



# EMPIRE STATE NEWS

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## STIEGLER'S STATE REPORT

Good sun shiny day (at least here in Buffalo) it is. I hope that everyone had a good winter despite the cold and snow with no illnesses.

I will get right to the main thing for this article. As you know New York is in charge of the NE Regional Campout this year. We had put in an application in the last ESN and then found out it was the wrong campground. I had made a call to get some details (as I knew the campground) and they said they did not have us there in Mt. Morris. So, in making phone calls I found out we were booked at The Ridge NY in Leroy, NY. I had talked to the owner, who was very nice. We were going to be in that area a week ago, (he was going away for a few days), but we stopped and talked to one of the employees. There was some concern as they have a First Responders group coming in the same weekend. Not to fear, they are on the other side of the campground. They bring a fire truck; do activities, so maybe we could get involved with them too. There is a pavilion, restaurant, pool, close to Strong Museum, Genesee Country Museum, shopping, casino, etc. We have some people working on lecturers, entertainment, golf outing, meals and hospitalities. It will be a great weekend a breakfast, dinner, hospitalities, and all the other camping things we do. They have a restaurant so no need to go far for food if you don't want to cook. If you are working on a committee, please keep me informed of how you are doing with it, as we will need to do a schedule. We will have a meeting at the Spring State Campout, so please make sure you are signed up for that. Oh yeah, I am taking the applications for that. I know the committee is working hard on that too, and always a great time.

There will be an application and small blurb in the April Camping Today, along with an application in the ESN. The campground is right off the I-90 exit (Continued, Page Five)

## NYSA President

The camping season is just around the corner. It is time we think about getting our rigs inspected, cleaned and serviced, making them ready for another camping season. I hope all is well; there is much effort being put into planning for the northeast regional this year. I hope that you are excited about getting out and seeing familiar faces, places and also to meet new people.

One of the concerns has been how to continue to make the NYSA of (FCRV) still viable; many of our districts and chapters have been depleted and there has been discussion to look at the NYSA as a chapter, again we need to look at what is best for the organization and its members going forward. I encourage anyone with ideas to email or talk in person to the state officers or state directors at upcoming campouts or just send your ideas via email - the more suggestions the better. The camping road once again is calling and I'm sure new adventures and experiences will make this a great camping season. Whatever you can contribute or are willing to do will help the camping organization and its members continue to exist. Remember we need you to come out to campouts to make them a success. If you want to help out in anyway just let someone know!! Thanks in advance for your ideas, your input is critical and is valued. We need to work together in order to provide camping experiences for all to enjoy.

We are truly an organization which is an extension of family and friends we must strive to ensure that it exists for others to experience and to enjoy in the future.

Sean McHale





**Celebrate NYSA...**  
**NYSA Spring Campout**

**May 26th-29th, 2017**

**Hosted by Western District**

**Herkimer County Fairgrounds**

133 Cemetery Street, Frankfort, NY 13340

[Take Exit 30 on the NYS Thruway]

Advanced Registration Fee - \$7.50 per adult (nonrefundable)

Registration Fee at the Gate - \$10.00 per adult

Camping Fee - \$35.00 (Cash Please if paying at the gate)

Additional people in same unit pay registration fee only.

Please send payment and completed registration form payable to:

NYSA / NCHA

c/o LINDA STIEGLER

92 SANDRA DRIVE

CHEEKTOWAGA, NY 14225

(716) 982-5518 or stiegl2@gmail.com

All sites include electric and water (50A service available for a \$10 per night additional fee)

Early bird Thursday after 1:00pm and the camping fee is \$25.00 a night.

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults: \_\_ M \_\_ F Youth: \_\_ M \_\_ F Teens: \_\_ M \_\_ F

Registration @ \$7.50 per adult \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Camping Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Day Pass Only @ \$10.00 per adult \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (non-camping attendees)

**Entry Deadline is May 12th, 2017**

## **DISTRICT DIALOGS**

### **HUDSON VALLEY DISTRICT**

Our family and friends in the Northeast have suffered through a horrible winter. Hopefully Spring is on the way and our camping season will then begin.

