

K National Campers and Hikers Association, Prairie Dog Chapter Scrapbooks, 1962-1998  
1368 4.4 cubic feet

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#### INTRODUCTION

The collection consists of twelve scrapbooks from 1962-1998, containing photographs, newspaper clippings, chapter newsletters, membership directories, officer lists, and chapter events for the upcoming year.

#### DONOR INFORMATION

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#### ORGANIZATIONAL SKETCH

The Prairie Dog Chapter of the National Campers and Hikers Association was organized in Prairie Village, Kansas, in 1962. The group was primarily a social club, but also promoted conservation of natural resources, improving state parks and campsites, and practicing clean and careful camping.

The Prairie Dog Campers typically chose large state parks throughout Kansas and Missouri for their events. The group also held several social gatherings throughout each year. In 1994, the national organization reformed and became the Family Campers and RVers.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The twelve scrapbooks have been arranged chronologically.

The Scrapbooks begin in 1962 and end in 1998. There are twelve volumes and one of the scrapbooks documents the National Campers and Hikers Association "Campvention" in Kanopolis, Kansas. The scrapbooks contains identified photographs of members, photographs of events, directories of members, chapter newsletters, campout schedules, information on life events for members, like weddings and births. In addition, there is information on the state parks that the Prairie Dogs visited including Cedar Bluff State Park, Cheney State Park, and Iowa State Park. As the scrapbooks go on, members get older; no membership lists are included in the scrapbooks. Obituaries for members who died throughout the year are included.

#### PREFERRED CITATION

Specific item; box number; folder number; *National Campers and Hikers Association, Prairie Dog Chapter Scrapbooks (K1368)*; The State Historical Society of

Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-KC].

#### FOLDER LIST

- v. 1 Scrapbook, 1962-1969
- v. 2 Campvention Scrapbook, 1966
- v. 3-12 Scrapbooks, 1970-1998

#### INDEX TERMS

<b>Index Term</b>	<b>Other</b>
Camping	v. 1-12
National Campers & Hikers Association	v. 1-12
Scrapbooks	v. 1-12
Wildlife-related recreation	v. 1-12

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