



82nd Annual Minnesota Sokol Camp Booya and Picnic Pine City, Sunday, August 12, Noon to 5 p.m.

By Ann Vanyo Miller

The Minnesota Sokol Camp Association hosts its 82nd Annual Sokol Camp Association Booya and Picnic on Sunday, August 12 from noon to 5 p.m. at our Minnesota Sokol Camp, 19201 Woodland Acres South, Pine City, Minnesota. Everyone is invited to join us for a beautiful afternoon of good food, ethnic music, and dance entertainment in a country setting.

The Sokol Camp was built in 1926 for its members to “provide outdoor and indoor recreation.” Our beloved Sokol Camp is located on the northeast corner of Cross Lake in Pine City, about 1½ hours north of the Twin Cities on Interstate 35. There are signs to help you find the campground after you exit Interstate 35 at exit 169 into Pine City.

The annual Booya has been a tradition since 1930. The fun-filled event features truly the Best Booya in Pine County and includes other homemade foods like cabbage rolls, meatloaf sandwiches, *jiternice*, hot dogs, brats, and *koláče* (fruit-filled pastries). There is also old-time music, dancing, bingo, a cash prize raffle, kiddy games, and a Country Store amidst the atmosphere of an old fashioned picnic. The Saint Paul Czech and Slovak Folk dancers, recently returned from their trip to the Czech Republic, perform ethnic dances.

Our Country Store appreciates white elephant donations. Call Pat Andrlé (651) 484-6360 for pick-up coordination or bring your donation to the Sokol Camp on August 12.

We also welcome your pictures and stories about Sokol Camp. Perhaps your parents or grandparents went to the camp for a vacation, Booya, or an Instructors' course. Share your photos and stories by sending copies with your contact information to Ann Miller, 707 170th Avenue, Somerset, Wisconsin 54025 or email <millervanyo@somtel.net>

Visit our Facebook page: “Sokol Camp Booya” for maps, a menu, and pictures of the road signs, plus other fun pictures of past events.

Get away for a day and enjoy life at the Sokol Camp Booya and Picnic!

UPCOMING EVENTS

**September Slovo
Deadline:** August 1

Board of Trustees
August 8

Board of Directors
August 9, 7 p.m.

Sokol Camp Booya
August 12, Pine City
noon- 5 p.m.

Membership Meeting
August 24, 7 p.m.

Czech-Slovak Festival
Sunday, September 16,
noon- 5 p.m.
Int'l Institute of MN
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Czech Proverb
*Lépe pozdě než
nikdy.* Better late
than never.

XV All Sokol Slet
*Joe Landsberger sent
this July 1 photo of the
head of the Sokol
Parade for the XV All
Sokol Slet in Prague. He
writes: Sokol Minnesota
(1882) and the West
End of St. Paul were
well represented. We
took our place in the
international section
that led the parade just
ahead of the band
playing Sokol marches.*

