

Campvention 40 - 2023

I apologize for the delay of getting this report out. It took a while for us to get the audit scheduled and complete.

Campvention 40 was a huge success. It was an extra special 4 day event for our 40th year and I would say it was well attended even until Monday. We had beautiful weather albeit hot, and the location was perfect for our needs. People from the fellowship reported it being the "Best Campvention Ever". I feel the speakers all shared wonderful messages and attendees had a great time.

The event was held at Weber Memorial Campgroup July 21st to 24th, 2023. We reserved the sites through Weber County using an application system in October of 2022. We had access to the lodge and group site A and B on varying nights depending on which night we had which people. We had plenty of space, and did end up having to pay an additional amount after the event to the camp host for an excess of people that we had not accounted for. This site was very accommodating as we had the Lodge with electricity which was a game changer. Not having to haul and fuel a generator was great. We did have to be a bit tactical about parking in group site B as we wanted to maintain some sense or order as we placed trailers and cars. We were very lucky to have the space that we did. The committee came on Tuesday and Wednesday and we were able to get organized with plenty of time.

The speakers were great. One thing that we would likely change is to provide them with trailers, even when we they requested just tents. It didn't seem that they were comfortable and the Friday speaker ended up leaving on Saturday vs Sunday. The Saturday speaker was a trooper but also would have been much more comfortable in a trailer. We had a speaker Friday night, Saturday night, Sunday Night and Monday morning -all were brought in from out of town and carried powerful NA messages.

We had various activities such as a sunglasses photo, workshops, men's and women's meetings, morning yoga, campkids, and paddle board and biking events. Everything seemed to be well received and attended although because of the temperature, many people opted to swim in the river or head to Causey reservoir on their own.

Merchandise sales were great – we did pre-sales as well as sales at the event and ended up with very little leftover. As always, we had lots of excess mugs and a few other things that were passed on to this years committee. During the pre order process, we did find some colors that were not ordered and thus we were able to eliminate these from our order before we even ordered anything which saved money and excess merchandise. The only feedback we got was that our merch as not unisex enough. We had a couple special items – cooler backpacks, flashlights and roasting sticks – which was a fun addition. We had an INCREDIBLE raffle with products from World Service Conference, donations from other members with NA business licenses as well as lots of great auction items – yoga mat, blanket, and a paddle board were some of those. We did a guest book this year which was also unique and a fun thing to carry on over the coming years.

Having the extra day was a gamble but I think it turned out to be a great success and was similar attendance to a Sunday morning at a 3 day event. The Monday morning speaker was incredible and a really great way to wrap up the weekend.

For meals, we had each area provide one of the meals. We could have done some better explaining of what was needed, and also were unsure of the number so the committee did have to scramble a little and get some breakfast supplies for Sunday morning and we had not properly planned for the number of people that stayed on Saturday night into Sunday morning. The main course provided by the committee was pulled pork tacos that were smoked on site. We had a fellowship member that handled this and although it was a little touch and go, he was able to make it and it went really well.

Campvention By The numbers:

1514 Years, 5 Months and 29 days clean time

\$4,500 starting balance

\$10,781.18 bank balance as of audit (12/2) - the committee opted to leave \$6500 in the bank account rather than just \$4500 and wrote a check to Region for \$4281.18

155 paid registrations (\$6200)

\$6,100 merchandise cost

\$8,100 merchandise sales

\$730.30 in 7th tradition donations

\$285 in newcomer donations (gave away approximately 15 registrations)

\$1205 in auction items (4 items: blanket, jacket, fire pit, and another jacket)

\$2,544 in raffle sales

30 basic texts given away to newcomers and members who needed one.

In Loving Service

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