

GET'AWAY GALS GAZETTE

Arkansas Hillbilly Hoedown



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Only 8 Miles of Winding Road to fun....

First timer Debbie Harrington said it best on the GG Facebook, and I quote... "Debbie Johnson and Dawn Bell...Please know how amazed I was at your hard work. I'm new to GG's and had no idea of what to expect. Getting to experience all you planned, plus watching as you helped so many with guiding into camping spots, rescuing mud stuck trailers, providing helping hands to ant infested sleepers or drenched tent dwellers...made me realize I'd found a truly special group. It was evident you put in many hours behind the scenes as well. I just want to thank you for making my first camp out such a fun memory."

The Hillbilly Hoedown was just plain old country fun and Debbie Harrington is so right, we are a very special group.

When we arrived we were given a brown paper sack welcome bag filled with handmade goodies. A five inch Hillbilly night light (with candle) made from a cedar limb, a round cedar disc (I will put in a drawer to make it smell good), a small bag filled with painted pebbles that are called "Cow Seeds". You plant them in early spring and in the fall you have fresh milk and butter, (now that's hillbilly!), a cloth bag with 239 beans with the recipe printed on it saying "one more will be too FARTY"! LOL A stuffed doll that you bang on something at the end of a bad day, a small bottle of "real" moonshine, our cute nametag that looked like a keg of whiskey and last but not least, a big shiny plastic diamond that our hostess Debbie - "Diamond Deb" is known for. Lots of work went into the things in that bag! Thank you, Debbie, for all the goodies.



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

It rained Thursday night and all day Friday but that didn't put a damper on the fun that Debbie and Dawn, along with Debbie's sister, Denise Chamberlin (also a GG) had planned for us. It was a perfect day for getting better acquainted with other GG's while working on crafts.

Debbie cleaned out a portion of her craft room and brought it all to the campout for us to enjoy. It wasn't just a small amount. She had tables full of anything you would need to craft with. Several girls painted and decorated gourds, cloth flags, and rocks while others made Christmas tree ornaments from cedar discs using a wood burning tool to put names on them. There were yards and yards of ribbon and containers full of beads in all colors, shapes and sizes and much, much more.



New members Kathie Andrews & Debbie Venden

You know how it is at a GG campout. So much GOOD food and this campout was no different. The day of the potato peeling contest we had "taters" galore and different potato dishes were made from them along with a huge pot of potato soup. YUMMY! New member, Debbie Venden from Harleton, TX won the potato peeling contest. There was a "peel off" between her and Linda Williams with Debbie winning by three seconds. She peeled two large potatoes in 40 seconds!

On Saturday we had the decorated stick horse

contest and stick horse races. Soooo many cute horses! The winners were: Prettiest, Dixie Taylor .. Most Imaginative, Kristi Wolchansky .. Most Sparkly, Jolene Barr .. Best Matching, Judy McBane ..Funniest, Marilyn Campbell ..and Silliest, Kathie Andrews. Winner of the stick horse derby was Judy McBane.



Saturday afternoon we were treated with some good old-fashioned "eats" by Debbie Venden and Nina Hudson. These girls donned their Mountain (Wo)man Rendezvous clothing and taught us the art of dutch oven cooking. While the bacon cooked on the side, Debbie filled three dutch ovens and patiently showed us all how to cook – stacking them one on top of the other. What a treat to scoop out "scookies" as Nina referred to them topped with Bluebell ice cream!

Come Saturday night it was Hoedown time! Debbie Johnson and Judy McBane entertained us with lots of guitar playing and singing and then when everyone got up and started dancing it was a rock'in good time!

Thank you, Debbie Johnson (and those who helped), for an AWESOME campout. You put a lot of hard work into it and we truly appreciate all you did to make us feel so at home in Arkansas. IT WAS A BLAST!

Be safe and happy camping .. Dixie

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