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Indiana Spring Campout Richmond Work Weekend April 21-22-23, 2023

Wayne County Fairgrounds
861 Salisbury Road North
Richmond Indiana 47374

April 21-23, 2023



SPRING STATE CAMPOUT

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.

*If you are coming to the Spring Campout...
and we hope you are...
please print this page
or photograph it to your phone
and bring it with you!*

Important Phone Numbers:

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Sheriff: Wayne Co: 765-973-9393
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1100 Reid Pkwy
Richmond In.
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Friday

- 6:30 pm Hospitality w/popcorn
Family Game Night (bring you own games, cards...)
- 6:30 pm Any 1st timers please contact Angie Shaneyfelt
- 6:30 pm Any Youth please see Misty Stuckwisch

Saturday

- 8 am Pancake and Sausage Breakfast with coffee
Bring own table service/Free Will Donation
- 9:00 am Tour Grounds and Buildings
- 10:00 am Campvention Meeting
- 11:30 am Lunch on your own
- 12:00 Indiana Trustees Meeting
- 1:00 pm Continue Campvention meeting
- 6:00 pm **Carry-in meal:**
Shredded Pork Sandwiches will be provided, *bring a dish to share and bring your own table service & drinks*

Following...Bean Bag Baseball or bring your own games to play and visit with all your camping friends!

Sunday

- 9:00 am Church Service by Harlan Nigh
Indiana Board meeting afterwards

Thanks for attending the campout!!!

*All teens must be at their campsite by 12 midnight.
Quiet time is from 12 midnight until 7 a.m.*



From the State President

Ed Shaneyfelt

Happy Easter, and camping is right around the corner. Make sure the rigs are unwinterized and ready to go. The spring campout is right around the corner with the work weekend. The agenda for the campout is set and here are the highlights. Look to the front page of this CHATTER for the schedule.

We will start Friday night with hospitality of popcorn and whatever games people would like to play.

Saturday, before the meetings start, we are doing a free will donation breakfast of pancakes and sausage with coffee provided. You will need to bring your own table service.

After the meetings we will have a carry-in for supper with shredded pork sandwiches provided. Bring a dish to share, your own table service and drink.

After dinner we will get the bean bag baseball boards out if people want to play or other games. We will have church on Sunday with board meeting following. Sounds like we will have fun while getting work done also. You will learn about Nationals at the spring campout.

Next you will need to plan on attending the summer campout hosted by Marilyn and the retirees. She is planning on giving us a tour of St. Mary-of-the-Wood's College. You will need to contact Lazy L Campground in Terre Haute at 812-533-1562 and let them know that you are with FCRV.

The Fall Invitational will be at Amishville campground in Geneva Sept.29,30,and Oct.1. The trustees will be working on a theme and plans so everyone will have a fun time. If you're not sure about your spot for Amishville get with Deena Felver to check for your reservation.



From the State Director

Angie Shaneyfelt

The April Work Weekend/Indiana Spring campout is right around the corner.

If you or your chapter has any items for the Indiana Gift Basket to be given away at Campvention in July, you can bring those items with you.

There is a schedule of the upcoming spring campout included in this edition of the Chatter. If you would like to print and bring a copy with you that would be great as I will only have a few copies at the campout. If you don't have a printer, take a picture of it with your phone, as you will bring your phone to the campout!

Indiana trustees, please note in the schedule the time of the trustee meeting, Ed emailed a note to you also. Misty, please note the time for Youth is Friday evening. You will need some Camping Is color pages and poster board for those projects.

Angie Shaneyfelt
Indiana State Director



Don't shoot or run over any rabbits because it could be the Easter bunny,
Until next time,
Ed Shaneyfelt

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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.

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Conservation

Indiana State Association FCRV
Conservation/Wildlife Director
Misty Stuckswisch

Happy Spring! We are under 30 days till CAMP-ING!!! It may be a little cool, or rainy, or even snowing...it is Indiana after all, but we will be together.

My big order of supplies for campvention crafts came in. This makes me so excited! I am working on my samples and organizing items to be ready.

