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## Campvention wrap-up



Campvention 2023 is a wrap, and it can be counted as a wonderful success! Even the weather cooperated to allow the almost 200 camping families to create memories to last a lifetime. Indiana's Jerry Rozelle carried the U.S. Flag in the opening ceremonies, and Scott Semper carried Indiana's banner. Many Indiana members not only attended but also lead or served on committees, proving that hard work can also be fun! It was impossible to capture everyone and every activity, but there are more memories inside this issue of the CHATTER.



Photographer Barb Turner captured some of the Indiana folks who were thanked at the Worker's Breakfast just prior to the opening of Campvention 2023. Pat and Jerry Rozelle, Deena Felver, Patty Theime, Dennis and Cindy James, Sharon and Mark Shaneyfelt, (second row), Misty and Macey Stuckwisch, Pat and Ron Cohee, Angie and Ed Shaneyfelt, Larry Roop with Mike and Marilyn Rausch.



### From the State President

Ed Shaneyfelt



### From the State Director

Angie Shaneyfelt

Hi there,

Here is a little recap of the National Campvention that was hosted by our region. I have heard nothing but compliments about it, and that wouldn't have happened without all the wonderful people that helped put it on. I want to thank everyone from our state who did something to make it great.

It was nice to also see everybody participate in all the different events that happened in the week. There was plenty to choose from.

I would like to thank the Wiess and Bex families for donating the ice cream sandwiches for Indiana hospitality.

We had some Indiana winners from some of the competitions for the week. Scott Semper and Ed Shaneyfelt on the softball team, Mike and Marilyn on the dressing through the decades (You need to see the picture), and Kennedy and Jordan Longberry, who took first place in their divisions of the "Camping is" contest.

Rumor has it that the ice cream people are thinking about joining our organization and Indiana. Could be good for our future!

That is about it for that. I am looking for future campouts. We have summer camp out at Lazy L Campground hosted by Marilyn and Mike and the retirees and the Fall Invitational hosted by the trustees. If you need a spot for the Fall Invitational, contact Deena Felver to get you one

Until next time,  
*Ed Shaneyfelt*

Well, our Campvention is over and what a wonderful time it was! If you didn't come this year, you missed a great time. We had 180+ units and so much to do. If you were bored, it was your own fault.

I want to thank all of our Indiana members that helped fill a position to make CV so wonderful. I am going to mention everyone by name, if I forget you...let me know and you will be in my special edition State Director Letter next month (it will be special edition because I saved it for "you")!

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- Gary Bex - Honey Wagons
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- Denise Weiss - Hospitalities
- Stacey Davis - Hospitalities
- Scott Semper - Building Setup & Parking Crew
- Jerry Rozelle - Building Setup & Parking Crew
- Macey Stuckwisch - Teen Center
- Ed & Angie Shaneyfelt - Teen Sports
- Deena Felver - Youth
- Pat Cohee - Youth
- Les & Brenda Salisbury - Ice Cream Truck (honorary Indiana members)

Every position was well manned and you all did a  
*See STATE DIRECTOR (Continued on page 9)*

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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Harlan Nigh

Hello Camp Family,

Campvention in Richmond Indiana was a success 🙌. It was my first experience of Campvention. We'll do another for sure.

As the summer is heating up, remember to stay hydrated, and check with your Campground for burn bans. We not only want to leave the Parks and Campgrounds clean, but also don't want to start a "Wild Fire".

I'm excited with the new membership increase, looking forward to meeting everyone and fellowship growing.

So, till we share another campfire, God Bless.

Harlan Nigh 📧 📷 📺 📱 📞

# Recipes worth Sharing

*Two very different snack recipes made with oyster crackers. Note that it is best to use a better quality oyster cracker for these recipes. The generic crackers tend to be smaller and more "broken." It doesn't really change the taste, but they may be more appealing!*

### RANCH OYSTER CRACKERS

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup vegetable or canola oil
- 1 1-ounce package dry ranch dressing mix
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt, or garlic powder if you prefer less salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dried dill
- 2 bags oyster crackers, about 16 ounces each



#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 200F.
2. Whisk together oil, ranch dressing, garlic salt or powder and dried dill. In a large bowl, toss well with oyster crackers. Spread crackers onto a large baking sheet and place in oven.
3. Bake for 15 minutes, stir, bake another 15 minutes and remove from oven. Allow to cool then enjoy! Store in a sealed container.

