

# Dixon Area Chamber of Commerce May 2022 Business of the Month



In 1991, Larry and Gayle Helms opened Boiling Spring Campground located on the Gasconade River. For those who love all things outdoors, Boiling Spring is a full-service campground and canoe rental. If you like camping, kayaking, canoeing, rafts, tubes, Jon boats, fishing or just enjoying the river view then Boiling Spring has it all. But the question I had was why? I asked Larry and this is what he shared with me.

“32 years ago, I was down at the Gasconade River fishing late October when I observed a for sale sign on a piece of property directly across from Boiling Spring, Missouri’s 14<sup>th</sup> largest natural spring. I was excited about the property because I wanted to build a campground on the river with a water attraction. I traveled to the real estate office the next morning to place a down payment on the property. I quickly learned that another person had a contract to buy the property. Leaving the office disappointed I headed into work where I got a phone call from the relator who asked if I was still interested in buying the property. I quickly travel back to Dixon to place a contract on the property. I call my purchase of the 80 acres on the Gasconade River divine providence it was meant to be. Looking back thirty-two years I am very blessed to have created the campground where so many memories have been made by families from all over the world...” Larry Helms – Owner BSC Outdoors

Following along with the family and memories “Every day is Family Day” at BSC Outdoors. We celebrate families at our campground, and encourage you to consider BSC Outdoors as a must-see destination for your family traveling to the Missouri Ozarks. If you just want to visit BSC for a day rather than stay overnight, there is a “Family Day Pass” available for purchase you can still enjoy our campground for the day. While you are visiting BSC if you forget any supplies, there is ice, firewood, ice cream and plenty of camping and float trip related items available in the Camp Store. Stop by and see what they have or just say Hi.

Please do not forget your four-legged family members. Our campground and canoe rental are rated “Pet Friendly”. While camping all pets must be kept on a leash. Do not leave your pet alone while you are floating or away from camp. Please keep in mind that we do not allow dogs that show aggression toward people or are persistent barkers



Float trips are one of BSC's most popular features. According to the website, on Saturdays and Major Holiday Weekends, the BSC shuttle buses travel to and from their up-river put-in locations on a rotational first come first served schedule departing from the camp pavilion at for the most popular 3, 5, and/or 8-mile float locations. The 3 miles float begins at the Veteran's Bridge, the 5-mile float begins at Piney Landing in Devil's Elbow, and the 8-mile float begins at Blue

Spring. There are also multi-day 27 and 51 mile floats available for the big-time floaters. All floats end at the BSC Outdoors' main site. The float trip schedule for Sunday through Friday is by appointment. For more details, call 573-759-7294.

If you want to stay for more than just the day, BSC provides riverside campsites. Campsites are a short walk away from the river, making fishing trips convenient and relaxing. There are also full RV hookups some with



pull-through access and free Wi-Fi.

Not only will you be close to the water, but there are plenty of activities to do on the campgrounds as well; horseshoes,

volleyball, and picnicking to name a few. Don't want to stay in a tent and don't have an RV that's OK because BSC has cabins to rent too! The cabins have all of the amenities you need for a cozy stay including heat, air conditioning, TV, refrigerator, kitchen stove, microwave, coffee pot, cooking utensils, and more. Check out the details on the website.



If you are visiting for the day or multiple days, there are plenty of smallmouth bass to be caught when you visit BSC. Anglers have access to the Big Piney and Gasconade Rivers with assistance from BSC when getting out on the water. They have lots of Jon boats, canoes, and kayaks available to rent for your next big fishing trip. According to the website, BSC recommends fishing at the “Boiling Spring” because it is home to 42 million gallons of pure Ozark water flowing from the spring into the Gasconade each day making it a popular home to the fish.



Looking to have a family gathering or group /church get together, reserve a spot at BSC. They have an event center located next to the camp store and it serves as a great venue for relaxation and fun. The event center is fully air-conditioned with a full kitchen, restrooms, big screen TV, and seating for up to 40 people making it a perfect venue for a get togethers. They also have Pavilions located down by the river that are available for rent.

They proudly welcome military families visiting the campground. Located just 14 miles from the Fort Leonard Wood main gate. They offer military discounts on mid-week cabin rentals, tent and RV campsites and some family tours. Call for details (573) 337-0543, advance reservations required for all tours.

Boiling Spring has been open for summer activities for over 30 years, but has recently changed their name from Boiling Spring Campground to BSC Outdoors. Although the camping season at BSC Outdoors runs from May to October, the campground is open year-round for canoe rental and special events. They do close for bad weather, specifically high water that might flood the area and make the waters unsafe for activity.



For more information, call (573)759-7294 or (573)337-0543, email: [larryh@dixoncamping.com](mailto:larryh@dixoncamping.com) or check out BSC’s website at [www.bscoutdoors.com](http://www.bscoutdoors.com).

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**Float Pulaski County**  
Family camping & canoeing in the heart of the Missouri Ozarks!

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- Camp Store/Bait Shop
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- Event Center
- and much more!

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