

# West Virginia Good Sam

## First Timers Booklet

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We hope that your WV Good Sams Samboree will be filled with food, fun, fellowship and popcorn. Yes—popcorn. We have a campfire each night with popcorn made over a campfire (weather permitting)!

Included in this booklet there are many things that will help you to get the most from your Samboree experience. Some of them you have already learned since you drove to the gate and met the Wagon master and the Parking crew. They are here to see that you are safely parked. Once parked you cannot move without one of the “Crew” to help you. This is for your safety as well as those around you. If you arrived after dark or during the program you were placed in a “holding area” and provided with electric. You will be moved to your permanent location the following morning. Please try to arrive at the Samboree by 6 pm each day. This helps our Wagon master a great deal.

We suggest you arrive with water tank and propane tanks full and your waste tanks empty. Dump stations will be available upon your departure. You will be parked in an area where electricity is available. Please bring an extra electric cord (12 gauge or larger) with you, extra water hose and Y for water hook ups. You will be parked as close to an electrical source as possible, but the supply is limited. Do not use any appliances that draw a large amount of electricity such as heaters, air conditioners, or microwaves. Set your refrigerator and water heater on propane, this will help to prevent a blackout of a large number of rigs. We request you have a fire extinguisher in front of your rig.

Handicapped parking is available for those with a blue handicap tag or special needs. We will do our best to accommodate, but cannot guarantee that we meet all needs. You will not be parked with your chapter if you require handicapped parking.

Your tow vehicle must be removed from your rig and all vehicles must be unhooked from trailers and 5th wheels. This insures that fire lanes are not blocked.

The WV Good Sam has a staff of volunteers that are chosen by the State Director that work very hard to put this Samboree on for you. They wear gold shirts. During the evening program they are dressed in blue and gold. We welcome any questions and comments you wish to make. Please introduce yourself to them and let them know if you are having a good time. They are listed in the Samboree Program.

Chapters also volunteer to help put on the Samboree. They can be seen doing many jobs such as hospitality, registrations, security, miscellaneous, door prizes, games, and many other things to make the rally a success. We appreciate all their time and hard work. They are listed in the Samboree Program.

You received a small white card with a number in the mail when you sent us your registration. This card is to be presented at registration. Please check your program for the time and location registration will be open. You will receive a program upon your arrival. Please review the big program. You will receive a Goody Bag. There will also be a nametag with a blue ribbon to identify you as a first timer. Remember to

wear it each day. Check the bulletin boards to sign up for games, craft classes and other miscellaneous information. Scrapbooks of the past Samborees and chapter scrapbooks will be on display.

As a First Timer we have set aside a time to get to know you better. The program lists a meeting you can attend to learn more about the WV Good Sam, meet chapter presidents and ask questions you may have. Please plan to attend.

A program with all the chapters listed, hospital and emergency phone numbers are posted on the bulletin board. In the vendors area there are commercial vendors with many products and services to sell. Stop and see what they have to offer. This is also where you will find the Good Sam Store. You may purchase patches, clothing and other Good Sam merchandise. Make sure to stop in and say "Hi" to everyone.

Wear your name tag to all events. This has your registration number. Door prizes are drawn often from the stage and you must have your name tag with you to win. You may win more than once, so don't throw it away. Check your program for times and an explanation on how we do door prizes in WV. Everyone should win one item.

If you purchase any goods or services in the community while attending the Samboree, including your fuel to and from the Samboree, save the receipt write your name on the back and place it in the basket in the stage area. Your receipt may be drawn for a prize. We also tally the receipts and send a letter to the county commissioners and local government officials letting them know how much money we spent in the area during Samboree week.

Many events will be occurring during the week. Please check your big program to determine which activities you wish to participate in and Samboree details. You may have to choose because there may be more than one thing going on at the same time. There is something for everyone on the program. Don't forget SAMGO. (Bingo) One dollar buys one card. Please bring correct change. Of course, sitting around and just visiting is always an option!

Please see the big Samboree program for rules and guidelines. There is no smoking in or near the buildings entrances or exits. You must be 40 feet away from any event or building to smoke. Pets are not allowed in the buildings (except for service animals) and must be on a leash at all times. You must always clean up after them.

Emergencies sometimes occur during Samborees. Please let a staff member help you. If you experience an emergency during the night, please turn on your vehicles headlights and blow the horn three times. A security patrol is on the grounds during the night and they will come to you. **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR RIG.** If they are not there immediately, repeat the procedure. Remember the emergency phone numbers are listed on your program. When dialing 911 from a cell phone you may not be calling the LOCAL 911 service, so make sure you state your location, which is on the program, use the fairground name and county. One security member will stay with you and the other will go to the fairground gate and lead the EMS to your location.

It is our sincere desire that you have an enjoyable experience here at the WV Samboree. We are not the biggest Samboree around—but we are the most fun! We look forward to seeing you back again and hope you bring a friend with you.

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