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CAMPVENTION IS ALMOST HERE!!

Preregistrations must be postmarked by June 1, 2023, but **even if you have missed the deadline, you are still welcome to come.** You can pay by cash or check at the gate. There will be lots to do (see below). If you prefer just to come and visit with old friends and make new ones, that is fine also! We want to see you there!!

CONTESTS OR COMPETITIONS

**Come prepared
for anything you wish to participate in!**

- Site Decorating Contest.
- Wildlife Photo Contest.
- Youth Coloring page/Poster contest.
- Dress for your decade Dance.
- TeePee Insurance/Auction (bring money)
- Crazy Hat fashion show at All Hat dinner.
- Pet Parade (you may bring a costume for your pet)
- End-of-campvention Parade (walking/riding) entry.

SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

OFF GROUNDS

- Bowling (pre-registration by June first.)
- Golf (Pre-register or sign up at Central Registration.)

ADULT and FAMILY ACTIVITY CENTER

- Balloon Volleyball (bring a fly swatter)
- BINGO
- Line Dancing (all levels, classes will be given)
- Euchre Tournament

TEEN AND YOUTH CENTERS/ACTIVITIES

ADULT SPORTS (Sign up at Central Registration)

- Ladder Golf
- Washer Toss
- Horseshoes
- Bocce Ball
- Corn Hole (bring extra boards if you have them!)

FAMILY FUN DAY (Food, Carnival Games)

SEMINARS (Variety of topics)

INTERNATIONAL FCRV BAND (bring instruments) contact cdweber50@yahoo.com

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

Bring items that you would like to give.

- Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House
- Plastic lids for benches.
- Children's Blankets/Quilts to donate to local hospital or police.
- Gift Basket Giveaway (from States and Provinces)
- Door Prizes (bring items that you would like to receive if your name was drawn!)
- Non-Perishable food for Teen Trick-or-treating
- Candy for Youth Trick-or-treating.
- \$20.00 item for Wildlife auction (benefits grants)

BRING FUN MONEY

- Commercial Area
- Food Trucks
- Ice Cream Truck
- Wick's Pies
- Marketplace (Members Crafts)
- Wildlife Merchandise raffle, 60/40 cash raffle, silent auction.
- TeePee Insurance
- Adult Crafts (\$5.00/craft)
- All Hat Dinner (\$10.00/person)
- Honey Wagon (\$35/dump. Sign up at Central Registration)
- Bingo at the Adult & Family Activities (\$1.00/card/game)



For more details on all these Campvention Activities

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

or

<https://fcrv.org/camping-today-may-2023/>

Specific times and dates for all events will be in the Program Book. Some activities may overlap...be ready to choose!!!



From the State President

Ed Shaneyfelt



From the State Director

Angie Shaneyfelt

Hopefully, the Mothers out there had a wonderful Mother's Day and you remembered the special ones in your lives that passed on Memorial Day.

Up next is the NATIONAL Campvention in Richmond. There is a lot planned and volunteers will be needed. Check in at central registration for volunteer signup sheets. Don't forget to bring money for Family Fun Day Lunch to support the kids. Also you will need money to purchase chances on the TP raffle and wildlife auction, not to mention the "food trucks" that will be on the grounds. Dig through your memories and or closet to find what you wore in high school to wear to "Dancing through the Decades" Thursday evening.

The Summer Campout in Terre Haute looks like it will be a fun time planned by Marilyn and Mike. Call Lazy L Campground to get your reservation in.

The Fall Invitational is at Amishville again the weekend of September 29-October 1, 2023. The theme will be "Redneck Party Weekend." The trustees are working on planning a good time. We will let you know when we know what we are doing.

Don't forget that we need hosts for campouts next year. You find the place and others will help make it successful.

See you soon
Ed Shaneyfelt



We are counting down the days to the Campvention. If you are not registered, shame on you! Just kidding. If you didn't have time to get your registration in before the deadline of June 1st, you can still come. Just show up and pay registration at the gate. We've got plenty of sites available.

There are numerous events this year, some new events thanks to our friends that joined from FFCC. Marilyn is providing a list of activities/items you need to bring (see front page of this CHATTER. You need to make sure you are following the FCRV Campvention Facebook page and are reading Camping Today from our national website www.fcrv.org. This way you will not miss out on any of the events.

