeo clown. The results showed just how imaginative and creative our GGs can be. Congratulations to Mendy Archer, the newly crowned GG Rodeo Clown! The other contestants included Lee Hallman, Lonna Leach, and Sylvia Bacon.

Saturday, May 21 brought another beautiful day. Several GGs set up tables at their campsites with items to sell that morning, including tee shirts, boutique items, and books. That left the afternoon free for shopping or sightseeing or just relaxing. That evening everyone dressed in their Wild West best for photo ops in front of the "jail" and a hot dog dinner with all the western condiments and side dishes. After dinner all the cowboys, cowgirls, saloon girls, Indian squaws, and others gathered outside for a group photo and then danced in the rally room or just hung out and visited.

Leaving Sunday morning was bittersweet, as always, as GG friends wished each other "Happy Trails" and set off for home to dream of the next campout. Thanks again to Penny Forell for a wildly fun Wild West campout!

NOTE: Dixie was unable to make this campout because of her granddaughter's wedding, and she was sorely missed! We felt you there in spirit, though, Dixie!





Chickasaw Indian Molasses Bread

1/2 cup boiling water

1/2 cup shortening

1/2 cup brown sugar

1/2 cup molasses

1 beaten egg

1 1/2 cup flour

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon soda

1/2 teaspoon ginger

1 scant teaspoon cinnamon



Pour boiling water over shortening. Add remaining ingredients. Beat until smooth. Bake in oblong pan at 350 degrees for 35 minutes. Cool in pan. Enjoy!