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Ed Shaneyfelt
President

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Be Kind



Honor



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2021 Indiana FCRV Spring Campout

Spring Mill State Park
3333 State Road 60E
Mitchell, IN 47446

Hosted by Brenda Simmons
(cell 817-592-1492, site 170)

RESERVATIONS

Camp.in.gov or 866-622-6746
Preferred sites: 151-155, 166-185, 187-188

Text or email Brenda if you plan to attend
(planning purposes)
mdsimmons@cinergymetro.net
812-592-1492

ACTIVITY FEE

\$10.00

Pay at campground Friday night
Or mail to
Brenda Simmons
26 W. Poplar St
North Vernon, IN 47265

SITE DECORATING CONTEST
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BINGO!
Cost:
1 can food item
or
1 can pet food



From the State Director

Angie Shaneyfelt

Here we are creeping closer and closer toward camping season! Get those campers ready for a fun filled year with your FCRV friends and family.

National News:

Campvention plans are getting finalized for July to be held at the Walworth County Fairgrounds in Elkhorn, WI. There are still plenty of camping spots remaining. There are many things to do and see in the area, and remember that the Rib Fest will be held on the same grounds beginning Thursday that week. That should appeal to our camping group (as we all like to eat!!!).

The National Trustees, who are hosting this year, are planning a work weekend on April 30-May 1, 2 to finalize their schedule. Ed and I are planning to attend, so I may have more information about the grounds, location, area after that date. If you are attending the campvention and have any questions, please feel free to contact me and I will get you those answers.

I have information if you are interested in selling at Marketplace or if you are interested in placing an ad in the program book. If you want to host a seminar or parade entry, please let me know. It is a really fun week and a wonderful opportunity to meet FCRV members from other states.

Regional News: Great Lakes Regional is August 4-8, 2021, at Shipshewana Campground North. The campground is getting filled up, not many sites are left. If you are thinking about attending and haven't booked your site, you need to call them today. Look for the registration form in this Chatter. I will be get-

See STATE DIRECTOR (Continued on page 6)



From the State President

Ed Shaneyfelt

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter. It is time to get the rigs out of storage and unwinterized so they can be used for the season.

As you look at your calendars to see where you are going make sure you get a spot reserved for the spring campout at Spring Mills State Park. We are still in need of a club or person to host the summer campout.

As you are reading this, the trustees met to take a look at the by-laws to see what needs changed and to talk about the fall invitational. More about these subjects next month.

Don't forget about campvention and the regional campout that our State Director is in charge of. I hear that she might be looking for help in putting it on.

Hopefully the Easter bunny found you and until next time

Ed Shaneyfelt



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International FCRV Teen Queen

Macey



If someone told me I could spend the rest of my life doing something I love without the worry of cost, I would spend my time riding horses and making quilts.

I have always loved horses and have grown that love through volunteering and taking every opportunity I have to ride. This week is my last high school spring break and my mom took me to Brown County to go for a hike. But I was able to convince her to go for an hour horse back ride. I rode Snickers and she rode Luke. The winning video for America's Funniest Home Videos should have been the young girl helping mom onto the horse. I would say we had the time of our lives but my mom would say other wise.

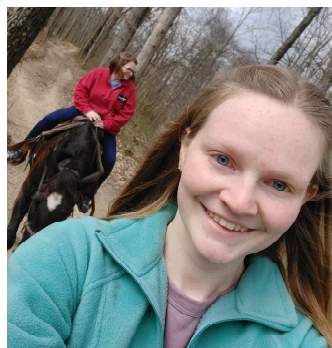
I would rather ride on my own where I can go as fast or as slow as I wish but I will take absolutely anything I can get. Horses are the best therapy there is and I've been needing some horsey time after all the stress of Senior year mixed with college classes and having started a new job. I had such a great time today I just wish it could've lasted longer!

Sewing quilts is a talent I have to thank my mamaw for. She taught me this skill and I used to not be as fond of it but I always love the out come. Except for Bargello quilts; I just finished one of those and never again. That quilt was so frustrating. Next is a Missouri Star pattern that I am eager to start.

What would you do without the worry of cost?

Your Teen Queen,

Macey



Youth and Teen News

Indiana State Association FCRV
Youth and Teen Director
Misty Stuckswisch

Welcome Spring!

Does it mean your getting old when you get excited to hear the first Spring frogs singing their song? Everything is starting to bud out and green up, a promise that the weather is changing!

I am excited to camp in May at Spring Mill State Park. Brenda picked a great location for us to gather! Spring Mill has many things for us to see and do.

The rich history spans many generations of Lawrence county. I was immediately reminded of an article I read about how the ground was acquired. I will include the link in the event you would like to read it.