On to other camping besides the Campvention. Make sure you are registered for the Indiana summer campout. See the Summer Campout article in last month's Chatter. Marilyn, Ed and I will be attending, I hope everyone else that is registered is letting you know!

The Fall Invitational will be held this year again at Amishville. If you attend last year, Deena Felver should have you registered in that same spot, if you didn't attend last year, please contact Deena for a site. This will be the weekend of September 29-30 & October 1, 2023. The trustees have decided to follow the same theme that Amishville is that weekend, "Redneck Party Weekend". More information on this campout will become available when it gets closer. Plan to dress, walk and talk like a "Redneck" that weekend, for some individuals...there may be no planning needed! ha ha

Until next issue,
Angie Shaneyfelt

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**INDIANA STATE ASSOCIATION
FCRV/NCHA
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SPRING CAMP OUT, SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2023
WAYNE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS RICHMOND, INDIANA**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Shaneyfelt at 9:31 a.m. A quorum was present.

INTRODUCTIONS:

All members present signed in and introduced themselves.

PLEDGE AND PRAYER:

The pledge was said, and Harlen said a prayer before the meeting.

MINUTES:

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous campout was made by 161 and seconded by 191, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion to accept was made by 161 and seconded by 201, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The grounds were found and approved by the trustees for the summer camp out. Marilyn put the information in the chatter for the campground and we were to call and make our reservations. The retirees and Marilyn have a fun and exciting weekend planned for us.
2. There was no activity fee charged for the Spring camp out, since it was combined with the work weekend, instead there was a free will donation at breakfast on Saturday and we collected \$226.00 and after expenses were deducted Angie gave the state \$174.00.
3. Riley Donations update: nothing has been taken to them from last year, but after July Campvention we will make a trip there to donate everything that we have collected.

There was no other unfinished business to discuss.

NATIONAL NEWS:

Angie Shaneyfelt, State Director:

1. The campvention is going to be held in Richmond this July. Angie hoped that all of us had sent in our reservations and are planning on attending.
2. Results of National Elections: Linda English of Michigan is now Vice-president of operations, Amy Decamp is Vice-president of Planning and Development, and Sandi Wingert is Comptroller.
3. State membership remains steady.
4. If we would like to put anything in the campvention gift basket for Indiana, bring items to campvention in July and Angie will put in basket for the door prize.

Campvention Director Ed Shaneyfelt

1. Campvention 2024 will be held in Herkimer County Fairgrounds, New York, June 23-29, 2024.
2. The 2025 campvention will be in the Southwest region.
3. Ed has put in his resignation to the nationals for his position. If anyone is interested in the job, him know.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CAMP, Tabs, Riley, and Retirees: Patti Thieme reported that there was no walk this weekend. She also said thanks for all the caps and tabs brought to the campout.

Chatter, photographer: Marilyn Rausch said that the CHATTER is going well. There is only 1 copy being mailed out, and we are not charging for it. Any articles that we wanted to put into the CHATTER need to be her by the 28th of the month. Marilyn commented that the photography was put on a back burner right now.

Chaplain: Harlen Nigh reminded us to keep Fred and Terry Lane and everyone else with health issues in our prayers.

Historian: Stacy Davis had no report at this time.

MINUTES (Continued from page 4)

Youth/Teens & Conservation: Misty Stuckwisch had no report on the youth/teens. She informed us that in 2024 she is planning a Conservation Campout at Bill Monroe's campground in Bean Blossom, Indiana. It will be the 1st or 2nd weekend of May. The campground said that they would give us 1 night of camping free if we had 10 units there to help clean the grounds.

Budget/Audit: Mike Rausch reported everything looked OK at this time.

Adult Games: Ed Shaneyfelt said that at national level all we needed to do was show up and play the games.

Nominating: Mark Shaneyfelt had no report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. We thanked Angie for hosting the campout.
2. The summer campout dates are Aug. 11-13 2023. The details are in the Chatter.
3. The fall invitational will be September 29, 30-Oct 1 2023 at Amishville with the retirees going in September 27th.
4. There were no donations or raffles at this time.

191 made a motion to adjourn and 197 seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Submitted by
Deena Felver

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!**



Conservation

Indiana State Association FCRV
Conservation/Wildlife Director
Misty Stuckwisch



**CHAPLAIN'S
CORNER**

By Harlan Nigh

What a joy to see the sun shining and the campers out and about! We were at Clifty Falls this past weekend and almost every camp site was full! That is a sure sign that camping season is going strong. I hope everyone has had the opportunity to ready their campers and get out soon.