### SWEET AND SALTY CHURRO TOFFEE SNACK MIX.

- 5 Cups Oyster Crackers (1 9-ounce bag)
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp vanilla

#### Topping:

- 3 tbsp. granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1 1/4 tsp kosher salt



1. Preheat oven to 350.
2. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Spread crackers evenly. Set aside.
3. In medium saucepan, combine butter and brown sugar. Bring to a boil. Stirring constantly. Boil for 2 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in cinnamon and vanilla. Pour mixture on top of the crackers. Using a rubber spatula, stir and coat the crackers evenly.
4. Bake for 10 minutes. While baking, combine the topping ingredients.
5. Remove pan from oven, Gently stir to recoat them. Sprinkle immediately with the salty cinnamon-sugar mixture. Stir.
6. Let crackers cool, then break into pieces. Keeps in an tight container for one week.

DASAT Thoughts

Marilyn Rausch



There has been an increase of reported water-related deaths recently. As we approach the end of summer, it is important to follow safety rules so that last beach vacation doesn't become a tragedy. The following recommendations are from NDPA, (National Drowning Prevention Alliance)

**1. Always swim In A Designated Swimming Area.**

Also, preferably swim under the supervision of a qualified lifeguard.

**2. When In Doubt, Get Out.**

Don't hesitate to get out of the water if something doesn't feel right. Trust your instincts. If the current is getting rough, rain has started to fall, or your body is just not responding like you would like it to due to fatigue or muscle cramps, then just leave and return to the water another day.

**3. Know The Weather And Water Conditions.**

Check the water temperature and weather conditions before hitting the water. If the water temperature is low, your best option would be to swim in a wetsuit and don't stay too long in the water. It's not safe to swim in the rain, particularly if there is thunder and lightning.

**4. Never Swim Alone.**

Go with a "swim buddy," someone who's looking out for you and who you're looking out for in turn. Remember, the lifeguard isn't your "swim buddy"; they have lots of people to track when on duty and cannot focus on a particular person's safety.

**6. Understand Currents.**

If swimming in the ocean or other large bodies of water, rip tides, other currents, and waves can all sweep you away from your swimming route. . If you do get caught in a riptide, don't panic. Try to remain calm and swim parallel to shore to get out of it. Most rip currents are an average of 100 feet wide. Try to relax and breathe, keeping your head above water, and don't wear yourself out by trying to get out of the rip by swimming against the force of the current.

**7. No Alcohol.**

Alcohol affects your perception of danger, making you more likely to take unnecessary risks. Alcohol also impairs your balance and coordination – all essential for swimming and boating and avoiding hazards in the water. So don't drink while in the water.

**8. Wear A USCG-Approved Life Vest.**

Young children, weak swimmers, and everybody should wear life jackets whenever they are in, on, or around the water, even at a pool or a waterpark. It should be put on at the dock, deck, or shore and

not removed until you return to dry land.

**9. Have A Plan For Emergencies.**

Always have a plan to handle and face emergencies whenever you go out to the water with a swim buddy or alone. Tell someone else where you are going. Having someone watching from the shore, ready to take action should you need help, is wise. Plan for every possible incident and eliminate as much uncertainty as possible.

