



“We live, laugh, and love to getaway”

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Willkommen! Gals & Guys

And welcomed, we were! It was a “German” weekend that won’t soon be forgotten. I am referring to the Gals & Guys “Oktoberfest” Get’away, hosted by Melanie Barger & Cheli Buchanan the first weekend of October.

Coffee Creek RV Resort in Santo, TX was the location for the campout and the clubhouse was transformed into a blue & white Bavarian village. Yards and yards of blue & white diamond designed sheets of plastic hung from the walls, was draped on the huge fireplace mantel and was also used for runners on all the tables, over white tablecloths.



A “Photo Prop,” an outside trailer wall with a door and window (made of wood) by Rod Dent, Melanie’s dad, was so cute. It had curtains, a flower box filled with flowers under the window and a red tail light that lit up. It was a big hit for taking pictures.

Life size dress forms showed off dresses that belonged to Silvia Bacon’s mother. Silvia was born and raised in Germany and she brought lots of clothes that several of the GG’s wore at the Saturday night festivities, where Silvia played an accordion for our enjoyment.

Name tags carried out the German theme, matching the blue and white Bavarian design of the decorations. Cheli sewed really cute cloth shoulder bags with a picture of a prettily dressed German girl on the front side. They were our “Willkommen” bags that held all the goodies the hostesses put inside for us to enjoy.

Friday night was dance night with a live band that kept the place rock’in!

The German food that Silvia Bacon and Christy Taylor prepared for us on Saturday night was to die for, it was so delicious!

Thank you hostesses (and your helpers) for an AWESOME campout. It was so much fun and absolutely nothing could have made it any better. The theme was perfect for couples!



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Scarecrows, Food & Fun!

I was thrilled to host the "Gals Only" campout which followed the Gals & Guys



a week later and had an attendance of 81 GG's.

After decorating the tables in yellow gold tablecloths with a scarecrow in the center, I was blessed with three GG's coming in to bring me lunch. Thank you Paula Trammell, Lonna Leach & Shelley Wetherbee for your Southern Hospitality. That evening we enjoyed a "Finger Food Feast" while visiting with one another and playing a couple of fun rounds of LCR.

On Friday we toured part of the over 1,400 acre Black Beauty Ranch on a Hay Ride. The ranch is owned by "Funds for Animals" and is a sanctuary for neglected and abused animals. Once there, they are in for life and what a BLESSED life they truly have. Movie Star, Doris Day, gave the ranch money just a few short years ago to build a wonderful complex and adoption center for horses. See it on the Black Beauty Ranch website.

On Saturday morning, dressed as scarecrows, the GG's drove to Athens to attend the East Texas Arboretum Fall Festival. It was a fun day of food, music, pot-bellied pig entertainment and just strolling through the gardens. That evening everyone enjoyed dinner at Ochoa's Mexican Restaurant.

Each evening April Coker had a book signing, selling her two books, "Dreaming of a Black Christmas," and "Night Keeper."



Thank you Bev Gaushall for cleaning the kitchen on Friday night and to Sherri Renfroe, Madison Ogletree & Tilly Renfroe for sweeping the clubhouse and taking off all the trash on Saturday night.

Happy Camping, GG's... *Dixie*