

<u>Even if you have missed the</u> <u>preregistration deadline</u>, you are still welcome to come.

You can pay by cash or check at the gate. T here will be lots to do 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!! (If you can't come for the whole event, day passes are available!





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!!!

And remember to get your reservations in for the



It is very important that we have a count of those who plan to be at the campout so we can complete the reservations for the tours at St. Mary of the Woods and to assure we have enough food!! See page 8.

The Hoosier Chatter



Hopefully everything is going well.

We are packing for nationals and hope you are also. For those that are going, remember to pack your blue Indiana shirt for our hospitality on Wednesday from 3 to 4. Arrive a little early for the hospitality to get ready for the greeting line to welcome our guests.

If you want to give something for the Indiana door prize basket to add to what Angie has purchased, bring it with you to give to us at the rally.

Something new this year for a teen fundraiser is the TP insurance. They have some wonderful prizes to give away.

I appreciate all the ones that stepped up to either help or chair a committee to represent our state and region to make it a successful rally.

The summer campout is right around the corner, August 11-13, 2023, at Lazy L Campground in West Terre Haute. Marilyn, Mike and the Retirees have a wonderful weekend planned with the tour and fellowship.

The Fall Invitational is next on September 29,30 and October 1, 2023, at Amishville Campground. The theme is Redneck Party Weekend and the trustees will not let you down. We are planning it now and details will be out later. If you haven't reserved a spot yet contact Deena Felver and she will take care of you.

Start thinking about hosting a campout next year so we can get our schedule filled for 2024. It is not that hard to do with all the great members in the state that help. Let me know if you would like to host a campout or if you need any information.

Until next time Ed Shaneyfelt

From the State Director Angie Shaneyfelt

Campvention is right around the corner. July 9 -14, 2023 in Richmond, Indiana, at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. The committee has been working hard and has a few new things in store (like Bocce Ball and TP insurance raffle). The entertainment sounds like it is going to be great and fun! I cannot wait, I am very excited for Campvention this year.

I have purchased items for the state basket . This basket consists of items donated by the members of our State, every state is encouraged to donate a basket. This is becoming a tradition that members of FCRV look forward to. The basket can be themed or just random items. If you would like to donate, please bring an item with you to Campvention and we will add it to the basket before we turn it in. You can donate something that relates to Indiana or camping items to whatever floats your boat!

If you are still contemplating going to Campvention and haven't sent your registration in yet, no worries! You can register there at the gate! I want to encourage you, if you are still trying to decide just come and see what it is about. It is great meeting other FCRV members from other states and provinces and getting to know them. And like I said, this year sounds like it is just going to be so much fun. So with that being said I will see you there! There is a lot to see in Richmond also. Be sure to check the FCRV website for more information at FCRV.org or the 2023 Campvention Facebook page (that Barb Turner and many others have done a wonderful job contributing to). The whole program guide for the week is posted on both sites.

After Campvention, our Summer campout will be August 11-12-13, 2023, at Lazy L Campground in

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Indiana State Association FCRV Conservation/Wildlife Director Misty Stuckwisch

I am SO excited for Campvention & I hope you are too! It has been a lot of fun to see the back side of planning an event this large. At this point I hope you are going and planning on being as involved as you can be. Do you have some spare time? Volunteer to drive a tram, do a shift in security, see if a youth activity needs another set of hands.

Bottle lids and pop tabs will be collected at Campvention. Pop tabs will go to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. Collected pop tabs are recycled, generating much-needed income to support the Ronald McDonald house and the many families they serve each year. As of 2019 RMH has received over \$820,000 in revenue from pop tab collections since it started back in 1995! From tiny little pop tabs – that is pretty amazing!

Don't forget your packing list Marilyn was so gracious to put together in last month's CHATTER. Everyone is looking forward to a busy week!

Till we camp again, *Misty*





By Harlan Nigh

Hello Camp Family,

As I write this it is 9 days to early check-in for Campvention. If you keep up with Facebook, it's going to be good time. I don't see any way you could be bored.

With the recent weather, I'm requesting we all pray for gentle night rains, as we need the rain to cleanse the smoke and ease the dry spell we're experiencing.

Also, pray for Traveling Mercies, with folks coming from all over this country and Canada.

Until we meet at the Campvention, God Bless Y'all.

