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In just 4 months, the Great Lakes Region is playing host to the 2023 International FCRV Campvention.

Have you sent in your registration yet???

Or are you still on the fence??

Look inside this CHATTER to see *some* of the fun that is planned.

Also, you will find information about activities or services that need pre-registration.

CAMPVENTION REGISTRATION FORM IS IN THIS HOOSIER CHATTER.



SPRING STATE CAMPOUT REMINDER

Do you want a “sneak preview” of the site for Campvention 2023? The Indiana FCRV Spring State Campout is in Richmond, Indiana, the site for Campvention! The dates? April 21-23, 2023.

Come join in the fun. This will also be a “work weekend” for the Campvention Committees, so there will be friends from throughout the Great Lakes Region to visit as you experience the beautiful grounds of the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Richmond, Indiana.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE SUMMER CAMPOUT

The Indiana FCRV Summer Campout will be at the Lazy L Lake Campground in West Terre Haute, Indiana. Fun things are being planned and will be included in future CHATTERs. It is important to get your reservations in before **APRIL 15, 2023**...they are holding sites for us until that date! See information on the back page of the HOOSIER CHATTER.



From the State Director

Angie Shaneyfelt



From the State President

Ed Shaneyfelt

March can March right in, I am ready to start camping! I don't every remember being this anxious to start camping. I think it is because Campvention is getting closer and it you haven't been paying attention the Great Lakes Region (including Indiana) is hosting!

But first, I hope everyone that is planning on going to the retiree rally is getting ready...it is the end of this month! March 28-April 2 in Dothan, Alabama. I'm still a little bitter that I can't attend, this working for a living...it's not what it's cut out for.

Then the Indiana Spring Campout will be held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Richmond, Indiana. Our campout will be in conjunction with the "On-grounds Campvention meeting". So, if you are helping chair a position, or just attending CV this summer, you will be familiar with the grounds and know what buildings will be used for what activities. Make sure you join the Campvention 2023 Facebook page to keep up with all events. Barb Turner does a wonderful job adding information. It is *FCRV Campvention 2023*, join today. Some activities to keep in mind.

- * Parade theme: Great Lakes Rose Bowl
- * Campsite decorating contest based on the same theme as the parade.
- * Door Prizes for Campvention: States are asked to bring a "door prize". I will be asking for donations and/or ideas.

Make sure you have your spot reserved for the Indiana Summer Campout at Lazy L Campground in Terre Haute. The weekend of August 11-13. You need to call them 812-533-1562 and tell them you are

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It is the month for Luck of the Irish. Make sure you wear something green on the 17th. That way you don't get pinched by anybody!

Start thinking about getting the rigs out and doing everything that is entailed in de-winterizing them. Hopefully there won't be any droppings or nests from a little four-legged friend commonly known as a mouse.

While you are planning on what to do for the rig don't forget to plan on the schedule also. Starting with the Spring campout April 21 -23 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Richmond. *You don't need to make reservation for this one and plans are still in the works.* Plans will be in the next Hoosier Chatter. This is also our work weekend for the National Campvention on July 9-15 that our region is hosting.

Make sure to get your Campvention registration in and plan on attending to have some fun.

Next is the summer camp out at Lazy L Lake Campground in Terre Haute. When you call to make your reservation at 812-533-1562, let them know you are with FCRV.

After that and the final one for the state calendar is September 29 through October 1 at Amishville campground again. If you need a spot or not sure if you told Deena Felver that you wanted to keep your same spot from last year you can email her at cdfelver@metalink.net. She will be glad to help get you a spot.

Until next time ,
Ed Shaneyfelt



Happy St. Patrick's Day

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Conservation

Indiana State Association FCRV
Conservation/Wildlife Director
Misty Stuckswisch

I really want to say, "Welcome Spring!!" but I have lived in Indiana long enough to know this is just false spring and real spring is still a bit away! If we are lucky, March will come in like a lion so we can start our camping season like a lamb in April!

I have been working with the Bill Monroe Campground trying to organize a conservation camp-out for us. They have a spring workday; however, they were late setting the date this year and many clubs have already scheduled things to do on that date. We are currently trying to work on an alternate date and if it all comes together, I will get the info out thru Marilyn ASAP! If the dates do not work out, we will try again next year!

