

# OPS Camp Out June 11-14, 2019 Springfield, MO

Our camp hosts Gary and Doris Christoff and co-hosts Ruth and Charles Hartjen planned some great activities. We had a wonderful turn out this month with several coming in early. On Tuesday evening we had our 1<sup>st</sup> outing, reservations for 26 at the Springfield Brewing Co. for dinner. I believe everyone



enjoyed their meal and pleasant conversation.



Wednesday we met at the Wonders of Wildlife Museum and Aquarium. I had heard awesome things about this and it didn't disappoint.



Gary and Doris, look out! Sharks are above you!!

Our newlyweds, Bob and Ruth Ann, have been swallowed by a shark.





There was beauty everywhere you turned.



I was surprised to find more than just fish at the aquarium!

Wow, to see such an amazing bird so close up and he was big. He had been injured so he couldn't be put back in the wild.



We had new members on this trip so we had a nice time getting to know them.



Welcome Dennis and Janet.

Dinner at Hemmingway's closed out our day. We were joined by the Pennington's. They had an accident earlier last year, but they have found a coach and are looking forward to camping again.



Thursday was our free day so some went to historic C Street to shop and have lunch, while others took in the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield.

### The Second Major Battle of the Civil War



Wilson's Creek was the first major Civil War battle fought west of the Mississippi River, and the site of the death of Nathaniel Lyon, the first Union general killed in action. The costly Southern victory on August 10, 1861, focused national attention on the war in Missouri. Wilson's Creek NB commemorates and interprets the battle within the context of the war in the Trans-Mississippi West.

In the Battle of Wilson's Creek, Confederate Maj. Gen. Sterling Price set up headquarters near the William Edwards cabin, accessible by foot or horseback.



Peggy and Lisa stand next to this sign signifying Bloody Hill.

Today the restless spirits of war-torn Missouri still haunt Bloody Hill. While visiting the site of this old battleground, many have reported seeing the ghostly apparitions of these long-ago soldiers.

Bob and Stan always messing with the big guns.



A group of us gather before our potluck dinner. Playing a game or two of corn hole seems to be a favorite.

Dennis and Carroll were the big winners.

Our potluck produced fabulous food by all. We had a couple of guests. George and Shelly (Leonard's nephew and his wife who are shopping for a RV) and Lee and Susan who joined OPS that night. Great to have visitors.



Friday: Good bye breakfast was provided and is always a sad affair, but on the bright side, we can see you next month at our next camp out. There is still room at Basswood Resort near Kansas City so get those reservations made! It will be another great week-end so you don't want to miss it.

Until next month, I wish you all the best and God's Blessings,  
Candy