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starting the camping season safely-

DASAT MOMENT by Marilyn Rausch

When you camp regularly, safety habits may come naturally. But for many, the recent pandemic has changed our schedules drastically. Now that we are ready to camp again, review those practices and precautions that will make for safe and happy memories!

Be weather-aware, understanding that the forecast may not always be accurate. Have extra supplies on hand in case of a change to rain, cold or excessive heat. Know what to do and where to go in case of storms or tornados. Have a campsite evacuation plan in mind in case of emergency. Do not set up camp in an area prone to flooding.

Follow food safety practices. Do not keep food in a location that can attract wildlife. Keep cold foods cold in insulated coolers or refrigerators. Do not allow warm foods to sit out for more than 2 hours (less if it is exceedingly hot). Keep raw and cooked food separate. Use a thermometer to assure that meats are cooked to the proper interior temperature. Wash your hands well before and after preparing foods and eating. Be particularly careful when large groups are gathered for carry-in meals.

Be careful with your campfire. Keep the fire at

least 15 feet from tents, shrubs, and trees. Keep your fire contained in a designated fire pit. Never leave a fire unattended, even for a short time even if it is a small fire. Drown all the embers, not only those that are glowing, before leaving a fire for the evening. Pay close attention to children around the campfire, particularly if they are roasting hot dogs or marshmallows.

Protect yourself against insects, particularly mosquitos and ticks. Use insect repellent before spending much time outside and wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when hiking in wooded areas. Check frequently for ticks, especially in "hidden" places in your body (in folds of skin, between toes, scalp and behind the ears, the soles of our feet and "private" areas.) Proper removal of a tick within 24-48 hours may help prevent Lyme disease or other infections. (Grasp the tick with a tweezers firmly at the contact area with the skin and gently but firmly pull it out of the skin.) Spider bites can be particularly nasty. Apply ice immediately, and if there is any evidence of infections (redness, swelling, heat) it is wise to seek medical help.

Protect your skin from the sun with broad-
See SAFETY PREPARATIONS (Continued on page 5)

Don't forget the State Spring Campout

MAY 14-16, 2021
SPRING MILL STATE PARK

(See details on page 8)



From the State Director

Angie Shaneyfelt



From the State President

Ed Shaneyfelt

Indiana Spring Campout is only a month away! I hope to see many of you at Spring Mill State Park in Mitchell, Indiana. Brenda Simmons has stepped up to host on May 14-15-16, 2021. I know from the last month's CHATTER she is doing a Red, White & Blue site decorating contest and Bingo (that costs 1 can food item or 1 can pet food to play). Watch the CHATTER to see if she puts in more information. See last month's front page of the CHATTER for site information.

Indiana Summer Campout is only 2 months away! Paige Longberry (President of the Campfire Agitators) has put in the bid to host this campout. It will be the weekend of June 18, 19, 20, 2021, at Wells County Fairgrounds in Bluffton, Indiana. It will be a \$55.00 weekend (for camping and activity fee). You can pay that full amount to the Campfire Agitators when you arrive.

Campvention at Elkhorn Wisconsin. July 11-17, 2021. Make plans to attend as this is in our region. The National Trustees are hosting this year. They are still making arrangements to have the Campvention this year if the attendance numbers are high enough and the Covid numbers are low enough! Go ahead and mail in your reservation if you are even thinking about going so the Trustees know how many units to expect.

Great Lakes Regional is August 4-8, 2021, in Shipshewana, Indiana. Indiana is hosting, so you should be going! I am getting the schedule of events

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Hi everyone,

Hopefully you have the rigs out and unwinterized or going to in the near future. I've seen that some of you have already started the season off. The camping schedule is right around the corner.

The spring campout is May 14 thru 16, 2021, at Spring Mill State park and is being hosted by Brenda Simmons. Go to www.reserveramerica.com to get your site booked. See last month's CHATTER for suggested site numbers from Brenda.

We received and approved a bid for the summer campout. It will be June 18 thru 20, 2021, at the 4H fairgrounds in Bluffton. the Campfire Agitators are hosting it. The last time we were there we walked to Bummies for coney dogs.

The National/Campvention is still happening as of this writing in Elkhorn Wisconsin July 11 thru 17, 2021. We are sharing the grounds with their Ribfest the latter part of the week. Get your reservation sent in if you are going.

The Midwest regional would be next August 4 thru 8, 2021, at Shipshewana. The State Director will probably be asking for help.

The Fall Invitational will be September 24 thru 26, 2021, at Ouabache State Park, hosted by the Trustees. We are also in the window to reserve sites. Go to www.reserveamerica.com to book your sites. We are planning on using the shelter in the center portion of the campground, just find a site close.