Are you gearing up for Campvention? I feel like it is the only thing on my mind these days! Get your registration in to secure your spot. Volunteers are always needed and more than welcome! There is something for everyone to do, no matter how big or small. It takes everyone to make the week a success!

Do you have campouts scheduled? Please share this info with Marilyn and if you are on Facebook, go to our Indiana FCRV page and share the info there also. You never know when someone might want to camp with a friend!

I would also like to encourage everyone to share reviews of campgrounds they try. We all get in a rut sometimes and a new place to camp is fun. A good review from a fellow FCRV member is a great recommendation! Don't forget to add those great little mom & pop places to eat - those are always the best!

The 2023 Camping Is coloring page has been released and can be found on the FCRV web site if you have a little one. We will make time at the Spring camp out to work on posters if needed also. Conservation posters are another way to get your kids involved with Campvention. Writing a great conservation essay can even earn your child money! (essays are typically due by 4/1/23) Rules and regulations can be found on the FCRV website!

Till we camp again,
Misty



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Harlan Nigh

Hello Camp Family,

As we enter into spring, I look back at the mild winter we experienced. As we gather again let's share the good "Insect Repellent" to enjoy our adventures. April is opening with a good forecast expected for the start of the camping season.

I would like to welcome our new members and bless them as we grow together. I'm a rookie to the Campvention coming soon, so if I seem quiet or "different," remember that I'm trying to learn and do my best to to represent our State's Chapters.

Till we share a campfire soon, May God's Blessings Be With Y'all ☺ Amen

Harlan Nigh ☩ ☰ ☺ 🙏

Stay in touch!

It's always good to hear from old friends and to share news about what is happening in each other's lives. To keep in touch or to let people know what is happening in your life, please send a note to the CHATTER editor at hoosierchatter@hotmail.com.

WANT TO SEND SOMEONE BIRTHDAY or ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS?

We'd love to help you celebrate with a CHATTER recognition. Send the name, date, and occasion to hoosierchatter@hotmail.com
no later than the 28th of the preceding month.

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with FCRV. You need to make your reservation before April 15th.

Short article for a short month. Get ready to get them campers out of storage and packed for the season, it's right around the corner.

Angie Shaneyfelt



Spring cleaning safety suggestions

DASAT Thoughts

Marilyn Rausch

We're getting closer to Spring, and that means camping weather... yeah!! It also means a less exciting rite called "Spring Cleaning." Not so much fun. This is a great time to look out for safety concerns in your home (and camper as well!) State Farm Insurance has prepared a spring cleaning checklist to make sure your home is as safe as it is clean. Here are a few of their suggestions.

- * **CLEAN YOUR DRYER VENT.** Even if you empty your lint trap after every load of laundry, lint can build up in the hose from the dryer and vent. This creates a fire hazard. During spring cleaning, use a vacuum hose, coat hanger, or plumbing snake to help clear out the lint that accumulates beyond the lint trap.
- * **CHANGE YOUR AIR FILTERS.** If you have a regular inspection service to check your furnace and air conditioner, they usually take care of this step. But if not, check and change the filters twice a year to trap dust, pollen, and pet danders.
- * **UPDATE YOUR FIRST AID KIT AND ORGANIZE YOUR MEDICINE CABINET.** During the year, some items get depleted quickly and are replaced. Some are not used often, and may expire or go bad. At least once a year, go through your first aid supplies to replace any items that are missing or expired. Check all medicines for expiration dates and get rid of old or unused medication. The time NOT to do that is when you need them in an emergency!
- * **LOCATE YOUR PERSONAL DOCUMENTS.** During spring cleaning is a good time to locate and secure your social security card, birth certificate, will, deed, and other important documents. A good place to put them is into a fireproof safe, a safety deposit box, or upload them to a secure cloud service on the internet.
- * **CHANGE YOUR ONLINE PASSWORDS.** It may seem like a hassle, but changing your passwords regularly is an effective way to prevent accounts from being hacked or your identity from being stolen. A related task to add to this security "cleaning" is to clean out your email inbox so there is no accessible personal information that thieves can use against you.
- * **REPLACE FRAYED EXTENSION CORDS.** Extension cords get yanked and moved around to wherever we need them, Damage can occur on the cord, and those damaged cords are a big fire

risk. It is more economical to replace extension cords that are cracked or brittle than it is to replace a home or personal property!