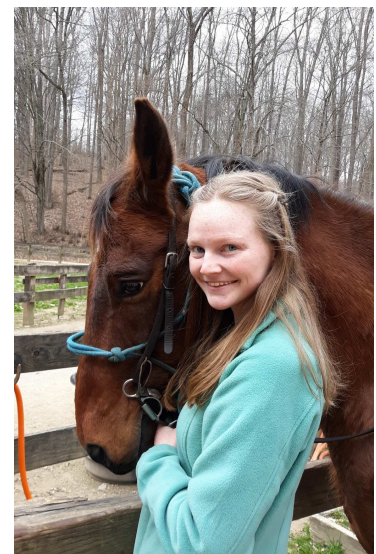
<https://pride.iu.edu/pride-and-tradition/hidden-iu-the-creation-of-spring-mill-state-park/>

Macey and I spent one day this week at Brown County State Park exploring and riding horses. It was nice to see improvements being done to the park. I hope all the parks are seeing the same attention. It was sad to already see trash along trails however and out motto to leave things better than when we arrived jingled thru my mind. The parks are seeing a greater increase of use and everyone should do their part to pick up after themselves and others too.

The May campout will be our opportunity to work on "Camping Is" and Conservation posters if you have not completed them! I will have supplies with me in the event you need to get yours done. Essays can also be done for Conservation. See FCRV.org for specific details!

Until we camp again,

Misty



DASAT MOMENT

by Marilyn Rausch

STORMY WEATHER

We are finally there: Springtime after a pandemic. Cautiously we are preparing for that first campout. We have prepared our camper, collected our equipment, planned our menus and charted our routes. One more thing: are we weather-safe?

Campers are particularly vulnerable to severe weather changes from thunderstorms to floods to the most severe threat, tornadoes. If you haven't prepared for these, then you haven't prepared for a safe camping experience! *It is rarely safe to remain in your camper during a severe weather event.*

BE WEATHER AWARE!

Know the weather possibilities before you set out. *It may be wise to delay or cancel your campout if the risk is high.* Keep a weather alert radio or have a weather app on your mobile device that can warn you of ongoing threats or sudden changes. A **WATCH** means conditions are ripe for severe weather and you should be on guard. A **WARNING** means that the weather conditions are present and you need to take immediate evasive action.

BE PREPARED!

Keep an emergency kit prepared and handy to grab for a fast getaway. Include bottled water and snacks, jackets, first aid kit, battery operated flashlight and radio, prescription medications, insurance information and cash. Keep sturdy shoes by the door of your camper.

TORNADOES

When you arrive at a campground, determine where you will go in tornado. An underground location would be ideal. Ask your campground owner where they would designate a safe place. If nothing else, try the campground bathhouse, putting as many walls as possible between you and the outside, avoiding all windows. A last option would be to lie as flat as possible in a ditch, ravine, or other low-lying area. Generally you cannot outrun a tornado, but if it is the only option, get into your vehicle, put on seat belts, and lie as flat as possible on the seats so you are least exposed to breaking glass and collapse of the upper structures of the vehicle.

THUNDERSTORMS

Being outdoors is always a hazard during a thunderstorm. Tents do not provide any safety from lightning. Open-sided shelter houses generally provide



little protection. **THERE IS MORE DANGER THE MORE CONTACT YOU HAVE WITH THE GROUND.** If caught outdoors in a storm with no place to go, assume the "Lightning position": bring your feet tightly together, preferably on top of an insulated bag. Crouch down over your feet and wrap your arms around your knees. **DO NOT SIT DOWN...**avoid 2 points of contact with the ground. (obviously, this is difficult to do, so it is best not to allow yourself to be in the situation needing it!)

You may find the most safety outside of a building in an all-metal vehicle. Avoid touching anything metal inside the vehicle. Tires do not "ground" a vehicle or a camper...the safety comes from the "faraday" effect where the lightning current follows the metal skin of the vehicle, avoiding those inside.

WIND

We all know the problem of towing a rig in the wind. We also know what damage can be caused to one's awning from a gust of wind. Again, awareness and preparation are key. Look for hazards in your campsite (dead or dangling branches, unstable structures). Anchor down or stow any loose items like rugs, chairs, etc.

FLASH FLOODS

That gentle stream near your campsite has the potential of becoming a raging disaster without significant warning because of rain or runoff from rain elsewhere. It is better to set up farther away from any water source and, of course, to be aware of past history and current conditions. Never walk or drive through standing water. Be aware of hidden hazards in flood waters.

May your camping trips be blessed with great weather, but if that doesn't happen, may you be prepared for whatever comes. Safe and happy camping!!



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Harlan Nigh

Happy April, FCRV Family,

Spring has sprung. And hope y'all have a Blessed Easter this year. With the restrictions being lifted we should be able gather again.