Water dangers lurk even when you are not swimming. Floods can develop quickly, so it is advisable to take precautions. Here are some flood safety tips:

1. Purchase a weather scanner and heed all flood and flash flood warnings issued by the National Weather Service.
2. Be especially vigilant at night. Many drowning deaths occur at night when it is difficult to see water crossings.
3. Do not drive around barricades at water crossings.
4. Do not cross or enter flowing water. Driving fast through high water on the road is not a solution. Faster speeds create less tire contact with the road surface and increase your chance of losing control.
5. Driving through standing water may affect your brakes. Test your brakes at low speeds as soon as you exit the water.
6. If you choose to abandon your vehicle, respect the force of the water flow, you may be swept off your feet. After you exit the vehicle seek higher ground.
7. Be aware that road erosion may occur where there is running or standing water.
8. Remember that six inches of water will reach the bottoms of most car doors. One foot of water will float many vehicles, and two feet of moving water can carry away most vehicles.
9. If you find yourself stranded in floodwaters remain calm and call 911. If you can do so safely move to higher ground.
10. If your vehicle is submerging in water follow the S-U-R-E way out:
  - Stay Calm.
  - Unbuckle seat belts of everyone in vehicle.
  - Roll down or break a side window.
  - (Keep an escape hammer in the vehicle).
  - (Spring loaded hammers are best).
  - Escape through the window, children first.

(Above information on flood safety is from Indiana.gov and AAA.)





Ron and Pat Cohee partook of the worker appreciation breakfast before the opening of the Campvention, prepared by Ed Shaneyfelt and others, and served by Scott Semper and Indiana's adopted Kentucky resident Jeff Robinson.

Angie and Macey are picture perfect at Family Fun Day.



Angie Shaneyfelt, Brad Davis, Sherry Nolan, and Misty Stuckwisch were busy helping Campventioners at Central Registration.

Gaye and Gary Bex were the first "First Timers" to register.



A hot afternoon brought in the crowds for Indiana's hospitality of ice cream bars!



Teens and Youth were in good hands! Marci McIntosh (from Michigan), Geoff Stringer (once from Indiana!) and Macey Stuckwisch helped them make fantastic memories!! Deena Felver and Pat Cohee saw to it that the Youth had a campvention experience they would not forget! They all had lots of help, too!

Patty Thieme was up to her elbows in tabs and caps, coordinating their collection from states and provinces!

Many more photos from Barb Turner and others can be found at

[https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipOtFtRrZLPo6knb-b7d6H1WAJ0yI6Cbo6voF9U7iN4-gFEwy1MZhJOIoOaUQzrxDA/photo/AF1QipMkY93i2KTYGOUR79XI\\_Cflua\\_hMr1ROE9ePFkt?key=anRDVVYyUFBj3c4MEp5dnFuZEsyMkZ5dlRMQnhn](https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipOtFtRrZLPo6knb-b7d6H1WAJ0yI6Cbo6voF9U7iN4-gFEwy1MZhJOIoOaUQzrxDA/photo/AF1QipMkY93i2KTYGOUR79XI_Cflua_hMr1ROE9ePFkt?key=anRDVVYyUFBj3c4MEp5dnFuZEsyMkZ5dlRMQnhn)



More Memories!



Misty Stuckwisch and Gay Bex instructed large classes of crafters making ornaments and Broken Pottery Jewelry.

The Campvention Marketplace drew many participants, including Sharon Shaneyfelt, Mike and Marilyn Rausch, and Misty and Macey Stuckwisch.



Excellent Campvention entertainment brought participation through a dance train (with Dennis James and Angie Shaneyfelt) and costumes depicting how we looked in our high school decades (Angie and Ed, Marilyn and Mike, Harlan and Lori.)



Ron Cohee won second place in the Wildlife Photo Contest with his picture of a mother and child dolphin, and Pat Cohee won third with her picture of turtles on a log. Marilyn Rausch placed first in the conservation poster contest.



As you can see, Indiana participated in all aspects of the Campvention. These pictures are only a sampling! To the right is Patty Thieme's entry in the site decorating contest. To the left is Mike and Marilyn's parade entry. Fun and memories are enhanced by active participation in all of the activities that are offered at Campvention. Next stop: Herkimer County, New York!!!!





