

STATE POW-WOW

Bounce House

Bounce Houses were open from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm Saturday and Sunday. There were two completely different bounce houses to choose from so we were never bored.

Safari Todd

I went over to the animal tent and not only saw snakes and tarantulas, but I held snakes and tarantulas. The snakes were my favorite, but my Mom is not a fan of snakes, so I did not have my Dad take pictures.

DJ Dance Party

After a day of bounce houses, reptiles, Kona Ice, Arts and Crafts, we had an amazing dance party. From 9:00 pm - 11:00 pm we danced in the pavilion, doing dances including the Cupid Shuffle and other favorite line dances.



Sunshine State Pow-Wow

The campout was very fun. The car ride was long, but it was definitely worth it. First, we set up the tent, then I went over to the animal tent and saw reptiles with Safari Todd. My Dad bought raffle tickets and my sister and I placed tickets in the prizes we wanted to win. While exploring the South Field I went in the fun bounce houses. We were so lucky to see the Delta IV rocket launch after dinner. We were so close to the action. Then the Chief of the state led a parade to the teepee, this was the Fire Walk. The next morning we ate pancakes and sausages for breakfast before the fishing presentation. The weekend was full of fun, prizes, and excitement.





Anglers for Conservation

Saturday at 9:00 am we were treated to a presentation about fishing conservation. My Dad registered early for me and my sister, so we received free fishing poles and tackle boxes. We learned how to properly carry the fishing poles, always vertical and held at the middle so we can avoid hitting the ceiling or door frames. We also learned how to tie the hook to the line using the Improved Cinch Knot. There was an area in the field to practice how to cast with our new fishing poles.

- Free Fishing Pole.
- Fishing off of the pier.
- Spending time with my Dad.

Anglers for Conservation taught me that I should catch and release fish so many others can also have the same experience. If we fish or take more than we need, there will be a shortage in the future. The presentation also discussed recycling our fishing line so it does not harm the environment. He showed us pelican bones tied in fishing line to show us what happens.

KARS Park

We rode our bicycles around the park and found a swing set and a playground. There is always time to stop and play on the swings. My favorite presentation was Jimmy Sawgrass. Jimmy Sawgrass is a native Floridian and a member of the Muskogee Creek Indian Tribe. He showed us how Native Americans used the land and animals differently than we do today.

Later Saturday night, we were treated to traditional Native American dances. These dances were performed as war dances and have been modernized for today. Jimmy's son is a World Champion Ring Dancer, and used many rings to form all kinds of animals in his dance. It was amazing to see him form an eagle and transfer the rings into the shape of a deer. This show is something my sister and I will never forget.

The day presentation taught me about different Indian cultures and what life was like before electronics, electricity, and machines. He ended this show with a loud BANG! From his musket.