Until we share a campfire 🌘 Harlan Nigh 🕂 🛛 🛱 😇 🚵

Collections Coordinator +



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

hi there,

This is just a reminder that we will be collecting caps and tabs at campvention, so if you want to bring them with you can.

But if there is no room in your camper, then bring them to the next state campout when you are not taking a lot of extra things with you.

That is all for now.

I hope we will see you in Richmond. Patti Thieme



Hi there,

This is Deena. I am in charge of Youth Activities at the Campvention in Richmond. If you have nothing else going on at the time of youth activities and would want to help with the stuff going on, just show up at the youth/teen building. You never know if you may want to make the craft or do the activities with us. Everyone is a kid at heart!

Hope to see a lot of you at Richmond.

And if you have not made your reservation for the Fall Invitational at Amishvillle Campground, please contact me! There is still time. If you are at Campvention, just look me up and will get your site booked at Amishville. You can also call or text me at 419- 203- 6627.

cam See you at Richmond! Deena Felver

Recipes worth Sharin

No-Bake Samoa Cookies

(Copycat Girl Scout Samoa Cookies)

Serves 2 dozen **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 sleeve Ritz crackers (or 24 crackers)
- 1 (11 oz.) package caramel bits
- 3 tablespoons heavy cream
- 2 cups shredded coconut, toasted*
- 2 squares chocolate candiquik (melting chocolate) or 1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

PREPARATION

- 1. Place toasted coconut in a large pan and cook over low heat for 3-5 minutes, stirring frequently, until coconut is lightly browned.
- 2. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and spread Ritz cracker 2 inches apart. Set aside until ready to use.
- 3. Combine caramel candies and heavy cream in a large, microwaveable bowl, and microwave in 30second increments, stirring in between, until melted and smooth.
- 4. Fold in toasted coconut until fully incorporated, then drop coconut caramel mixture onto Ritz crackers and spread into an even layer that covers the cracker.
- 5. In a (completely dry) microwaveable bowl, microwave chocolate in 30-second increments, stirring in between, until melted and smooth. Let cool 5-10 minutes. Transfer melted chocolate to a resealable plastic bag and snip off corner or use a spoon drizzle (cooled) melted chocolate over cookies.
- 6. Let set before serving or store in an air-tight container. Enjoy!

Recipe adapted from The Domestic Rebel.

HOMEMADE MAC AND CHEESE

INGREDIENTS:

8 oz. uncooked elbow macaroni.

3 tbsp. all purpose flour.

2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese

2 1/2 cups milk1/2 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese

1/4 cup salted butter.

TOPPING:

2 tbsp. salted butter

1/2 cup dried bread crumbs.

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease an 8-inch square baking dish.
- Cook macaroni in large pot of boiling salted water for 8 minutes, stirring occasionally. Drain. 2.
- 3. Melt 1/4 cup butter in a skillet over low heat. Whisk in flour and stir until paste-like and light brown (3-5 min.) Gradually whisk in 2 1/2 cups milk and bring to a simmer. Stir in the cheeses, stirring until melted.Pour cheese sauce over the macaroni and stir until well coated. Pour into prepared baking dish.
- 5. Make the bread crumb topping: melt 2 tbsp butter in a skillet over medium heat. Add bead crumbs. Cook and stir until well coated and browned. Spread crumbs over macaroni and cheese.
- 6. Bake in preheated oven until topping is golden brown and macaroni and cheese is bubbling, about 30 minutes.







Fireworks and the Fourth of July... they go together like a hand in a glove. But that hand may become a casualty of those fireworks even when precautions are taken.

Every year, fireworks start an average of 18,500 per year (information from 2017). That includes structural fires, vehicle fires, and ground fires. Remember that in Indiana this year we have drought conditions that increase the probability of fires getting out of control.

Personal injuries bad enough to require medical treatment occur frequently, particularly when amateurs attempt to use professional-grade, homemade, or other illegal fireworks. Sparklers, which many consider relatively safe, cause severe burns to the hands, face, and feet, as they can exceed 2000 degrees. Alarmingly, for children under 5 years of age, sparklers account for nearly half of their fireworks injuries.