# 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:

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

PICNIC LUNCH PROVIDED

#### AFTERNOON TOURS:

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

### 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 (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)

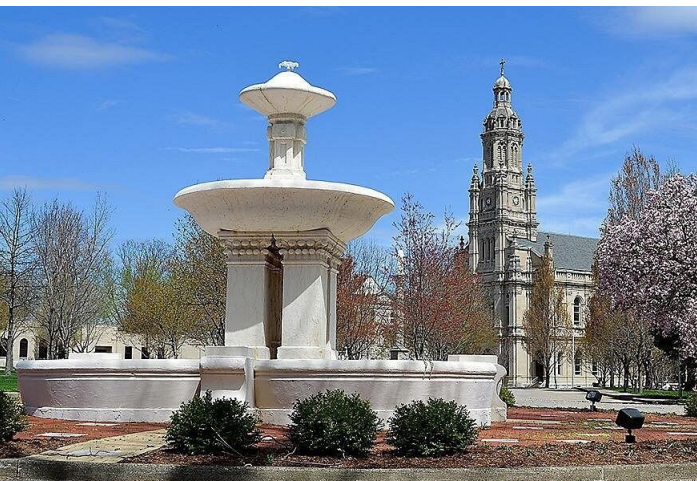
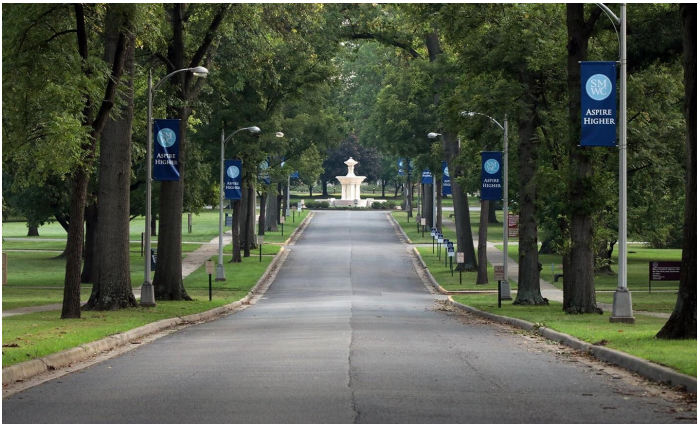
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## To the Woods...

### 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](mailto: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)

great job. From the Parking Crews to the Honey Wagons, we had Indiana people coming and going (see what I did there, going with the Honey Wag-on!). From the office staff beside the commercial area (that was a busy place), and the tabs and caps that were collected (you should see them all)! Crafts were very well attended and golf carts flew out to their renters. The Hospitalities were all busy with Indiana's being great (thanks to Chris/ Denise and Gary/Gaye Bex for your donation of the ice cream sandwiches for our hospitality). Building setup was a major job and the teens and youth all had a great week of fun and games. Last but not least, the ICE CREAM TRUCK was the hit of the whole week!

The Campvention team leaders are still getting our final reports summed up, so it's not quite over for us yet. But all the work was really worth it, Campvention 2023 was a great time had by all.

I can't wait to see everyone soon at the Lazy L Campground for the Summer Campout that Mike and Marilyn and the Retirees are planning. I really want to see the St. Mary of the Woods College grounds. I'm sure they are beautiful.

See you in a couple weeks,

*Angie Shaneyfelt*  
Indiana 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](mailto:hoosierchatter@hotmail.com).

## 2023 Campout Schedule For Fireflies and Coffee pots

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

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

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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## Indiana State Events

### *2023 Indiana Summer Campout "From the Lake to the Woods"*

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 "Redneck weekend"*

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

## International Events



### *52nd FCRV International Retiree Rally 2024 "Horsing Around"*

March 18-24, 2024  
Early Bird Days March 15-16, 2024  
Mineola Civic Center  
1150 North Newsom Street  
Mineola, TX 75773



### *64th Annual Campvention 2024 "Celebrating our Future"*

June 23-29, 2024  
Early Bird Days June 21, 22, 2024  
Herkimer County Fairgrounds  
135 Cemetery Road  
Frankfort, NY 13340



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