

Alberta Provincial Good Sam Association Press Release

June 2022 Campout/Rally

Viking Alberta

Wednesday June 22 to Sunday June 26, 2022

The Alberta Provincial Good Sam Association (APGSA) is part of the international Good Sam Recreational Vehicle Club and is made up of 15 Chapters within Alberta. They typically all get together for a campout/Rally in the Spring and in the fall. This year's successful spring event was held at the wonderful Carena Centre in Viking Alberta after two years of cancellations due to COVID 19 related lockdowns and restrictions. The Carena Centre was an ideal venue for this event and the cooperation of the maintenance staff in providing any help needed, such as access to the sound system and the lobby projector, and keeping up with any and all cleaning required was just excellent.

The four-day event was highlighted by professional entertainment from Conan the Magician, Atomic Improv, and the Torlea Flats band and a Saturday Banquet catered by A-1 Catering of Camrose. Viking community groups provided several meals including a hamburger dinner, soup and sandwich lunch, pig roast, brunch with musical entertainment, and Sunday morning pancake breakfast. Participants competed in friendly games such as Corn Hole (Bean Bag Toss), Bean Bag Baseball, Bocce Ball, and Ladder Golf and the winners of first and second place were awarded special Hockey Jersey shaped pins to commemorate the event. There was also a locally organized business passport event, participants visited specified local businesses to get a passport stamped and then entered their passport in a draw for prizes donated by local businesses. And finally, there were visits/tours of the Section 35 Farm Distillery, a drive to the Ribstone at the Sutter Farm and Camp Lake Campground, and coffee at the Viking Museum.

Naturally, as Viking is the home of the famous Sutter Family, Hockey was chosen as the theme for this event and the arena appropriately decorated with participants wearing the Jersey of their favourite team to the banquet and dance. A hilarious, fun, water fight-based event called the Samboni Race was held with 8 teams making miniature Zambonis and carrying different water weapons to get each other (and spectators) wet. Fortunately, the Arena is equipped to handle just such a wet mess and they had it cleaned up in no time.

All in all, a great time was had by all. There were 98 RV's and 186 participants. The APGSA would like to thank the community of Viking for their great reception and support of our Spring Campout/Rally.

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