

The Campsite Membership Audit, run by Dee & Ray

CAMPSITE MATH For Linda and Bob (made-up couple). Prepared 2026-09-22.

SAMPLE AUDIT for a made-up couple: it shows what a buyer receives. Not a real order.

Your numbers. About 30 paid campground nights a year at about \$50.00 a night, travel mostly the Southwest. You hold Good Sam Club and KOA Rewards; you are considering Thousand Trails. Where a host night is free, we assume you spend \$20.00 at the host.

What to do

KEEP Good Sam Club. 8 nights to pay back, you use about 24.

CANCEL AT RENEWAL KOA Rewards. 8 nights to pay back, you had 6. Keep it only if you plan 8.

SKIP THIS YEAR Thousand Trails. 16 nights to pay back, we assume 8.

SKIP Passport America, Escapees RV Club, Harvest Hosts, Boondockers Welcome. None pays back on the nights you described.

You pay \$39.00 + \$39.00 = \$78.00 a year for what you hold now. After the changes below you pay \$39.00, and what you keep saves you \$81.00 more than it costs.

All seven programs on your numbers

Program	Cost a year	Saves a night	Pays back after	Your nights	Net a year	Verdict
Good Sam Club	\$39.00	\$5.00	8 nights	24	\$81.00	KEEP
KOA Rewards	\$39.00	\$5.00	8 nights	6	-\$9.00	CANCEL AT RENEWAL
Thousand Trails	\$775.00	\$50.00	16 nights	8	-\$375.00	SKIP THIS YEAR
Passport America	\$49.00	\$25.00	2 nights	0	-\$49.00	SKIP
Escapees RV Club	\$49.95	\$7.50	7 nights	0	-\$49.95	SKIP
Harvest Hosts	\$99.00	\$30.00	4 nights	0	-\$99.00	SKIP
Boondockers Welcome	\$79.00	\$50.00	2 nights	0	-\$79.00	SKIP

Net a year = your nights x saving per night, minus the fee. Arithmetic, rules and price sources are on the cards below.

Program by program

Good Sam Club (Standard, you hold it)

KEEP

Cost \$39.00 a year (<https://www.goodsam.com/club/>, read 2026-09-19). Saves a night 10% x \$50.00 = \$5.00. Pays back after \$39.00 / \$5.00 = 7.8, rounded up: 8 nights.

Your nights: 24. Your 30 paid nights minus the 6 at KOA, at Good Sam parks as you told us (one discount per night). Net for a year 24 x \$5.00 - \$39.00 = \$81.00. **KEEP** Pays back after 8 nights at Good Sam parks; you use about 24 of your 30 paid nights.

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Watch for Elite Overnight Stays are a single night per location. Good Sam does not publish a night cap on the campground discount itself.

KOA Rewards (KOA Rewards, you hold it)

CANCEL AT RENEWAL

Cost \$39.00 a year (<https://koa.com/rewards/>, read 2026-09-19). **Saves a night** $10\% \times \$50.00 = \5.00 . **Pays back after** $\$39.00 / \$5.00 = 7.8$, rounded up: 8 nights.

Your nights: 6. The 6 KOA nights you had last year, all booked at the daily rate. **Net for a year** $6 \times \$5.00 - \$39.00 = -\$9.00$. **CANCEL AT RENEWAL** Pays back after 8 KOA nights; you had 6. **Cancel at renewal unless you plan 8 or more.**

Watch for The discount comes off the daily registration rate only, and the free night needs two consecutive nights at the same campground.

Thousand Trails (Camping Pass (1 region), you are considering it)

SKIP THIS YEAR

Cost \$775.00 a year (<https://thousandtrails.com/camping-pass>, read 2026-09-19). **Saves a night** \$50.00, the whole night. **Pays back after** $\$775.00 / \$50.00 = 15.5$, rounded up: 16 nights. **First-year offer** $\$775.00 - \$300.00 = \$475.00$ if bought by September 28, 2026, which still needs $\$475.00 / \$50.00 = 9.5$, rounded up: 10 nights, and then it renews at \$775.00.

