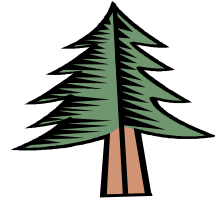




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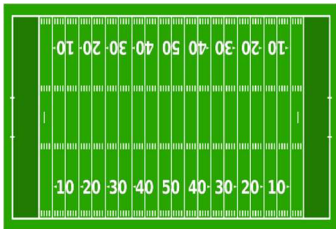
THE SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

ABOUT AND FOR OUR MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY, PRODUCED BY KIM VANTREASE

SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB 16150 SAMPSON ROAD, LITTLETON, CO 80127 FACEBOOK.COM/SAMPSONCOMMUNITYCLUB OR WWW.SAMPSONCLUB.ORG



COMING SOON!



SUPER BOWL WATCH PARTY AT THE SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB – February 11th at 4 PM

More details under the Calendar of Events on the next page. Watch for changes/updates on FACEBOOK.COM/SAMPSONCOMMUNITYCLUB and www.sampsonclub.org. This is another community-wide event for you. Come and join the fun!



It's time to renew Annual Memberships! You can mail your \$20.00 dues to 16150 Sampson Road, Littleton, CO 80127. There are Membership Forms on the front porch of the Sampson School if you'd like to pick one up, or you can print one out at the www.sampsonschool.org website...or you can simply mail a check with all your contact information so that we can properly update your membership. Thank you all for your support! We just couldn't do it without you all!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB



EVERY WEDNESDAY at 6:30 PM – BIBLE STUDY AT THE SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB

All welcome to come anytime! Come as you are or when you feel that quiet nudge. If you have questions, feel free to email Pastor Bob at deercreekcanyonbiblechurch.org and click the **Contact Us** tab. We fellowship from 6:30 to 7:00, which includes a table of snacks, coffee/hot chocolate and then the teaching begins at 7. So, if you can't get there by 6:30, you can still make the lesson. Deer Creek Canyon Bible Church only rents space from Sampson Community Club and is not a part of the Sampson Community Club. www.deercreekcanyonbiblechurch.org.



SUPER BOWL FUN... FEBRUARY 11 AT 4 PM

The fun continues! The Sampson Community Club will host another Super Bowl watch party at Sampson School on February 11 beginning at 4 PM on a big screen TV. Door prizes and Football Bingo with prizes will return. Bring your favorite snack to share and some of your favorite beverages. Use the club's chairs or feel free to bring your own cozy camping chair for this event. Any questions, call Kim Vantrease at 303-681-2104 or text 303-570-9028. Hope to see ya there!



DID YOU KNOW?

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Many people don't realize that the Sampson Community Club is for everyone. It isn't exclusive to Sampson Road residents like many have thought. It's for you and serves as a main hub where folks can gather for fun events, make new friends, learn about the area, volunteer, exchange important information, carpool opportunities, etc. The perks just go on and on. 😊 Remember, this community hub is here for you! And, don't forget, you can rent the building for your own personal use. Lots of people have been renting the building this past year realizing just how handy it is! Another perk is, you can borrow tables and chairs to use at your home for events. Beginning January 2024, Sampson Community Club Members will pay \$30.00 per day to rent the schoolhouse and nonmembers will pay \$50.00 per day. If you would like to rent the Sampson School Building, contact any of the Board members and they would be happy to get you on the schedule. And if you would like to become a member, any Board member can assist in that or you can print a Membership Form off of the www.sampsonclub.org website and mail it in with your \$20.00 dues. There are also Membership Forms on the porch in a red folder of the Sampson Community Club.

Just an *FYI*, the Sampson Community Club uses Sampson School for its events, so if a neighbor invites you to the Sampson Community Club for an event, they are talking about Sampson School, which is located at 16150 Sampson Road. Internet is available for members to use at the Sampson Community Club. With your new/renewed membership, you will receive the internet password for your personal use. The Club is tax exempt as a 501(c)(4) organization. 501(c)(3) organizations are the only ones where your donations are tax deductible on your personal income tax. According to the IRS, all donations to the Club are not tax deductible by the donor. As always, all are welcome to attend the Club functions! We look forward to meeting you! C'mon and join the fun!

THE BIG CHILI COOK-OFF!

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What a fun day this Chili Cook-off was! This was my first chili cook-off to attend and I have to ask myself, why did I wait so long!? Does the rest of the world know about these chili cook-offs? What a great gig! With 10 entrants and a crowd of enthusiastic judges, we finally picked our winners! Every chili pot burst with flavor and some even had a kick you couldn't resist. *Tums* was on hand and seemed to be the preferred chaser for some of the lightweights. So, after careful deliberation, we determined the winners through ballot-voting. First Place winner of the Annual Chili Cook-off was Kim Swanson! Our Second Place Winner was Hannah Shepeck! And we had a tie for Third Place and those winners were Jackie Johnson and John Banks! Congratulations to all the winners! And, thank you to all the chefs and hungry participants!