My prayers were answered as the Spring State Campout is scheduled for Spring Mill State Park. I'm looking forward sharing all the stories, good & bad, of our "Covid Experience" .

May God Bless our Rigs for the upcoming Season. In Christ I pray. Amen

Harlan Nigh ☩ ☐ 🙏 🙏 ☩

STATE DIRECTOR (Continued from page 2)

ting the schedule together. **I am reaching out to see if any clubs are interested in hosting an evening program (skit or a game).** If so, please let me know.

State News:

Spring Campout is May 14-15-16 at Spring Mills State Park in Marshall, IN. Brenda Simmons has accepted to host that weekend for us. Please go to www.reserveamerica.com to book you site today. President Ed, had in his article last month what sites Brenda was suggesting to keep us all closer together.

Summer Campout is scheduled for June 18-19-20. Mark your calendar, location will be determined soon. Let Ed know if you or your club is interested in hosting.

Fall Invitational is tentatively scheduled for September 24-25-25 for this year. Trustees will be hosting that campout.

Hope to see you all camping soon. Get your "Shots" and let's enjoy a non-quarantined year!

Angie Shaneyfelt

Recipe worth Sharing!

CAMPING QUESADILLAS

(4 servings)

Ingredients

4 medium flour tortillas
2 8oz chicken breasts, grilled and sliced
1 jar Tostitos salsa con queso
1 can black beans rinsed and drained
1 c. shredded Mexican blend cheese
tin foil

Instructions

1. Spread 1 Tbsp salsa con queso over one side of a tortilla.
2. Place 1/4 c. chicken on half the tortilla over the salsa con queso. Sprinkle 1/4 c. black beans and about 1/4 c. cheese over the chicken.
3. Fold other side of tortilla over to cover ingredients. Place on a piece of tin foil large enough to cover the quesadilla. Leave the ends open.
4. Place the foiled quesadilla on the grate directly over the campfire. Keep over fire to cheese is melted and tortilla is crispy.



Remove from the grate and cut in four pieces. No plates needed because you have the foil!

(Recipe from Cupcake Creations)

Chapter Campouts

We invite any chapters who have planned their upcoming campouts and would like to invite others to join them to list them here in the CHATTER. Likewise, if you are looking to camp with friends (or people who will become friends), check out these listings!

We also welcome any reports and/or photos from your campouts. What a better way to advertise the heart of Indiana's Family Campers and RVers???

Contact the Editor at hoosierchatter@hotmail.com.

2021 Coffee Pot Campers Camp Meet Schedule

May 14-16	Spring State Campout	TBA
June 18-20	Summer State Campout	TBA
June 24-27	Johnson County Park 2949 E. North St. Box 246 Franklin, IN 46131	Reservations: 812-526-6809 Suggest sites 1-16
July 8-16	National Campvention	Elkhorn, Wis.
August 3-8	Regional Campout Shipshewana North	
August 27-29	Spring Mill State Park	Reservations after March 1
September 16-19	White River Campground 11299 E. 234th St. Cicero, IN 46034	Reservations 317-770-4430
September 29-	TBA (Retiree Campout)	
October 1-3	TBA (Fall Invitational)	

All information subject to change

Indiana State Parks and SRA reserv. 866-622-6746

For further information, contact
Melvin Coy (melvinic@juno.com)

REMINDER FROM MELVIN COY

If you want to camp
for the FIREWORKS WEEKEND
at Johnson County Park
June 24-27
(fireworks are on the 25th)
make reservations now
812-526-6809

(Coys are on Site 1)

2021 Fireflies Camp Meet Schedule

May 14-16	TBA	State
May 27-31	Prophetstown State	Fireflies
June 10-13	White River	Fireflies
June 18-20	TBA	State
July 8-16	Elkhorn Wis	Campvention
Aug 5-8	Shipshewana	Regional
Aug 19-22	Summit Lake	Fireflies
Sept 2-6	Batesville KOA	Fireflies
Sept 24-26	TBA	State
Sept 30- Oct	Cornerstone	Fireflies
Oct 14-17	Anderson KOA	Fireflies

For further information, contact
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2021 Happy Glampers Camp Meet Schedule

April 16-18	Hickory Hills	Glampers
April 29-May	Northern KY RV Park	Glampers
May 14-16	Spring Mill State Park	Spring Campout
May 21-23	White River	Glampers
June 18-20	TBA	Summer Cam-
July 8-16	Elkhorn, WI	Campvention
Aug 4-8	Shipshewana	Regional
Sept 22-24	TBA	Retiree Rally
Sept 24-26	TBA	Fall Invitational

For further information, contact
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**61st INTERNATIONAL CAMPVENTION
FAMILY CAMPERS & Rver's
"WANDER WISCONSIN"**

Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St.
Elkhorn, WI 53121



Campvention Days: July 11-16, 2021 fees cover (6 nights)

Early Bird Days: July 9 & 10 2021 @ \$30/night (pay @ registration – cash/check)

Registrations are needed by: June 1, 2021

There will be room for you if you decide to come at the last minute.