Campvention is coming in hot and we want to see you there! A weekend was spent at Richmond to make final plans and tour the grounds. The week is shaping up to be full of great activities and meeting new friends. If you have never been or its been a few years since your last Campvention, I would encourage you to come join us for the week.

Campvention has brought back the site decorating contest. This is always a fun way to have a little competition with your fellow campers. The theme this year is roses, and the contest is being sponsored by another campground. Let's all make an effort to use your imagination and decorate your site! I heard some people taking about what they are doing, and it sounds like we have a lot of creative people camping with us.

Until we camp again,

Misty Stuckwisch

Hello Camp Family,

Well, the summer month has arrived. And it's starting to appear that the temperature is going to follow suit. Just a reminder to hydrate yourselves.

Looks like there have been some good gatherings, we of the Fireflies and Coffee Pot had a good time in Clifty Falls. The grounds were very nice, and Lori and I will definitely return.

Hope y'all are getting in the Spirit of hospitality. Campvention is only a month away.

May we all send out a prayer for Fred and Terry Lane. Due to health issues, they are going to be leaving our family. ☹️🙏

Till we can share the campfires together God Bless You 🙏🙏🙏

Harlan Nigh ☠️📺🙏🙏

Recipes worth Sharing!

Cinnamon Sugar Pretzel Sticks

INGREDIENTS

- 1 bag (12 ounces) thick pretzel sticks I used dipping sticks pretzels
- 1 stick (8 tablespoons) butter melted and cooled slightly
- 1 egg white
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350° Fahrenheit.
2. Add the butter to a medium-sized microwave-safe bowl and melt it in the microwave on medium/low power. Cool slightly after melting.
3. Meanwhile, separate the egg white and yolk. Reserve the yolk for another use. Whisk the egg white and vanilla into the melted and cooled butter. Set aside.
4. In a medium bowl, whisk together the sugar and cinnamon. Set aside.
5. Add the pretzel sticks to a one gallon zip-top bag and pour the butter mixture into the bag. Gently but thoroughly mix and shake the bag to coat all the pretzels with the butter mixture.
6. Pour the cinnamon sugar mixture into the bag with the pretzels and butter. Gently but thoroughly mix and shake the bag to coat all the pretzels with the cinnamon sugar mixture.
7. Spread the coated pretzels into an even layer on a parchment-lined baking sheet and bake in the preheated oven for 15 minutes, stirring once halfway through baking.
8. Remove the cinnamon sugar pretzel sticks from the oven and stir immediately before cooling to prevent sticking.
9. Allow the pretzels to cool completely before serving.

Recipe by [Renee Goerger](#)

LAYERED OREO DESSERT

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 pkg of regular Oreos (Crush cookies, saving 1 cup to sprinkle on top)
- 8 oz cream cheese softened
- 1 large pkg chocolate instant pudding
- 6 T melted butter
- 16 oz cool whip
- 1 c powdered sugar
- 2 ¾ c milk

DIRECTIONS:

1. In small bowl mix remaining crumbs with butter
2. Press crumbs/butter mixture into bottom of a 9 x 13 cake pan to form the crust
3. Make chocolate pudding according to package directions and let it set up in the fridge
4. Using an electric mixer, mix half cool whip, softened cream cheese and powdered sugar in a large bowl
5. Spread the cool whip/cc/sugar mixture on top of the Oreo crust
6. Spread the pudding over the cool whip layer, then the remaining layer of the cool whip mixture on top of that
7. Refrigerate until ready to serve.



(Submitted by Deena Felver)



DASAT Thoughts

Marilyn Rausch

Summer activities, like campvention, bring a threat that can be prevented by the simple act of drinking enough fluids. **Dehydration** occurs whenever you don't have sufficient water in the body to allow it to function normally. Symptoms may be mild, such as increased thirst and dry mouth, but in severe cases that lack of fluids can be life threatening.

The body loses water naturally by breathing, sweating, and urinating. Drinking fluids and eating water-containing fluids is usually enough to replenish those losses.

Some conditions will accelerate that fluid loss. Fevers, diarrhea or vomiting, excessive loss of urine (seen with diabetes and some medications), and excessive sweating cause you to lose more water than normal.