For next year's schedule, you don't have to wait for the trustees to pick the dates to have any of the campouts if you find grounds and dates that you

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International FCRV Teen Queen

Macey



Youth and Teen News

Indiana State Association FCRV
Youth and Teen Director
Misty Stuckswisch

Just when we thought it was springtime, it snowed! Not funny Mother Nature! Not funny at all! I do believe that was the last of it though.

We are so looking forward to the first campout of the year. It will be so much fun to get out and see our camping family again!

As a reminder we will be collecting "Camping Is" posters, coloring pages, and Conservation posters at this camp. I will have supplies and time set aside for anyone that wants to complete one at the campgrounds. I just checked the website and do not see a 2021 theme yet but am sure it will be posted soon.

Until we camp again,

Misty

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want. Put in a bid for the trustees to go over for approval.

The trustees met and went over the by-laws and will present the changes at the next board meeting. Look elsewhere in the CHATTER for information about the campouts.

Until next time,

Ed Shaneyfelt



Hey y'all!

I guess this month I want to talk about things that happen for a reason. In the moment something could seem like the worst thing ever. But after some time has passed, and you get over the initial shock, you will start to see why it had to happen. God has a plan and a reason for every event in your life.

I know what has happened in my life in the past few months was the right decision because there was no better place for me to have been, than spending time with my family on Easter Sunday.

Also, this past week was my last FFA banquet. It still hasn't completely sunk in yet that it's almost time to move on from the organization that I have been devoted to for the past four years. But I know that it's time to move on because I've learned as much as I can. Also, it's time for the organization to shape a new member, just like it did me.

I'm six weeks from high school graduation. Wow! Six weeks isn't very long, but in six weeks it will be time for me to move on and further my education.

My path might not be the same as the next person, but my path is the path I am meant to be on because God made it just for me. Go out and conjure today knowing that you're on the right path because the path you are on was made just for you. I can't wait till our paths cross at the next camp out!

Macey





CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Harlan Nigh

Hello Camp Family,
It's that time again. Thank God

☺☺. The Happy Glampers started the season in April. Now with Mother's Day coming up, grab your favorite Mom join us at Spring Mill on May 14th.

With all restrictions being lifted or eased, I want y'all to know that I still pray for and Praise the Lord for us to gather again, so we may able to enjoy our walks and games together. It's always fun and entertaining.

Just be respectful of those who are more "At Risk" if I may say it like that. (I'm not the most politically correct person. Lol.)

See Y'all Soon ☑ ☐ ☺ ☑

Harlan Nigh

SAFETY PREPARATIONS (Continued from page 1)

brimmed hats, sunglasses, broad-spectrum sunscreen and lip screen with an SPF factor of at least 15. Apply sunscreen regularly every 2-3 hours, especially if swimming or boating. Be aware that clouds do not prevent UV rays from damaging the skin, and that there is a cumulative effect of the sun on the skin. The peak UV radiation hours during the day are between 10 am and 4 pm, so extra precautions should be observed during those times.

Stay hydrated. Thirst is a late sign of dehydration. Drink water regularly throughout the day, with the knowledge that caffeine and alcohol are more likely to dehydrate than hydrate you. Perspiration is a natural air-conditioner for the body, so failure to or decreased perspiration on hot days can lead to dangerous hyperthermia, marked by confusion, fatigue, headache, dizziness, changed behavior, seizures and even death.

Remain alert to your environment. It is common to meet strangers when camping, most of whom are, like you, there for a pleasant nature experience. Still, avoid going alone into unfamiliar or secluded areas. Let others know where you are going when you are leaving the group. Campground bathhouses are open to anyone, so be particularly alert when going to bathe or shower, and do not allow children to go in unaccompanied.

Carry an emergency first aid kit. Include basic first aid supplies as well as a few days supply of essential medications. Check seasonally that supplies are not expired. Include also a list of medical conditions for all in the group, medications, allergies, and who to notify in case of an emergency.

Collections Coordinator+



Indiana State Association FCRV
Ronald McDonald House
And Riley Hospital
Collections Coordinator
C.A.M.P. Lady
Patti Thieme

Hi there,

Hope to see you all camping in May. When you get your camper out and cleaned and ready to go to the camp out, don't forget to pack the walking shoes for our camp walk or hike since we will be at a state park

with trails and other fun activities to be planned.

And even though we did not make it to Riley Hospital last year, we are still planning on making it there this year. If you want to bring anything to donate to the children, we will make sure it makes it there this year.