This photo of Hannah Shepeck captured the essence of the day



Here's your 1st Place Winner, Kim Swanson



Chili Cook-off Pics Continued!



On their way to Conifer's Homecoming Dance, Lilly and Mac stopped by to check out the fierce chili competition underway at the Sampson Club.

THANKSGIVING MEMBERSHIP DINNER UPDATE

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This past November the Sampson Community Club held its Annual Membership Dinner where Members gathered together over a Thanksgiving type dinner. This year, Members voted for the offices of Treasurer and Vice President. Kari Vernon agreed to remain as Treasurer and was elected to maintain the office of Treasurer. Also, we have a new Vice President! Bryn Shepeck was elected to uphold the office of Vice President. Thank you and congratulations, Kari and Bryn!!! We look forward to serving this terrific community with you. Some things we learned at the meeting this year: We had a large membership increase this year and made a decent profit at the annual Pig Roast in August. Thank you, **ALL**, who took part in this annual fundraiser. Your support is highly appreciated! ♥ Be sure to let your neighbors know this community center is here for them as well! We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones at events hosted at your Sampson Community Club.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Throughout the year, events may be cancelled, and events may be added that are not listed on the current Calendar of Events, so please be sure to check often for new events or important updates at **Facebook.com/SampsonCommunityClub and www.Sampsonclub.org.**

WE LOVE HEARING FROM YOU

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If you have photos or a story, present day, or history about the community, we'd love to hear from you. Submit to me at valleyhawk7@msn.com.

FYI: The Squeaky Squirrel arrives early on the website at **www.sampsonclub.org**. So, if you're wanting to check it out earlier than normal, just head over to the website and look under the Squeaky Squirrel Page.

QUICK REFERENCE

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WITH CONTINUED APPRECIATION

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The Sampson Community Club values your time and energy spent volunteering. You all really do make a difference and our community is better because of you, so thank you! Also, thank you for your donated items, firewood, muscle, and monetary contributions. Working together and helping others in the community makes us grow and thrive. It's definitely a rewarding experience for all involved. We are always so grateful to our event hosts, coordinators, volunteers, those who attend the events, and the Board for bringing this community together. Also, thanks to Mitch Tanenbaum for printing the "Squeaky Squirrel" as well as the event fliers and e-mail blasting the Sampson Community Club's announcements. Virginia Temmer, thank you for setting up the Santa Sleigh at the Sampson School! It's always a nice touch to see some festive cheer sprinkled around the community. Thanks to all for your support in 2023! Can't wait to see what 2024 brings! Speaking of, the 2024 Calendar of Events will be posted in the March issue of the Squeaky Squirrel. Also, events will be displayed on the website www.sampsonclub.org page and Facebook.com/SampsonCommunityClub.



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A NOTE FROM KIM

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I've just completed my first year as the president of the Sampson Community Club. First, thank you for allowing me the experience to serve in this capacity. I've really enjoyed it and have learned so much from others who share the same vision of keeping up the Sampson School building and bringing folks together. In this age of technology, cell phones, video games, social media, and life's demands, we often forget the importance of simple human interaction and the great benefits thereof. A few examples are a friendly conversation with a neighbor or sharing your knowledge with another in the community, teaching moments, an opportunity to help out a stranger, lively conversations at the community Pig Roast and Ice Cream Social, or perhaps, some friendly competition at the local Chili Cook-off. And other things, such as the people who rent the school house on Wednesday nights for a Bible study can offer support for those seeking. Any of these encounters are healthy and good for the soul. This community hub is a treasure and we should continue to cherish it.

It's been an enriching year, I'd say. So, thank you for the opportunity for me to get involved and engage. It has been rewarding.

As Christmas approaches, my husband, Red, and I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and Great New Year full of good surprises and enriching discoveries. The Sampson Community Club is here for you. Engage and reap the benefits!





If you'd like to receive the Squeaky Squirrel electronically, contact Mitch Tanenbaum at mitch@mtanenbaum.us. Color version through email! Also, check it out at www.sampsonclub.org.

HEY KIDS!

Color/decorate picture below and drop it off at the Sampson Club in the folder on the Sampson Community Club porch or mail it to 16150 Sampson Road, Littleton, CO 80127. Include your contact information. We'll draw a random winner at the end of December and give that winner a Gift Certificate to Lynn's Whistle Stop over by Tiny Town. Can't wait to see all your great artwork! Get them done soon! We're saving them to hang in the Sampson Club for decorations next year!



The Sampson Community Club
16150 Sampson Road
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EVENTS AT SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB AT A GLANCE

BIBLE STUDY EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6:30 PM

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