

Family Day at ABATE Acres

Who says nothings for nothing? On the second weekend in August as many were returning from Sturgis, ABATE of WI members had the opportunity to take their children to ABATE Acres (land owned by the membership) and enjoy the first ever Annual Family Campout. There was no cost and the benefit to the organization and to us was the brotherhood and good times shared with our children.

Abate Acres was filled with the banter of little feet and the wonder of children's laughter, biker style.

The first ABATE Family Campout was a phenomenal event and one I had been looking forward to for some time, for the simple fact I want to pass on ABATE to my children as my parents passed ABATE on to me.

With the flip flopping weather conditions, looming thunderstorms & blazing sun we still had an amazing time. Besides having 80 acres to run & scream, the "ABATEERS" had tons of activities to choose from. Our land looked like a playground. We had marshmallow golf, horseshoes, bean bag toss, badminton, tug a war, and so many more outdoor activities we didn't even get around to some of them.

Much like any weekend at ABATE ACRES wet t-shirts could be found, the 3 lane Slip n Slide, & water balloons led to a water fight that included just about everyone.

When the weather flipped, indoor activities such as playdoh and board games were quite a hit, as well as dancing on the bar, and using the Toxic Taxi as a target practice, missing windshield and a few footballs & frisbees provided quite a bit of entertainment. Arts & crafts brought the kid out in all of us, face painting, balloon animals and the coveted "potato bugs" brought tears of laughter to some & wet pants to others.



I'm not sure who had more fun with the potato bugs the kids or the grown ups. Certainly, never heard the whine of boredom from any one.

As the sun set, we made fresh popcorn and turned the Products/Meeting room into a movie theatre, quietly carrying sleeping children to tents before the movie was even finished.

6 dozen ears of corn soaking in the beer bobbing tub made everyone anticipate Saturday's supper, & thanks to the largest grill I have ever seen we roasted corn and grilled together for a family style



meal befitting a king.

Although this event didn't raise any funds for motorcycle rights, I do believe it did something just as important. We paved the road for the future of our organization, the youngest members of ABATE and opened up the door to more family events that promote our values and our lifestyle.

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free." - Ronald Reagan

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