Here are some safety tips gleaned from various internet sources:

- * NEVER allow young children to handle fireworks. Older children should use them only under close adult supervision.
- * NEVER mix drugs and/or alcohol use with fire-works.
- * ALWAYS use fireworks outside and have a bucket of water or hose nearby.
- * Designate a SAFETY PERIMETER (35 feet for ground-based fireworks, like fountains, and 150 feet for aerial fireworks.)
- * Anyone handling fireworks and those standing nearby should wear PROTECTIVE EYEWARE.
- * Only light one device at a time.
- * Do not try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks. DUDS always pose a risk. Let a dud sit for 5-10 minutes before putting them into a

bucket of water. (Moving a dud may result in a delayed explosion.)

- * Never hold fireworks in your hand or cover a firework with any part of your body. Make sure they are secured on the ground away from people and animals.
- * Light fireworks with a "stem" lighter such as a grill lighter.
- * Never point or throw fireworks in the direction of another person. Use them away from people, houses, or flammable material.
- * Soak both spent and unused fireworks in water FOR SEVERAL HOURS before discarding.
- * Be aware of those who may be traumatized by fireworks

Pets (see further recommendations below) Children

Veterans and others who might suffer from Post Traumatic Stress.

Celebrations are a big part of this holiday. To avoid converting that celebration into a tragedy, consider alternative to fireworks. Some suggestions are

- Party Poppers
- * Bubbles
- Water Balloons
- * Silly String
- * Glow Sticks.

Don't forget about your pets! Fireworks can be extremely stressful for pets, but there are ways to help reduce their fear and anxiety.

- Keep your pets indoors.
- * Close the curtains or blinds and turn on the TV or radio to provide some distraction.
- * Treat toys filled with their favorite food (frozen pumpkin puree, peanut butter, and apple sauce are good options) may also help keep their minds busy and distract them from the fireworks.

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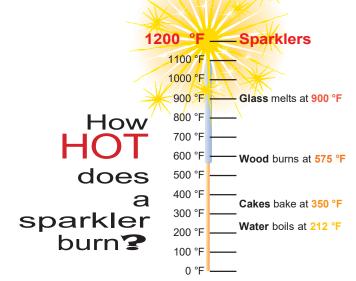


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FIREWORKS are often used to mark special events and holidays. The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show. It is important to know that **fireworks are not safe in the hands of consumers**. Fireworks cause thousands of injuries each year.

A few ideas to get into the patriotic spirit, without fireworks:

- I. Use glow sticks, they glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler. Fun for all ages.
- Loud and proud. Noise makers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or make your own.
- 3. Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector. Don't forget the bugspray!
- **4.** Red, white and blue silly string...fun for all ages.
- 5. Make a patriotic craft with the family.
- 6. Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don't forget the cake.



FACTS

- More than 19,500 reported fires are started by fireworks annually.
- Burns account for 44% of the 9,100 injuries treated in emergency rooms seen in the month around July 4.
- Half of the fireworks injuries seen at emergency rooms were extremities: hand, finger, or leg. One-third were to the eye or other parts of the head.
- Children ages 10-14 had the highest rate of fireworks injury, with more than one-third (36%) of the victims of fireworks injuries
 - under age 15.
- Sparklers account for roughly one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) 2018 Fireworks Annual Report

DASAT Thoughts

Marilvn Rausch



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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



FRIDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY (not a meal).

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 and make reservations for the tours on Saturday.
- 3. Bring \$10.00 per family to the campout for Activity Fee.











STATE DIRECTOR (Continued from page 2)

West Terre Haute, Indiana. Make sure you have your site reserved so you can camp with us! Mike and Marilyn Rausch and the Retirees are planning a wonderful campout, you can be sure of that!

Then the Fall Invitational will be September 29-October 1, 2023. The trustees are hosting that weekend with the theme "Redneck Party Weekend". Plan your clothing attire now! Make those trailers look "redneck". The trustees will have more information in the upcoming Chatter issues.

I believe that is all for now. Stay safe and healthy with the Canadian Wildfire Smoke. I'll have a conversation with our Canadian Friends at Campvention regarding them polluting our air! See you at Campvention!!!

Angie Shaneyfelt Indiana FCRV State Director

Here are a few pictures of some of the things you will see on the tours of St. Mary of the Woods during the Summer Campout. You can interact with the Alpacas, shop at the Farm Store, visit some of the shrines and see the beautiful architecture that gives "The Woods" the designation as a Historic District. Experience the "Avenue Moment" that so many feel when turning into the main gate, and shop at Linden Leaf Gift Shop.

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

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)

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Camping Schedule

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

For further information, contact John or Rose Stock (alll2stock@aol.com)



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