I have a conservation campout planned for next spring (2024) in Brown County. More details will be forth coming later in the season.

Don't forget to keep saving your bottle caps, pop tabs, and donation items for the children's hospital.

Starting seeds in used yogurt cups, egg cartons, or even toilet paper tubes are a great way to upcycle items in your every day life. The cardboard egg cartons and paper tubes can even be planted straight into the ground saving a step along the way. Macey started a mango seed over a year ago in a mayo jar. When it got too big, she transferred it to a pot we already had at home and it has flourished over the winter by the wood stove.

Until we camp again,
Misty



HAPPY
EASTER



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Harlan Nigh

Hello Camp Family,

Well, It's Time! As April is upon us, most State Parks and Campgrounds are officially open. So time to bathe Mable (that's or Camper) and make her pretty.

Looking forward to the Spring Campout, just to get a preview for the Campvention. I'll be taking notes from elders. We're going to start planning for our decorations also.

And yes I'm ready for the outdoor cooking, so we're going to be experimenting with different ideas. Maybe even borrow from Y'all.

Till we share a campfire. God Bless Y'all.

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.

What else is there to do in Richmond?

Visit • Discover • Explore
Richmond

Wayne County, Indiana
Convention & Tourism Bureau
VisitRichmond.org

Camping season does not always mean camping weather!

DASAT Thoughts

Marilyn Rausch

This information comes from
 "The Adventures of Trail and Hitch"
 by Two Geeks, Two Cats in an Airstream.

As our friends who attended the Retiree Campout in Dotham, Alabama, can attest, just because it is camping season doesn't mean the weather will cooperate. Weathering a storm in an RV or trailer can be a very frightening experience. It is wise to practice the "three B's": Be Aware, Be Prepared, and Be safe!!

Before you start your travels, do a little research on the expected climate for the time you plan to be there. It is as easy as googling the location with the filter "climate" or "weather."

BE AWARE

Someone in the camping group needs to make a habit of keeping track of the weather. You want to have as much warning as possible for storms. Smart phones have the advantage of tracking your location and keeping you aware of the changing weather.

If a storm is identified, keep track of it along with any national or local weather alerts.

Know the dangers for your camping location. Is it in a flood plane? Are there tall trees that could fall on your RV? Is there debris or loose object that could become dangerous in a high wind?

Take note of areas where you can shelter in event of a serious storm. Where is the nearest official storm shelter? Where is a sturdy public building in the immediate vicinity (Stone buildings and building with few or no windows are ideal.) Often the bathrooms in a park are the safest place to head in a serious storm, since they are accessible, sturdy, and have few windows. Is there a storm shelter near by? Program it's location into your GPS for quick reference.

BE PREPARED

1. Have a portable survival pack. A backpack can be readied that contains first aid supplies, non-perishable food, clean water, essential medications and a light source. Keep it in a convenient place to grab if the need arises.
2. Charge up all your electronic devices. Make sure that your battery powered devices have fresh batteries. If you have multiple devices, use only one at a time to get the most life out of them.
3. Prepare the RV. If you are in a dangerous area, consider moving the RV to more favorable position. If in a flood plane, try to find higher ground. Get to a safer location before the storm

hits, but do not get on the road unless you know you can outrun the weather. Driving an RV or pulling a trailer in strong winds is a bad idea.

4. Gather up any loose items and put them away.
5. Turn off the propane.
6. Close blinds and vents and retract awnings.
7. Disconnecting Shore power during an electrical storm may help protect the RV systems (though it won't pose a danger to you.)
8. If a storm is imminent, dress for rough weather. Wear your sturdiest shoes and have a coat handy.
9. If you have smaller pets, secure them in carriers; keep a leash handy for larger animals. (Remember that your pets need a survival kit as well.)
10. Prepare a plan with those with whom you are camping. What do you plan to do and under which conditions do you plan to do it.
11. Contact someone outside of the potential storm area and let them know where you are and that you could be in some danger. Set a schedule for checking in with them.