- * **CLEAN ELECTRICAL OUTLETS.** Outlets are usually in areas that don't get much foot traffic (behind furniture, in corner areas.) That means they are in prime spots for dust and pet hair to build up. In the spring (and during the year as well) clean around the outlets with a dry cloth so that inadvertent sparks may not find a flammable bed to rest on! Also, feel the electrical outlet plates. They should never be warm, and if they are they need attention immediately!
- * **CLEAN YOUR STOVE.** Grease and food particles can build up over time, making your stove top and oven a fire hazard. Pull out the bottom drawer of your stove (if you have one) and clean inside and under the drawer. Clean carefully around the 220 outlet that provides electricity to your stove.
- * **CHECK BATTERIES ON ALARMS.** Check your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors and replace the batteries. Many people have been reminded to do this any time the clock is changed for daylight savings time. Take this time to wipe down the detectors and make sure dust build-up is not blocking the vents.
- * **SPRING CLEAN YOUR HUMIDIFIERS.** Humidifiers relieve dry skin and sinuses during the winter, but anything that holds water can produce mold, which could be dispersed into the air along with the humidity. Even if you use a bacteriostatic treatment in your humidifier, before storing it for the summer, rinse the water tank and fill it with white vinegar for half an hour to clean out anything growing inside.

And here are a few reminders for the more basic Spring Cleaning Ritual:

- ◇ Declutter before you clean to avoid tripping.
- ◇ Never mix two cleaning products together...the results could be deadly!
- ◇ Read all labels on cleaning products.
- ◇ Ventilate any area where cleaning products or paint are being used.
- ◇ Use step stools and ladders with caution...and don't substitute a chair or box, which could be unstable. Maintain three points of contact (two feet and one hand) to allow for balance.
- ◇ Ask for help when lifting or moving furniture to avoid injury.

Recipes worth Sharing!

APPLE CRUMB SLAB PIE

Great dessert for a Crowd!
(Recipe from Pillsbury)



INGREDIENTS (FOR SLAB PIE)

- 2 9-inch pie crusts (or homemade pie crust)
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp ground nutmeg
- 9 cups apples, peeled and thinly sliced

INGREDIENTS FOR CRUMB TOPPING:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup quick-cooking oats
- 1/2 cup (one stick) cold butter, cubed.

PREPARATION

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F.
2. On a lightly floured surface, stack pie crusts on top of each other and roll into a 12 x 17 inch rectangle.
3. Place crust into a 10 x 15 inch jelly roll pan, pressing into the corners. Fold any overhanging crust so it is even with the edges of the pan.
4. In a large bowl, mix together the brown sugar, flour, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Add apples and toss to coat. Spoon apples into the pan, spreading evenly across the crust.
5. In a medium bowl, mix together the crumb topping. Stir together the flour, sugar, and oats, and add butter, cutting in with a pastry blender or two knives until crumbly. Sprinkle the topping over the apples.
6. Bake until crust and streusel are golden brown, 35-38 minutes. Let cool on wire rack for 30 minutes before serving. Enjoy!



Do you need a recipe for St. Patrick's Day? Here is a classic Irish side dish that will fit that need!



COLCANNON POTATOES

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 medium cabbage head, shredded (about 2 lbs.)
- 4 lbs. medium potatoes (about 8), peeled and quartered.
- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup chopped green onions
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1/4 c. melted butter
- Minced fresh parsley
- Crumbled cooked bacon.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Place cabbage and 2 c. water in a large saucepan; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, until cabbage is tender, about 10 minutes. Drain, reserving cooking liquid; keep cabbage warm in separate dish.
2. In same pan, combine potatoes and reserved cooking liquid. Add additional water to cover potatoes; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cook, uncovered, until potatoes are tender, 15-20 minutes.
3. Place milk, green onions, salt and pepper in a small saucepan; bring just to a boil and remove from heat.
4. Drain potatoes; place in a large bowl and mash. Add milk mixture; beat just until blended.
5. Stir in cabbage.
6. To serve, drizzle with butter; top with parsley and bacon.