Just bring this registration with you. We want everyone to come see us!!!

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____ **Spouse/Guest:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **ST/PRV:** ___ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone #: _____ **e-mail:** _____

Is this your first Campvention? Yes ___ No ___ Send my confirmation letter in PDF: Yes ___ No ___

Number of people in your unit:

Of Adults: ___ Teens: ___ Youth 9 – 12 ___ Youth 5 – 8 ___ Young Adults ___ Total number of people in Unit: ___

Please list the names and ages of all Teens and Youth:

Name	Age	Name	Age

The gates will be open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Parking Hobo by State if registered by June 1st, 2021

Special Needs Information:

Check if you are requesting a special needs site: ___ There will be no special needs sites available at the gate.

REGISTRATION:

Everyone must complete a registration form including second families and camp passes. Submit payment with the registration form. All funds should be US currency and in the form of check or money order.

	<u>Registration</u>	<u>At Gate</u>
One Family in the Unit	\$335.00	\$365.00
Extra Family in the Unit (separate pay)	\$150.00	\$165.00
Week Drive-in Pass (July 11-16)	\$175.00	\$190.00
Walk-in Camp Pass (per day)	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00

WIFI is included in your registration fee

PAY BEFORE DECEMBER 31ST, 2020 TO RECEIVE A \$30.00 DISCOUNT (\$305.00)

Motor Home ___ 5th Wheel ___ Travel Trailer ___ Pop-Up ___ Want in shade trees ___

Make checks payable to: NCHA

Mail to: Sue & Carl Fromholzer

137 Crandon Blvd

Cheektowaga NY 14225

Refund policy: If you are unable to

attend, all except \$ 25 will be refunded

Contact them at: 716-683-5723 email: FCRV.VP.OPS@gmail.com

We would like to volunteer for: _____

All attendees agree to comply with Campvention guidelines, including the golf cart guidelines, which applies to all golf carts on the premises.

Great Lakes Regional Campout

August 4-8, 2021

**Shipshewana Campground North
Shipshewana Indiana**



“A Stitch in Time From Handcrafted Minds”

Local activities include

There are opportunities to take a buggy ride, view over 30 hand-painted quilt murals on the LaGrange County Barn Quilt Trail, go to a dinner theater and watch handcrafted oak and cherry furniture being made. There are over 100 different shops, where you can find everything from handmade crafts and quilts to heirloom quality furniture. Purchase and sample unique foods like jellies, fudge, hand-rolled pretzels, and even Amish-made peanut butter. You'll feel as if you've stepped back in time!

You will need to CALL the campground and make your own reservation

www.shipshewanacampgroundnorth.com you can review sites

then call 260-768-7770 and let them know you are with FCRV

There are only 52 sites total. Do not miss your chance to camp with us!

***Shipshewana North Park Amish Log Cabin Lodging & Campground
5970 North State Road 5, Shipshewana IN, 46565
Ph: (260) 768-7770***

Pre-registration

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Site Number: _____ Number of Adults: _____ Teens: _____ Youth _____

Nights attending

___ Tues (Early Bird) ___ Wed ___ Thurs ___ Fri ___ Sat

Activity fee - \$20 Activity fee at gate will be - \$25

Please make checks payable to: Indiana FCRV State Director
Memo line: 2021 Regional

Send pre-registration to: Angie Shaneyfelt
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Decatur, IN 46733

If you book a site and are not mailing in the Activity Fee at this time,
please email angieshaneyfelt@hotmail.com
and let me know your name and site number, so we will have you on our list. Thanks.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

International Events

Campvention 2021

Elkhorn, Wisconsin
 July 11-16, 2021
 Hosted by the National Trustees

Great Lakes Regional Events

Regional Campout 2021

Shipshewana North Campground
 See registration form in the CHATTER
 August 4-8, 2021
 (Early Days August 3, 2021)

Indiana State Events

2021 State Spring Campout

Spring Mill State Park
 3333 Highway 60 E.
 Mitchell, IN 47446
 May 14-16, 2021
MAKE RESERVATIONS
www.reserveamerica.com
 (Brenda Simmons, Host)

2021 State Summer Campout

Location TBA
 June 18-20, 2021
 (Seeking a host)

2021 Retiree Rally

Location TBA
 September 22-24, 2021

2021 Fall Invitational

Location TBA
 Hosted by the Trustees
 September 24-26, 2021

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