And we are still collecting plastic caps for recycle benches and pop can tabs for the Ronald MacDonal House. If you have been saving for over a year we will get them in May!

Thanks again,
Patti Thieme

STATE DIRECTOR (Continued from page 2)

together. I may be asking some of you attending to step up to help with a little skit. Make sure you fill out a registration form and get me your \$20 activity fee, so you don't have to pay \$25 at the gate that week. If you don't remember if you've paid that, you can email me or see me at the Spring/Summer Campout.

Fall Invitational will be the weekend of September 24-25-26, 2021, at Ouabache State Park in Bluffton, Indiana. The Indiana Trustees will be hosting this campout, so watch the upcoming CHATTERs for more information on this campout.

I hope everyone is being healthy and safe (and getting vaccinated). Camping is a pretty safe activity as you have your own unit and activities are outside where you can continue to social distance. Keep healthy and I hope to see you all around a campfire soon.

Angie Shaneyfelt
Indiana FCRV State Director

Recipe worth Sharing!

Apple Pie Bites

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 12 minutes
Total Time: 27 minutes
Yield: 8 apple pie bites

Description

Delicious, quick and easy mini apple pies made with Pillsbury crescent rolls in less than 30 minutes!

INGREDIENTS

- * Scale
- * 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- * 1 teaspoon apple pie spice
- * additional apple pie spice (about 1/4 teaspoon) for sprinkling on top of crescent rolls
- * 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- * 1/3 cup chopped pecans
- * 1 small Granny Smith apple, cored and sliced into (1/2-inch) slices
- * 1 (8 ounce) tube Pillsbury Original crescent rolls



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat your oven to 375 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a small bowl, combine brown sugar and apple pie spice. Set aside.
3. Melt butter and toss apple slices in butter, set aside.
4. Arrange crescent roll triangles on baking sheet lined with parchment paper.
5. Evenly distribute brown sugar mixture onto each triangle.
6. Sprinkle each triangle evenly with the chopped pecans.
7. Place an apple slice on the wide end of each triangle.
8. Wrap crescent roll dough around each apple.
9. Brush each crescent roll with remaining butter. Sprinkle lightly with additional apple pie spice.
10. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, or until golden brown. Cool for 5 minutes before serving.

Notes Delicious served with vanilla ice cream and/or caramel syrup!

Submitted by Deena Felver

Happy
Mother's Day

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 Spring Mill S.P. 3333 Highway 60E Mitchell, IN 47446	Suggest 151-155 166-185 187-188
June 18-20	Summer State Campout Wells Co. Fairgrounds 1240 4-H Park Rd Bluffton, IN 46714	
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, WI	Elkhorn, Wis.
August 3-8	Regional Campout Shipshewana North 5970 IN-5 Shipshewana, IN 46565	
August 27-29	Spring Mill State Park Spring Mill S.P. 3333 Highway 60E Mitchell, IN 47446	
September 16-19	White River Campground 11299 E. 234th St. Cicero, IN 46034	Reservations 317-770-4430
September 22-24	Retiree Campout Ouabache State Park 4930 IN-201 Bluffton, IN 46714	
September 24-26	Fall Invitational Ouabache State Park 4930 IN-201 Bluffton, IN 46714	

All information subject to change

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

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

2021 Fireflies Camp Meet Schedule

May 14-16	TBA	State
May 27-31	Prophetstown State Park	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 3	Cornerstone	Fireflies
Oct 14-17	Anderson KOA	Fireflies

For further information, contact
Pat Cohee (patcohee@hotmail.com)

2021 Happy Glampers Camp Meet Schedule

April 16-18	Hickory Hills Campground	Glampers
April 29-May 2	Northern KY RV Park	Glampers
May 14-16	Spring Mill State Park	Spring Campout
May 21-23	White River Campground	Glampers
June 18-20	TBA	Summer Campout
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

John or Rose Stock (alll2stock@aol.com)

Indiana FCRV Spring Campout

May 14-16, 2021

Be Kind



Honor



Serve



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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1 can food item
or
1 can pet food

Indiana Summer Campout

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June 18-20, 2021

HOSTED BY THE
CAMPFIRE AGITATORS



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**Bring your
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to show
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\$55.00 Weekend

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Campfire Agitators
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Fort Wayne, IN 46819
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**61st INTERNATIONAL CAMPVENTION
FAMILY CAMPERS & Rver's
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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 you 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
1466 W 750 N
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

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

2021 State Summer Campout

Wells County Fairgrounds
 Bluffton, Indiana
 June 18-20, 2021
 (Hosted by the Campfire Agitators)

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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