Adult Bowling News

By Craig Weber

There will be an Adult Bowling event at Campvention in Richmond, Indiana on Thursday, July 13, from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Reservations have been made for 90 people at

Richmond 40 Lanes. The party package includes 2 hours of bowling, (1) 14" pizza and (1) 64 oz. pitcher of pop for each group of six. Shoes are included. Cost will be about \$12.50 each.

Please register for the event in by June 1 using the following link:

<https://fcrv.org/campvention-bowling/>

Send payment by check to

Beth Muschinski
475 Eaglecrest Dr.
Grenada, MS. 38901-8391



Calling All Youth to Campvention 2023

By Deena Felver, Chairman & Pat Cohee, Co-chair

We have a fun-filled week planned for the youth at Campvention in Richmond, Indiana this year.

There will be a different theme every day with a craft or activity every day to go with the theme for the day.

There will be a **Halloween day** so make sure you pack the Halloween costumes, and parents and fellow campers, *make sure you bring the candy to fill up the buckets.* There will be a **Cinco de Mayo day**. There will be a **water day**, so bring your swimsuits or water attire! We will have an **honoring-the-veterans day**, so bring a picture of a vet that is special to you so we can honor them.

We hope to see lots of youth in attendance at Richmond. We are planning a fun-filled week, and we are excited to meet the youth (their parents) and other new people. **Remember to bring Halloween costumes, swimsuits/water attire and candy!**

If you have any questions regarding the youth programs scheduled for the Richmond Campvention, you can email me at cdfelver@metalink.com.

WELCOME!

Campvention Hospitality

By Denise Weiss,
Hospitality Chairman

Looking forward to catching up with old friends and met some new ones. What a better way than to do that by hosting a hospitality during Campvention! You can host them during the day or evening. You can even host a breakfast one if mornings are more your style. **Anyone can host a hospitality.**

What does the word hospitality mean? Hospitality means extending a welcome to travelers or offering a home away from home, and the word is derived from the Latin word "hospes" meaning visitor or stranger. Isn't that what FCRV is all about, "Where strangers become friends and friends become family"? We still have some openings just to show how welcoming FCRV members are by hosting a hospitality. It does not have to be fancy; a welcoming gesture, no matter how big or small is always appreciated. For those of us early risers, you can show your hospitality by hosting one in the morning with a simple coffee and donuts. Who doesn't like coffee and donuts? Anyone can host a hospitality; it can be a chapter, a state/province, a group such as the Retirees, teens, just some friends, or even an individual. We look forward to hearing from you!



CAMPING IS...

Coloring Page & Poster Contest

The "Camping Is" contest gives the youth of FCRV an opportunity to express themselves through art in defining what camping means to them. The contest is divided into 6 age groups; 0-2 years, 3-4 years, 5-6 years, 7-8 years, 9-10 years, and 11-12 years. The 0-2 and 3-4 year olds will have a coloring contest with an official entry form. The other age groups will have a poster contest. The contest is conducted on both a state/provincial and a national level. Entrants compete in their state/province and the first place winner in each age group is brought to the National campvention to compete in the national contest. See the Coloring Page in this HOOSIER CHATTER, or go to

<https://fcrv.org/programs2/national-programs/youth/>.

Please send in your request form that is found at:

<https://fcrv.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Hospitality-Form-fillable.pdf>

. Send them in as soon as possible to Denise Weiss at (winonagirl@hotmail.com) or Stacy Davis at (hotflash.nana@outlook.com) and put the word Hospitality in the subject line. They will be granted on a



Save those Pop Tabs & Plastic Caps

By Patti Thieme,
Tabs/Caps Chair



Pop tabs will be collected at Campvention 2023; they will be donated to Ronald McDonald House at the Riley Children's hospital in Indianapolis. If you choose not to haul all your tabs to Richmond, you may take them to a recycling center between now and the Campvention and get them weighed, obtain a receipt for pounds and the dollar amount. Then take the donated amount to your local Ronald McDonald House or similar charity. Don't forget to make a copy of the receipt and bring to Campvention to turn in to myself.