Hudson Valley Spring District Campout is May 18-20, 2018 at the Shongum Shockers Campground, hosted by the Shockers. Friday night hospitality is Gloria and Phill and the No Names. Our meeting will be Saturday the 19th following opening ceremony. Also in the planning stage is a Saturday afternoon get together. More information to come.

NYSA 2018 Spring campout is May 25-28, Memorial Day Weekend at the Herkimer Fairgrounds. Theme is "Celebrating Volunteers".

58th FCRV Campvention is in Doswell, Va. July 9-13, 2018. The theme is "Where our Country Began".

Remember Red Rose Campout, Herkimer Fairgrounds. Contact Ron Wright for info.

Northeast Regional "NEW INFO" The Ridge N.Y., [8101 Conlon Rd., LeRoy, NY 14482](http://www.fcrv.org/8101-Conlon-Rd.-LeRoy-NY-14482). August 16-19, 2018. The theme is "Fall in Love with New York". Hudson Valley has a hospitality.

Now for National News: The FCRV booth at the Tampa Fairgrounds Super RV Show was a success. We spread the news regarding FCRV and its programs and camping fun. Hopefully we had interesting information for some to become members.

The Cadet Membership Program is still active. Every paid member of FCRV can use the certificate for a free 6 month membership in FCRV to be given to a camping family or individual.

There is an election this spring. President - 1 candidate Shari Weber and is incumbent. VP Programs - 2 candidates George Walters and is incumbent and Loren Douglas from Ontario. Recording/Corresponding Officer has 2 candidates Sue Carlson and is incumbent and Cheryl Descoteaux from South Carolina. The bios and platforms will be in the March issue of Camping Today. Ballots will be distributed by email for those who have email and by 1st class mail for the rest. Contact National office if either address has changed.

We hope to see everyone in the spring and at a campout.

**George and Tonya Rothmann  
Hudson Valley District Directors**

### **WESTERN DISTRICT**

Our various chapters are planning campouts for the coming season, including joint Chapter campouts and the all encompassing Western District Campout, slated for September 21 - 23, 2018 at Woodstream Campsite. All are welcome to camp with us; make your reservations (strongly suggested, it is a popular campground in the fall due to their proximity to Letchworth State Park and the beautiful foliage that appears each autumn) by contacting Woodstream directly at (585) 493-5643.

As you can see from other articles, New York is hosting the North East Regional campout this August and many folks from Western District are involved. Meals, games, and a variety of activities are in the planning stages. We will talk about it at the State campout, so come and hear what we've got up our collective sleeves!

## **CONSERVATION REPORT**

### **Poster \* Posters\* Posters**

It's that time of year again. Please make a Conservation poster (open to all ages on poster board), and a "Camping Is..." poster (ages 0-4 on the specified coloring page, and in crayon or colored pencil only) and 5-12 on poster board.

If your district is not bringing pre-judged posters, you will be able to make a poster at the Spring State campout. I will be bringing some poster supplies (poster board, markers, crayons, and such).

Thank you!

Carol Burns ([mcburns@frontier.com](mailto:mcburns@frontier.com))



If anyone has an old pair of chainsaw chaps that they would like to donate to Mike Burns that would be great. Just bring to the Spring State. He uses them in a chainsaw safety demonstration. (hint hint)



# NEW YORK RED ROSE RETIREE RALLY



July 31 thru August 4, 2018

AT THE HERKIMER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

135 Cemetery Street, Frankfort, NY 13340

Exit 30 off the NYS Thruway, off of Rt. 5S, Fairgrounds exit

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Handicapped ? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

First Time ? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency contact (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # of contact ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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**Detach here**

**COST:** Advanced registration which is not refundable (U.S. Funds) \$10.00 per couple, \$5.00 single.  
**AT THE GATE** \$160.00 for 2 people in unit, extra person \$50.00, singles \$120.00 each

***Please bring Auction item***

Early bird arrival, Monday July 30, 2018 **after 2 p.m.** - \$30.00

Please send reservation with check made payable to NY RED ROSE CHAPTER by July 1, 2018 to:  
Dottie Jennings, 85 County Rt. 22, Oak Hill, NY 12460

Any questions, you may call Ron Wright at (845) 657-8542 or e-mail: rbw\_569@yahoo.com

**RALLY FEATURES**

Pancake breakfast    Games    Crafts    Talent show

Ice Cream Social    Potluck Supper    Catered Dinner    Auction

Hiking

**FIRE, POLICE, AMBULANCE – 911**

**FAIRGROUNDS (315) 895-7464**

## STIEGLER'S STATE REPORT (con't)

exit 47 Leroy/Rochester, with signs to direct you right to the campground.