Your nights: 8. About a quarter of your 30 nights inside the one region you would pick. **Net for a year** $8 \times \$50.00 - \$775.00 = -\$375.00$. **SKIP THIS YEAR** Needs 16 nights in one region to pay back at \$775.00; we assume 8.

Watch for Maximum 14 consecutive nights per stay, and after more than four consecutive nights you wait seven nights before staying again anywhere in the network. That cap, not the price, sets how many nights you can actually use. Program rules: renews automatically; refund within 30 days or before staying more than two consecutive nights.

Passport America (1 Year)

SKIP

Cost \$49.00 a year (<https://passportamerica.com/join>, read 2026-09-19). **Saves a night** $50\% \times \$50.00 = \25.00 . **Pays back after** $\$49.00 / \$25.00 = 1.96$, rounded up: 2 nights.

Your nights: 0. You named no Passport America park on your route; check your usual parks against its list. **Net for a year** $0 \times \$25.00 - \$49.00 = -\$49.00$. **SKIP** Needs 2 nights at its parks to pay back; we assume 0.

Watch for Each park sets how long the discounted rate lasts, from one night to unlimited, and sites are space available.

Escapees RV Club (Membership)

SKIP

Cost \$49.95 a year (<https://www.escapees.com/benefits>, read 2026-09-19). **Saves a night** $15\% \times \$50.00 = \7.50 . **Pays back after** $\$49.95 / \$7.50 = 6.66$, rounded up: 7 nights.

Your nights: 0. No partner park named; a night there would replace a Good Sam night. **Net for a year** $0 \times \$7.50 - \$49.95 = -\$49.95$. **SKIP** Needs 7 nights at partner parks to pay back; we assume 0.

Watch for The discount ranges from 15 to 50 percent depending on the park, so the break-even below uses the low end.

Harvest Hosts (Classic)

SKIP

Cost \$99.00 a year (<https://www.harvesthosts.com/plans>, read 2026-09-19). **Saves a night** $\$50.00 - \$20.00 = \$30.00$ (night rate minus host purchase). **Pays back after**

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$\$99.00 / \$30.00 = 3.3$, rounded up: **4 nights**.

Your nights: 0. You did not mention winery or farm stays. **Net for a year**

$0 \times \$30.00 - \$99.00 = -\$99.00$. **SKIP Needs 4 host nights to pay back; we assume 0.**

Watch for Most stays are one night, up to four nights total at some hosts, and your rig has to be self-contained.

Boondockers Welcome

SKIP

Cost \$79.00 a year (<https://www.boondockerswelcome.com/plans/>, read 2026-09-19). **Saves a night** \$50.00, the whole night. **Pays back after** $\$79.00 / \$50.00 = 1.58$, rounded up: **2 nights**.

Your nights: 0. You did not mention stays on private land. **Net for a year**

$0 \times \$50.00 - \$79.00 = -\$79.00$. **SKIP Needs 2 host nights to pay back; we assume 0.**

Watch for Stays run from one to five nights depending on the host.

Overlap check

OK Nights counted for the 4 discount cards: $24 + 6 + 0 + 0 = 30$ of your 30 paid nights. No night is counted twice.

OK If you bought Thousand Trails anyway, those 8 nights would replace paid nights: $30 - 8 = 22$ paid nights left. Every card you keep still pays back on what is left.

NOTE One discount per night: KOA's discount cannot be combined with other offers, so a park in two networks gives one card's discount.

NOTE Harvest Hosts Classic and Boondockers Welcome bought separately:

$\$99.00 + \$79.00 = \$178.00$, against \$169.00 for the bundle. Harvest Hosts All Access (\$179.00) includes Escapees, so never pay for both.

Renewal dates (copy each from your card or account page; set a reminder a month before)

Membership	Price	Renews on	Before that date
Good Sam Club	\$39.00	<u>fill in</u>	Let it renew; check the price at the source first.
KOA Rewards	\$39.00	<u>fill in</u>	Cancel before this date unless you plan 8 KOA nights.

Prices read 2026-09-19 (<https://campsitemath.com/prices/>), checked 2026-09-20, 19 of 19 rows still printed on the source page. Compare at the source before you pay; first-year offers renew at the standard rate.

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