



NYS Good Sam

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State Meeting

Our State meeting was March 29, 2008. All but two chapters sent representatives at the meeting held at the Herkimer Fairgrounds. You will find the meeting minutes posted on our web site (<http://www.newyorkgoodsam.com>).

Some highlights of the discussion are:

- **Constitution and By-Laws** proposed updates
- **Snack Bar** will be open during Friday and Saturday evening entertainment
- a **Golf Tournament** during the Samboree is in the planning stages (special thanks to Hank Crofoot and his chapter for taking this on!)
- **Christmas in July** Samboree.

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Dogs for the Deaf

Seneca Sams has been awarded the "Top Dog of the Year" for New York State for the 8th year in a row! This chapter has been collecting



cans/bottles/donations for several years to support their Dogs for the Deaf charity. The President/CEO of Dogs for the Deaf, Robin Dickson, and Tybo, a demo dog, will be offering seminars at the 2008 Samboree. New York Good Sam Club will donate half of the Ice Cream Proceeds from the 2008 Samboree to help with the cost of their airfare from Oregon. State Assistant Directors, Glen and Linda Gasstrom, have generously offered lodging for Robin and Tybo during their stay.

Dogs for the Deaf was founded in 1977 by the late Roy G. Kabat, a long-time Hollywood and circus animal trainer who raised animals for motion pictures and television shows including "Dr. Doolittle" and "Born Free." His daughter, Robin Dickson, is his successor and the CEO/President of Dogs for the Deaf. For more information about Dogs for the Deaf, visit <http://www.dogsforthedeaf.org/>.

Points of interest:

- July 11-13th Samboree
- July 9th early bird parking
- September 26-28th Fall Mtg
- www.newyorkgoodsam.com



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Chapter House Keeping...

NEATAHWANTA SAMS has disbanded.

Welcome to New York Good Sam Club's newest chapter—Sam's Grape Stompers!

First Timer's Booth will be set up by the State. Chapters be assigned 1 hour time slots to man the booth.

Chapter Booths must be manned during the assigned time. BUT chapters may sell raffle tickets at any time during the Samboree. Booths may be set up as soon as the space has been prepared by the Staff.

The election for the position of State Director will be held

this year. Paperwork will be mailed before the Samboree. Saturday evening's entertainment (Custom Taylor Band) will be sponsored by Johnston RV Country. Stop by Vendor's Row and say hello during the Samboree. For a sneak preview, go to <http://customtaylorband.com>

State Charities:

In 2008, New York Good Sam Club will donate to these three charities:

Shriners Hospitals for Children is "dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing specialty pediatric care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs."

<http://www.shrinershq.org>

Canine Helpers for the Handicapped Inc. is "dedicated to training dogs to assist people with disabilities to lead more independent and secure lives."

<http://caninehelpers.org>

Angel Flight "provides air transportation in private aircraft by volunteer pilots so that children and adults may access life saving medical care *free of charge*."

<http://www.angelflightne.org>