There is not much new with FCRV, except that they are still promoting the Cadet program. If you have new applications, give them 6 months free and then they can decide to join if they wish. Don't know why they wouldn't but you never know.

We want to keep current on our membership, so if you move, change your email (or if we don't have it) make sure the National office is notified and also to Robert Wolf ([rww63050@gmail.com](mailto:rww63050@gmail.com)) membership chairman. If we do not have current information, you will not be getting the ESN and Camping Today.

NYSA dues- we have chapters that have not paid their dues as of today (2/28/18) and it was due by December 31st with a current chapter roster.

Also, there are families that do not belong to FCRV, and the chapters are sending in dues for them. Your District Directors are supposed to be keeping on top of that with their membership lists.

Upcoming events include Retiree Campout, National Campvention, etc.

If you have any concerns, questions, answers please contact me anytime ([stiegl2@gmail.com](mailto:stiegl2@gmail.com))

Linda & John

## The Spotted Lanternfly Recap

I first wrote about the Spotted Lanternfly in 2015 and now we have some new information. But first a small recap of what the Spotted lanternfly is. It is a plant hopper that is native to China and Southeast Asia. It has been introduced to Japan, South Korea, and the United States. It tends to feed on grapes, fruit trees, and hardwoods. And we know that it could be very detrimental to those industries.

By 2016, it was no longer located in just Berks County, PA. It was now in Berks, Bucks, Chester, Lehigh, and Montgomery Counties. We now know that the Spotted lanternfly's favorite tree to feed on is the *Ailanthus altissima* (Tree of Heaven), but can be found on other plants and trees. The females can lay between 30 and 100 eggs in the fall. It is not known to bite humans. At this time, in the US, we have found no predator or parasitic insect to keep the Spotted lanternfly in check. The Penn State Extension suggests to kill it as soon as it is spotted, and to report it if found in a county other than those listed above. ([badbug@pa.gov](mailto:badbug@pa.gov) or 1-866-253-7189).



If you are wondering why I am telling you about an invasive insect found in PA, it is because in 2017 it was also found in New York (Delaware County), Delaware, New Jersey, and, in January of 2018, Virginia. In February of 2018, PA Governor Tom Wolf placed 13 counties in quarantine (including the Philadelphia area).

So what can we do? **DO NOT MOVE FIREWOOD!** Check your rig and all camping items for unwanted pests. We need to be more vigilant. For more information here is a list of terrestrial (land living) invasive species found in NY: Emerald Ash Borer, Asian longhorned beetle, giant hogweed, Eurasian spruce sawfly, oak wilt, hemlock woolly adelgid, Sirex wood wasp, gypsy moth, Viburnum leaf beetle, and the slender false brome. And we can now add the spotted lanternfly to that list.



For more information please try the Department of Environmental Conservation ([www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov)).

## We can make a difference!

Carol and Mike Burns ([mcburns@frontier.com](mailto:mcburns@frontier.com))



# 2018 NORTHEAST REGIONAL

August 16, 17, 18, 19



**“FALL IN LOVE WITH NEW YORK”**

## The Ridge NY

8101 Conlon Road, LeRoy, NY 14482

585-768-4883

**Hospitality** – Thursday, Friday, Saturday nights. **Friday- Hot Dog Lunch, Fish Fry Dinner**

**Pancake Breakfast** Saturday 8:30 – 9:30. **Continental breakfast** Sunday.

**Entertainment, Games, Horse Race, Activities.**

**Golf**-random draw 2 player best ball. Course about 6mi. 9 or 18 (depends on interest) or just an outing. Check registration form for number interested.

