First Annual AYC Campout

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The first AYC Annual North Country Camping and Dinghy regatta was simply divine, at Kinnickinick Lake around the campfire in the cool, wonderful Ponderosa Pine.

Don and Joyce Alverson left home base—came to this place— to win the men's and also the ladies' race. Jim and Kathy Swartz brought their son, Ray, who raced in the kids' race against the men, but he was not the worst as he came in first.

Tom Ohlin brought his brother-in-law, Herb, and grandson, Brandon– along with a cardboard wine barrel. And also a now famous wife for whom a song was composed—which was christened "Motorhome Carol".

Guess who brought a new hound dog—a basset named Katy? For additional crew? The family from Cave Creek—Wild Bill Rahr, Liz, and son Matthew.

Gene and Shirley Ross came up too. "Follow the dirt road exactly five miles to the campsite" they were told. However, we had left the camp to go to the lake, but they found us with smiles while it was still light.

Adult first-place prizes were presented by Al and Sandy Lehman—to each an opened gallon of wine and a package of glasses. We ALL had a good time around the campfire beneath the tall Ponderosa Pines.