BE SAFE

1. Stay Calm. Identify your greatest risk. Consider what you can do to reduce the risk without putting yourself in greater harm.
2. Seek Shelter. If possible, go to an actual storm shelter. If your RV is your only shelter, it is better than nothing. Stay away from windows and in a part of your RV that has the most structure.
3. Stay informed. Monitor the weather and don't let your guard down until authorities say the danger is passed.
 - a. Assess your health and the health of those you are with.
 - b. Check out your RV for damages.
 - c. Identify any lingering hazards and work a plan to remove them as best you can in the safest way possible.
 - d. Keep others informed that you are safe.

Life on the road has risks, but don't let them get in the way of living life to the fullest. Don't be afraid... be ready! The more you learn, the better your chances of staying safe in our wonderful, but sometimes dangerous, world.

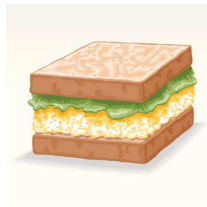
Recipes worth Sharing!

Do you have an overabundance of hard-boiled eggs after the Easter-egg hunt is over?
Here's a tasty way to use them up!

EGG SALAD FOR SANDWICHES

INGREDIENTS:

8 hard-boiled eggs
1/2 Cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup chopped green onion.
1 tsp. prepared yellow mustard.
1/4 tsp paprika
Salt and pepper to taste.



DIRECTIONS:

1. Peel and chop the eggs.
2. Place chopped eggs in bowl, stir in the rest of the ingredients.
3. Serve on rye bread, your favorite bread, or crackers.

Here is a light and refreshing dessert for Easter or any time!

EASY KEY LIME PIE

INGREDIENTS:

8 oz. Cream cheese, softened
14 oz sweetened condensed milk
1/2 cup Key lime juice or lime juice
1 9-inch graham cracker crusts
2 cups whipped topping
Lime slices (optional)



DIRECTIONS:

1. Beat Cream cheese until smooth.
2. Beat in milk and lime juice until blended.
3. Transfer to crust.
4. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours.
5. Just before serving, garnish with whipped topping and lime slices.

Note: for a festive green color, add 1-2 drops of green food coloring to step 2.

Hey, it's camping season!

Here is an easy way to have S'Mores without a campfire!

ICE CUBE TRAY S'MORES POCKETS



INGREDIENTS:

1 14.1 oz package of refrigerated pie dough.
(or homemade)
1 10-oz bag of marshmallows.
1 (1.5 oz) bar of milk, semi-sweet or dark chocolate.
1/2 stick (1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted).
Raw or turbinade sugar (optional) for dusting.
Ice cube tray

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 375. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Place 1 sheet of pie dough gently over ice cube tray.
3. Working carefully, gently use you knuckles to loosely press the pie dough into the ice cube molds.
4. Place one marshmallow in each mold, then top with one square of chocolate.
5. Lay remaining pie crust on top of the ice cube tray and use a rolling pin to seal all the edges together.
6. Once edges are sealed, use a paring knife to trim away excess dough.
7. Flip ice cube tray and gently remove the s'mores. Cut in between the 'pies' and transfer to the lined baking sheet.
8. Brush each with melted butter and sprinkle sugar on top.
9. Place in the oven and bake for 20-22 minutes until golden.
10. Remove from oven. Let cool at least 5 minutes before serving.

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 Happy Glampers

Camping Schedule

April 21-23	Wayne County	Spring Campout
May 5-7	Terre Haute	
June 23-25	White River	
July 7-15	Wayne County	Campvention
Aug 11-13	Lazy L Lake Campground	Summer Campout
Aug 15-20	Shipshewana	North
Sept 15-17	White River	With Fireflies
Sept 27-28	Amishville	Retiree Rally
Sept 29-Oct 1	Amishville Campground	Fall Invitational
Oct 13-15	Muncie RV Resort	Anderson, IN

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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

Campvention 2023
*“A Rose by any other name
Is FCRV”*
Richmond, Indiana
July 9-15, 2023
(Early Bird July 7-8, 2023)
<https://fcrv.org/campvention-2023/>



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