Also, we collect plastic caps for benches. Indiana FCRV members have purchased a few benches in the past in memorial of a FCRV member and placed the benches in those members' home towns or favorite campgrounds, or wherever that member wants to donate to. The list of caps include: water bottle caps, Gatorade caps, milk jug caps, butter bowl lids, cottage cheese lids and peanut butter lids to name a few. We will have containers for collection of these all week. Just put that plastic cap in your pocket until you pass one of our containers! You can also start saving now and bring with you. Go to www.greentreeplastics.com to find a complete list.



MARKETPLACE

By Duane & Ruth Keegan, Marketplace Chair
Individuals and Chapters

Register now!

Interested in raising money for your Chapter by selling your Chapter Projects, OR for yourself to sell your own craft/hobby items or other merchandise? Now is the time to make plans and register for "Marketplace" when you attend Campvention 2023 in Richmond, Indiana July 9-14, 2023.

Spaces are available for \$5 each, which include one table and two chairs. Multiple spaces are available.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER is June 14, 2023. Checks must accompany the registration form and be made payable to: FCRV Campvention with 'Campvention 2023' written on the memo line.

Further information or questions, you can e-mail Duane or Ruth Keegan at dentec957@att.net or register online at:

<https://fcrv.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/CV-23-Feb-Marketplace-Form-Fillable.pdf>



SITE DECORATING CONTEST

By Shari Weber,
Site Decorating Chair

The Great Lakes team is bringing back the site decorating contest for Campvention 2023. Everyone is invited to decorate their site according to the theme: **'CAMPVENTION'S COMING UP ROSES'**

Displays will be registered at central registration indicating site number where the display will be set up and who the decorators are. The decorations can be put up at any time. **They must be ready by noon Wednesday, July 12. Judges will come around Wednesday afternoon to judge the displays.**

This Contest is sponsored by **Grandpa's Farm Campground & RV Park** in Richmond, Indiana. Please be sure to stop and stay or just to say "Thank you".

The displays can be created by an individual, a family, a group of families, or a chapter. The displays can be made of any material you wish to use to depict the theme.

There are four prize categories: Most Colorful, Most Creative, Prettiest, Most Unique. Get those creative juices flowing and bring some roses to Campvention in July!



FCRV INTERNATIONAL BAND

by Craig Weber, FRCV
International Band Director

FCRV has a volunteer band that plays one evening at Campvention. **We welcome anyone** who would like to

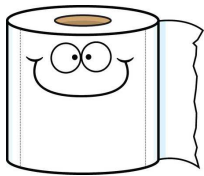
be part of a fun group and be part of Campvention. We practice four or five times before we play, and we try to keep the music simple.

Here's what you get as an FCRV International Band Member:

1. Exclusive FCRV International Band tuxedo t-shirt
2. The enjoyment of meeting new people
3. FCRV International Band Member badge and year tab
4. Pizza party for you and your family before Concert

If you play an instrument and would like to be a part of the FCRV International Band, just dust off your instrument, blow in it to get the dead critters out, and keep your eyes peeled for more information. Music will be made available in May so that you can get in some extra practice.

Keep watching for future updates. Thank you.



New Campvention Fun!

By: Kathy Howell

Hello, Campers!

I am Kathy Howell, and I recently joined FCRV with the new Family & Friends Camping Club (FFCC) Chapter.

I am so happy to share with you a teen activity that has been a longstanding tradition in the FFCC group. It is called TP (toilet paper) Insurance and Raffle.

A little history of the program: Our group needed a fundraiser to increase the budget for our teen activities. The plan was simple – teens would sell TP raffle tickets, meet and socialize with other members of the club while doing so, and learn how to count and be responsible for money.

Members purchase a “card” of tickets, with 26 tickets per card to put toward raffle prizes. Since rallies always involve a bit of fun and shenanigans, the tickets serve as insurance to *not* have your rig toilet-papered by the teens. Simply display a card in your rig’s window, and you’re safe, at least from the *teens*. If TP’d by adults (that, of course, would never happen), the teens will clean up the mess.

