



KANSAS PRAIRIE PACKERS BASECAMP NEWSLETTER

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www.prairiepackers.org

AUGUST, 2009

MONTHLY MEETING

WHEN: **Aug 12, 2009**

WHERE: Pizza Hut, 10th & Topeka, Topeka, KS
Board Meeting 6:00 pm, Visit and Eat 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm

PROGRAM: TBA—Maybe summer backpack. Come to find out.

ACTIVITIES

August 1--Hike & swim - Denise Myers 785.806.5666. Melvern Lake/Eisenhower State Park
Car Permit Fee of \$4.20 per day

Carpoolers – Meet at 8:30 at the old DMV parking lot at 37th & Burlingame; please call Denise if you are interested in car pooling. If no one wants to car pool, I'll be camping the night before.

Or

Meet at the Swim Beach Parking at 9:30 for trail walking

- This is an unstructured day with individuals joining the group or doing their own thing
- We have rented the shelter by the swim beach for shade and picnic tables
- Activities available are trail walking, bike riding, kayaking (rentals available) or swimming
- Bring your bikes, lunches, snacks and beverages. Other suggested items are swim toys and lawn chairs
- The beach is very nice with shade, picnic tables, bathrooms and showers
- Primitive camping is available at Five Star and has the best shade in the park

I'll try and have my cell with me all day for late comers

Drive south on US 75 just past Lyndon to Melvern Lake.

Activities

August 8--Konza moonlight hike-Richard Johnson – 587.8731.

Bison Loop Tour (optional)

Meet at Konza Prairie Trailhead @ 7:00 pm. Cost:\$12 each. Tour will be through a fenced restricted area and will take between 1 -2 hours.We are allowed 3 vehicles so vans or large SUVs are encouraged.

Moonlight Tour

Meet at Konza Prairie Trailhead @ 9:00 pm. No cost. Tour will take 1-2 hours(wear sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight and insect spray)

Directions: From Topeka and points east:I-70 west to exit 307, Mcdowell Creek Road. Turn right(north) on Mcdowell Creek Road. Travel 4.8 miles north. Turn right on Konza Prairie Lane. There will be a white sign prior to the turn. Drive about 1/2 mile. Parking will be on the left next to the trailhead

SIGN UP: By contacting Richard Johnson (785)587-8731 or E-mail ripjohn@yahoo.com and indicate the number in your party, Bison tour AND Moonlight tour OR just Moonlight tour.

August 12—6:00 PM board meeting; 7:00 PM monthly meeting, Pizza Hut, 10th & Topeka Blvd, Topeka.

August 21-23--Car camp – Mike & Shari LaRue – 836.3167.

We will camp in the Michigan Valley campground next to the Pomona Lake dam. This is a Corp of Engineer site with a playground, swim beach and nearby trails. You can arrive Fri or Sat. If you are camping in an RV we are in site A4. If camping in a tent, let us know. We can have one tent per RV site. Sunday morning we'll have pancakes at our site, just bring your coffee.

Directions: US 75 south to highway 268. East to dam road. If you pass Greenacres restaurant, you went too far. OR US 75 south to US 56. East to Overbrook. South on Maple through Michigan Valley to the lake. Just follow the paved road. There is no gravel.

Reservations at www.recreation.gov or 1-877-444-6777.

September 5--First Saturday Walk – 10:00 am – Denise Myers 785.806.5666.

September 9—6:00 PM board meeting; 7:00 PM monthly meeting, Pizza Hut, 10th & Topeka Blvd, Topeka.

September 26-October 5--Fall backpack - John Petterson 357.4690

October 3--First Saturday Walk – 10:00 am – Denise Myers 785.806.5666.

October 14—6:00 PM board meeting; 7:00 PM monthly meeting, Pizza Hut, 10th & Topeka Blvd, Topeka.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurers Report for

July treasurer report:

Income - dues \$10.00

Paid out - Newsletter. \$32.87

Balance 7/25/09 - \$1436.57

Membership

70—Paid members

53—Emailed newsletters

17—Mailed newsletters

11—Comps

The Membership Committee would like to challenge you to contact 5 or more people to inform them of the benefits of belonging to the Prairie Packers. Tell them the reasons they should join—love of the outdoors, health reasons, social connections, being around a great group of people! Use email, telephone, word of mouth, cards, etc. to spread the news to all your contacts!

There will be a fabulous prize at the end of the year for the current member that has recruited the most new members. Be sure to tell your recruits when they pay their membership dues to let Dave Dunford know who referred them to join.

So far it's a 3 way tie.

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Deadline for Sep newsletter submissions—**24 August.**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Outdoor Interests _____

Circle your membership level and send check to:

Dave Dunford
2115 Harrison St
Topeka, KS 66611-1127

Join the Prairie Packer listserve? Yes No

Referred by: _____

Membership levels:

New members joining Jan thru Jun:

\$25.00 for mailed newsletter

\$20.00 for e-mailed newsletter

New member joining Jul thru Dec:

\$12.50 for mailed newsletter

\$10.00 for e-mailed newsletter

Renewals due **prior** to January 1.

\$25.00 for mailed newsletter

\$20.00 for e-mailed newsletter

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