ARKANSAS SMART HOGS NEWSLETTER

August 2024

We met for our fourth annual Game Day at the Duckworths. The weather was hot and toasty, so we enjoyed being inside. We all enjoyed food and fellowship. Some members were sick and unable to attend. Hoping everyone gets to feeling better. We had SRA Prichard from Little Rock AFB personnel drop in for a brief visit after our get together. He was able to check some of the ID cards and set up a time for some of our members to get the new ID cards as required. We also gathered National Dues to be sent to HQ. If you aren't sure if or when you are due, contact SMART HQ and they can update you. Also, you can pay your dues online if you wish.

The muster schedule for the rest of the year was reviewed and some changes made.

September 11, 2024, National Muster in Ladson, South Carolina (early arrival) opening ceremonies 9/16/24 and departure 9/21/24. If you intend to do any tours you will need to arrive early. More information and schedule of events can be found online at SMARTrying.org

For those unable to make the National, maybe get together and do lunch or something.

October 7-10 is Wooly Hollow State Park. We go in on the 7th and leave on the 10th. So far, we have one night with Smores and a fire. We have ladder ball and other games. Also, nominations for new officers. JoElla Huddleston will be our host.

November 10-15 Regional Muster in Ponchatoula, Louisiana. The halfway point is at Gators Den RV Park, 3600 NW Avenue, Eldorado AR. Phone 870.310.6560. The Arkansas Hogs are expected to provide breakfast on Wednesday and to bring the necessary items to decorate the Rally. Due to the size of the table and them being described as octagonal, we will be doing centerpieces only. We have banners that are patriotic and say "Welcome". These and a couple other things should decorate everything very nicely.

On December 12 at 11:00 we will have our annual Christmas party at the Duckworth's, 806 Porter Road, Lonoke, AR 501.772.4991. They will provide baked ham and cornbread dressing. The rest will be potluck, if you have a favorite side or desert let them know what you will be bringing. Hollis Kinder will be donating a turkey, and Brent Higdem has offered to bring Brisket. The dress is casual, and we will install officers at this time.

Remember, we need to recruit members.

Let's keep those members traveling, sick or facing hardships in our thoughts and prayers. Please share this with our members that don't use Facebook.

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Bobby Duckworth, Secretary

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