Teens sell the tickets Monday morning until Wednesday evening. Thursday is the raffle. Where do the raffle prizes come from? **Well, parents of the participating teens are asked to bring a raffle gift per teen to place in the raffle.** Club chapters and individual families may also donate prizes. A small portion of the ticket sales proceeds is also designated for prizes.

There is pre-raffle viewing time to make your selections and place tickets in the containers next to the prizes of your choice. You decide how many of your tickets to put in as many raffle items you want. Teens help set-up the raffle and as winning numbers are selected, they deliver the prizes to the respective winners. Cash prizes are available, too.

The teens also win cash prizes for selling the most tickets. The money raised is then used to finance future teen activities, and as noted above, a small portion designated for the next year’s prize purchases.

For the 2023 Campvention, my daughter, Jessica Hicks, and son, Zachary Chearhart, and I will be handling the TP ticket sales and raffle. We are asking that families of teens, please, bring a raffle prize per participating teen. Items donated in the past included camping chairs, games, gas/gift cards. Items may be camping or non-camping related, with a value of \$25-\$50. Specific donation drop-off instructions will be provided prior to Campvention.



Entertainment

There will be evening entertainment available during the campvention. Look for more information on the FCRV.org website or on the Campvention 2023 page on Facebook!

Monday: Country music: *Michael Robinson Band*.

Tuesday: *Rock Soul Funk* with Matt Waters

Thursday: *Stays in Vegas* (All decades, generations, Motown to Modern, Dancing) (see article below!)

Friday: Catered BBQ meal at 6:00 pm, followed by comedian Scott Long.

ENTERTAINMENT SPOTLIGHT DANCING THROUGH THE DECADES

By Jill Serbousek
Entertainment Chair

With a live band (Stays in Vegas) playing from 7pm to 10pm, join us on Thursday night for a dance party celebrating the decades our membership represents. Stays in Vegas will be playing our favorite songs from Motown to modern pop, and we hope to see everyone out there dancing the night away. Stays in Vegas is an entertaining 6-piece dance band co-fronted by the sassy and soulful Shannon Kramer and energetic entertainer, Jesse Moore. (<https://www.staysinvegasband.com/>)

DRESS CODE: Start planning your outfits now. We’d love to see everyone come dressed up in the style of “their” decade— for example: the decade you attended prom, got married, or just your favorite decade. You can dress up in fancy gowns and suites or dress down in your rolled up jeans and white t-shirts.

PRIZES: We’ll have awards for best dressed single, best dressed couple and best dressed ensemble (you don’t have to be related to make an ensemble but you will have to share the prize if you win). This dance is for all ages; so dress up your whole family and we’ll see you there!

(Note: there will be other entertainment offered throughout the campvention)



The Teen Center at Twilight

By Marci Macintosh,
Teen Center Chair

Each evening we have planned a fun theme for the Teen Center!

Regional Feature:

Welcome to the Great Lakes Rose Garden!

The first evening is a time to get to know each other. All teens and their guardians for the week should plan to come to the Teen Center for a meeting to kick off the week and get to know the guidelines and plans for the week. We'll take care of the basic stuff like schedules, teen cards, and emergency contacts.

Then we'll kick off the week with our first regionally-themed night, the Great Lakes Rose Garden. There will be music and a general get-to-know-each-other vibe, because the first night is always a little stiff.

No need to dress up or bring anything for the party, just a good attitude. As an added bonus, we're going to play Euchre. If you've never played this Midwest favorite, no worries... we'll teach you. If we all feel competitive, we'll play a rotating tournament.

Regional Feature:

Far West Glow Party

Think 'Vegas or LA for our GLOW (black light) party. We'll have glow sticks and glow in the dark body paint. Don't worry, guardians, it's Non-Toxic, Safe for Face and Body, and Washes off Easily with Soap and Water. However, just to be safe, please wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. It's safe for skin, but I don't know if it will stain your clothes. There will be more music and games and an area for taking fun pictures, so be sure to bring a phone or camera.

Regional Feature:

Southeast Beach Party

Dress in clothes that you don't mind getting wet! It's a beach party, complete with a (kiddie) pool. Bring water guns, beach balls and your favorite beach towel. Of course, there will still be music and beach games, but this is the night to be sure your phone or camera is protected, in case you get too wild with the splashing.