Sickness makes it difficult to drink, but sometimes you just get too busy and forget to drink enough. With the gradual onset of dehydration, you may not even realize that you're thirsty!

Signs of **mild to moderate dehydration** include the following:

- * Dry or sticky mouth.
- * Thirst.
- * Decreased urination or darkening color of urine.
- * Dry, cool skin.
- * Headaches.
- * Muscle cramps.

Signs of **more severe dehydration**, which could have serious or fatal consequences, include:

- * Lack of urination or very dark urine.
- * Skin dry and hot.
- * Dizziness.
- * Rapid heartbeat.
- * Rapid breathing.
- * Sunken eyes.
- * Sleepiness, lack of energy.
- * Confusion or irritability.

- * Fainting.

Young children and babies have additional symptoms:

- * Dry mouth and tongue.
- * No tears when crying.
- * Dry diapers for 3 hours.
- * Sunken eyes, cheeks, soft spot on the top of the head.
- * Sleepiness, lack of energy, or irritability.

SEVERE DEHYDRATION IS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY AND NEEDS TO BE TREATED URGENTLY. If severe dehydration is suspected, especially if the person is confused, combative, or faint

- * Call 911. IV fluids may be needed urgently.
- * Move to a cooler location.
- * Loosen any tight clothing.
- * If the person seems to be overheated, apply cool compresses or ice packs to the neck, arm pits and groin.
- * If conscious, give **SMALL** amounts of cool water. (Do not force large amount of ice water which could cause vomiting.)

Mild dehydration can be treated by drinking small amounts of water regularly. **Avoid alcohol and caffeine**, which can make dehydration worse. A home-made rehydration fluid can be made by stirring together until dissolved:

6 tsp. sugar.
1/2 tsp. salt.
5 cups boiled water.

Of course the best idea is to avoid dehydration from the start. Recognize that as a general guide, adults should drink about 2-2.5 liters of fluid a day (10-12 cups). More is needed during hot weather, times of sickness, or when you are exercising,

It's not a bad idea to keep an eye on each other for symptoms as we participate in outdoor activities together.

SUMMER CAMPOUT

From the Lake



CARPOOL WITH US A SHORT DISTANCE TO **St. Mary of the Woods**

Saturday, August 12, 2023
NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT
MOTHERHOUSE OF THE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE
St. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS COLLEGE.

MORNING TOURS:

Tour the WHITE VIOLET CENTER for ECOJUSTICE
Working Certified organic Farm
Alpacas and free-range chickens
Farm Store

PICNIC LUNCH PROVIDED

AFTERNOON TOURS:

Shrine of St. Mother Theodore Guerin
Church of the Immaculate Conception
Log Cabin Chapel
Outdoor shrines

Camp with us at

LAZY L LAKE Campground

545 Lazy Lake Road
Terre Haute, IN 47885
812-533-1562
August 11-13, 2023



FRIDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY

SATURDAY EVENING PITCH-IN SUPPER
Meatballs and dipping sauces provided.
Bring side dish or dessert for sharing.
Bring your own table service.

SATURDAY EVENING (after supper)
Bingo

To the Woods...

HERE IS WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

1. Contact the campground to make your reservations. Tell them you are with Indiana FCRV. **DO THIS ASAP TO ASSURE YOU HAVE A SPOT!!**
2. Contact **Marilyn Rausch that you are coming** (mmrausch@live.com or 317-374-3956) so we can plan the food.
3. Bring \$10.00 per family to the campout for Activity Fee.

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

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, 2023 Indiana Fall Invitational Amishville Campground

Oct 20-22, 2023 Johnson Country (wagon master is Rick Lucas)

2023

Happy

Glampers

Camping Schedule

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

For further information, contact John or Rose Stock (all2stock@aol.com)



The Fireflies and Coffee Pots and friends enjoyed a meal on the Ohio River while camping at Clifty Falls State Park May 19 through 21, 2023. The grounds and facilities are clean and there are beautiful trails with waterfalls to explore.





63rd INTERNATIONAL CAMPVENTION
FAMILY CAMPERS & RVer's
A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME IS FCRV
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:

Table with 4 columns: Name, Age, Name, Age. It is currently empty.

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

Table with 3 columns: Registration, At Gate. Rows include One Family in the Unit, Extra Family in the Unit, Week Drive-in Pass, and Walk-in Camp Pass.

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



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