**Early Bird arrangements are to be made directly thru the campground.**

Please make checks or money orders payable to : *New York State Association*

*Mail to: Ron & Barbara Wright*

57 Kelder Road,

Olivebridge, NY 12461

Registration and fee due on or before **July 15, 2018**

|   | Pre-registration | At the Gate |
|---|------------------|-------------|
| Family Unit (to include minor children)         | \$150.00         | \$175.00    |
| Single person in a unit:                        | \$120.00         | \$145.00    |
| Camp Pass (2 people or second couple in a unit) | \$60.00          | \$85.00     |
| Camp Pass (1 person or extra person in a unit)  | \$30.00          | \$55.00     |

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST: \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE/OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

**\_CONFIRMATION WILL BE SENT BY EMAIL. IF YOU WISH IT SENT BY MAIL TO ANOTHER ADDRESS OTHER THAN THE ONE ABOVE, PLEASE PROVIDE IN THE SPACE BELOW**

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Golf outing. Number of players \_\_\_\_\_

### For National Scholarship Info

go to FCRV website: <http://www.fcrv.org/programs2/national-programs/scholarship/> completed National FCRV scholarship application deadline is April 15 (request after 12/1, prior to 4/1)

### NYSA-NCHA SCHOLARSHIPS

New York State Assoc. offers college scholarships to members or their children or legal dependents belonging to an affiliated chapter or an independent member who pays NYSA dues (\$5.00/year). FCRV membership must be at least ONE year old. Scholarships are awarded for both two and four year accredited institutions of higher learning. Students currently enrolled in college are given equal consideration with incoming freshman students. Scholarships are awarded at the state campout in May and vary in number and amount of award.

Herb & Marie Petersen, Directors

76 Gaymore Rd., Port Jefferson Sta., NY 11776-1353

Preferred method of contact is email-  
[petersen76@aol.com](mailto:petersen76@aol.com)

Deadline for the return of completed NY State Scholarship applications is May 1.

### NYSA-NCHA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUEST FORM

Due to being "snowbirds" -Please e-mail this info to  
[petersen76@aol.com](mailto:petersen76@aol.com)

Please email me the information packet regarding the NYSA-NCHA Scholarship.

My FCRV membership # is \_\_\_\_\_.

Join date: Month \_\_\_\_ / Year \_\_\_\_\_.

I am \_\_\_\_ a high school student.

\_\_\_\_ currently enrolled in college.

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

The ESN is also now available on the FCRV website in the "Newsletters" section under New York.

**The ESN will now be published 3x per year.**

**The due dates will be as follows:**

**Spring Issue – March 15 (Published in April)**

**Summer Issue – June 15 (Published in July)**

**Holiday Issue – November 15 (Published Dec.)**

Please send reports via email whenever possible.

Please try to submit articles near the due date, and

Placing ESN first in the subject line of your message is always helpful.

As always, Snowbirds receiving a printed newsletter, please send change of address form to Stieglers (as well as the National Office) with the start and stop date and your temporary address.

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## **EWWWwwwwww Slime!**

Here is a fun project to do with the kids. Mike and Ian did this and had a great time. There are several different recipes for making slime (who knew), But Ian chose the Saline Solution Slime recipe. Here we go:

Supplies:

- washable PVA glue
- saline solution
- baking soda
- water
- measuring cups and spoon
- bowl
- spoon
- food coloring
- air tight storage container

Steps:

- mix ½ c. glue and ½ c. water in a bowl
- add food coloring if desired
- mix ½ TSP baking soda
- add 1 TBL saline solution
- stir thoroughly
- knead with hands
- store in air tight container

lan's has lasted several months now and he is still enjoying it.

So have fun  
and get  
slimy!!

Thanks to Carol Burns  
for the recipe!  
([mcburns@frontier.net](mailto:mcburns@frontier.net))

## Important Dates for 2018:

- Spring 2018: NYSA State Campout, May 25-28, 2018
- National Campvention in Doswell, VA July 9 – 13, 2018
- North East Regional Campout August 16-19, 2018

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- Spring 2018 NYSA Registration
- Red Rose Campout Registration form
- Update on Spotted Lanternfly

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& Friends Become Family"

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