Regional Feature:

Day of the Dead Party

This is the evening that we'll be doing the TeePee Contracts drawing (see article on page 9); so the party this evening might be a much shorter event. We'll see how things go.

Family Dance Night

Come walk the Red Carpet with your families! We're

TEEN ACTIVITY TRICK OR TREAT FOR NON-PERISHABLES

By Marci Macintosh
Teen Center Chair



This year's Teen Program is being coordinated closely with the Youth.

The Youth are celebrating Halloween one day, and will be trick-or-treating on the Campvention campus. (Don't forget to bring candy for them!)

The teens will also be trick-or-treating, but instead of candy they will be asking for non-perishable food items to donate to a local food bank.

If you are a teen, bring a sturdy bag, wagon, or other creative way to haul around canned goods (and bring your muscles!)

If you are an adult, please bring non-perishable items to donate. Hopefully, we will provide a lot of good to the Richmond Area.



all invited to the Family Dance, and the Teen Center will be closed this evening. But you'll see Geoff and me on the red-carpet taking photos and enjoying the Family Dance with you! Jill and Scott have gotten a great band that will be performing music across the decades. So come dressed in clothes from your favorite decade and possibly win a prize!

Regional Feature:

On Our Way Northeast to New York

That's right...2024 heads to New York, so we're celebrating the Northeast region on the last night.

Be sure to stop by the Teen Center to see if you forgot anything. (We always have quite the lost-and-found. If you left your Tie-dye socks with me in Colorado, I'll try to remember to have them in Richmond. They're around here somewhere.) This is not the night for "Good byes". It's the night for "See-You-Laters" since FCRV brings us back together again and again.

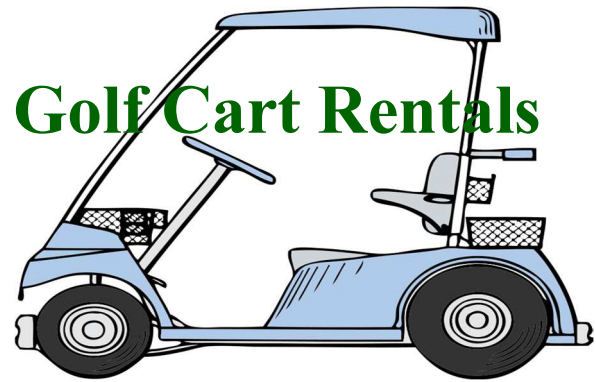


CAMPVENTION PARADE

By Sue & Carl Fromholzer, Parade Chairmen

The theme of the Campvention Parade is the "Great Lakes Rose Parade". We are hoping for a large showing at our national campvention parade. We are planning on a walking and riding parade so start planning your entry. **We encourage all state, province, teen, youth groups, retirees, chapters and individuals to participate.**

More information will follow in upcoming issues of Camping Today.



Golf Cart Rentals

The form to reserve a golf cart for Campvention 2023 - <https://fcrv.org/campvention-2023/>.

Golf carts will be delivered on July 7 and picked up on July 14.

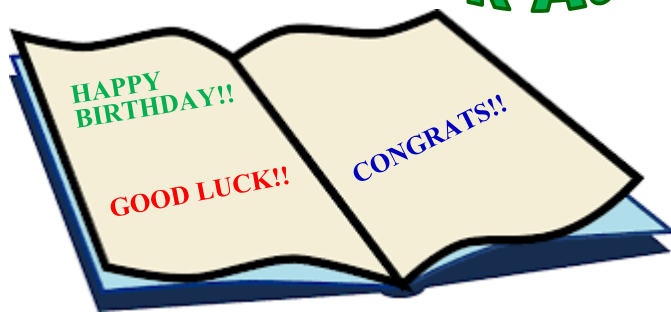
Email completed form to: eshaney@hotmail.com

If you have any questions, please contact Ed Shaneyfelt at 260-615-0421

You will pay for your cart when you pick it up.

NO APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER March 15, 2023

Program Book Ads



Do you want to recognize someone for doing a good job? Wish someone a happy birthday or happy anniversary? Cheer on your favorite FCRV sports participant? Just say "hi" to someone special?

Consider putting a personal ad in the Campvention Program book. **The Deadline is April 15** to allow time for preparing the book and having it printed. The form for submitting your ad is found online at

<https://fcrv.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Program-Book-Form-fillable.pdf>

What else is there to do in Richmond?



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Richmond

Wayne County, Indiana
Convention & Tourism Bureau
VisitRichmond.org



For more Campvention information

<https://fcrv.org/campvention-2023/>

CAMPING IS...



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.

2023 Campout Schedule For Fireflies and Coffee pots

April 21-23 Richmond State (work weekend)

May 19-21 Clifty Falls (wagon master is Ron Cohee)

June 9-11 Summit Lake (wagon master is Brad Davis)

July 7-15 Campvention Richmond (Nationals)

August 11-13, 2023 Indiana Summer Campout Location TBA

Aug 18-20 Cornerstone New Castle (wagon master is Denise Weiss)

Sept 15-17 White River (wagon master is Terry Lane)

September 27-28, 2023 Retirees campout Amishville Campground

September 29-October 1, 2022 Indiana Fall Invitational Amishville Campground

Oct 13-15 Johnson Country (wagon master is Rick Lucas)

2023 schedule For The Happy Glampers

April 21-23 FCRV Spring Campout - Wayne County Fairgrounds

May 5-7 White River

June 22-25 Prophetstown

July 7-15 FCRV National Campout - Wayne County Fairgrounds

Aug 11-13 FCRV Summer Campout - Terre Haute

Aug 15-20 Shishewana Campground N

Sept 15-17 White River

Sept 27-28 Retirees Rally - Amishville

Sept 29-Oct 1 FCRV Fall Campout - Amishville

Oct 13-15 Johnson County Park

Submitted by Gaye Bex

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**63rd INTERNATIONAL CAMPVENTION
FAMILY CAMPERS & RVer's
A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME IS FCVR
Wayne County Fairgrounds and Expo Center
861 Salisbury Rd, Richmond, IN 47374**



Campvention Days: July 9-14 2023

Fees cover July 9-14 (6 nights)

Early Bird Days: July 7 & 8, 2023 @ \$30/night (pay upon arrival – cash/check)

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

Registrations deadline: June 1, 2023

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

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

Phone #: _____ **Email:** _____

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

CAMPVENTION PARKING:

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 of checks or money orders. **NO CREDIT CARDS.**

Registration deadline June 1

	<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

PAY BEFORE DECEMBER 31ST, 2022 TO RECEIVE A \$25 DISCOUNT (\$310.00)

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!!!

Please note the LENGTH of camping rig behind type:

Motor Home _____ 5th Wheel _____ Travel Trailer _____ Pop-Up _____ Other _____
Electricity – 30 Amp. Water available, bring extra hoses and Y connectors

Make checks payable to: FCRV CAMPVENTION
Mail to: Beth Muschinski
475 Eaglecrest Dr.
Grenada, MS 38901-8391 (662)230-3233

Refund policy: If you are unable to attend, all except \$25 will be refunded AFTER the conclusion of 2023 campvention
froglegs2002@gmail.com

We would like to volunteer for: _____

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Indiana State Events

2023 *Indiana Spring Campout*
Wayne County Fairgrounds
861 Salisbury Road
Richmond, Indiana, 47374
April 21-23, 2023
Location of Campvention, 2023

2023 *Indiana Summer Campout*
Lazy-L Lake Campground
545 Lazy Lake Road
Terre Haute, IN 47885
812-533-1562
August 11-13, 2023

2023 *Indiana Retiree Rally*
Amishville Campground
844 E 900 S
Geneva, Indiana
(260) 589-3536
September 27-28, 2023

2023 *Indiana Fall Invitational*
Amishville Campground
844 E 900 S
Geneva, Indiana
(260) 589-3536
September 29-October 1, 2022

International Events

Retiree Rally 2023
"The Nutty Campers"
National Peanut Festival Fairground
Dothan, Alabama
March 24-27, 2023
(Early Bird March 24-27, 2023)
<https://fcrv.org/retiree-rally-2023/>

Campvention 2023
*"A Rose by any other name
Is FCRV"*
Richmond, Indiana
July 9-15, 2023
(Early Bird July 7-8, 2023)
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