

# NEBRASKA Calling



September 2023

August 15, 2023

I have included the schedule for State at Seward County Fairgrounds in the Calling this month.

We look forward to seeing as many attendees as possible. Registration is \$5.00 per person and will assist in covering the expenses for the meals.

Campvention 2023 is in the books. We had two scholarships awarded to Nebraska students. CONGRATULATIONS!!! Please see the Regional Report in the Calling for more information on National updates.

Recruitment/Retention has been a hot topic in the past. Our membership continues to decline. We all play an important role in this process. Your efforts are appreciated.

Stay Cool! Be Safe! See you at State!!!

Joleen and Rob Baker  
Nebraska State Directors

Coming up in 2023

Retirees—September 11-14,

**Buckley Park, Stromsburg NE**

State Campout—September 15-17,

**Seward City Fairgrounds**

June Bug—June 7, 8, 9 2024 -

**Cedar Campground, Mormon Island**



## Nebraska State Campout 2023

### Friday:

Registration (\$5.00 per/person)

7:00 – Hospitality/Bring your choice of beverage/Campfire (State Directors)

### Saturday:

8:30 Flag Ceremony (Jan VanArsdall)

8:45 Breakfast – Scrambled eggs, French Toast & Sausage (Triple F)

9:30 Camp Walk (Ken/Sandy Kendall)

10:00 Craft (need volunteer or ideas for something simple) Debbie Hoagland

10:30 Beginning of Corn Hole Activity/Competition John & Anita Mueller

11:30 Lunch (on your own)

12:30 Dog Trainer (Linda Sander)

1:30 Outdoor Games/Table Top Games (Mueller's and Retirees-VanArsdall/Sander)

3:30 Conservation/Wildlife (Steve/Marcia)

6:00 Dinner Meatloaf (State); Potatoes & Watermelon on a Stick (Heartland Runabouts); Glazed Carrots & Green Beans (McKenney/Retirees); Dessert (State)

7:30 – Brief State Meeting/to be followed by Card Bingo (Please bring \$1.00 in change 4 Nickels; 3 dimes; 2 quarters)

### Sunday:

8:30 Coffee/Donuts (Bring your own beverage)

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The Nebraska Calling is produced monthly, March-November; as long as there is news to be shared.

Please submit your chapter news, etc., to be published by the 25th of each month.

An effort is made to submit our newsletter to National on or before the 1st of each month.

Recipes will be accepted; it is preferred they are personally typed or hand-written. Recipes copied from the internet may not be accepted.

# 2023 Chapter Camp Schedules

## Rollin' Turtle Camping Club

January & February – no meeting

March 19 – Anderson Library

April 20, 21, 22 – Wilber, Ne

May 15,16,17,18 – Platte River

State Park (1-30) non-reserve

June 12,13,14,15 – Louisville SRA

July 17,18,19,20 – Pawnee SRA Area 3

August 14,15,16,17 – Branched Oak Homestead non-reserve

September 14,15,16 – Nebraska State Campout

September 18,19,20,21 – Two Rivers SRA Lakeside

October 19,20,21 – Wilber Am Legion

November 12 – Anderson Library

All campouts will be potluck unless decided by the club to do different.

Other suggestions: Men's Breakfast and ice cream social

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## Triple F Campers and Rv'ers

December 10, 2022 6:00 p.m. Christmas Party – Rob and Joleen are hosting

January 14, 2023 2:00 p.m. Prehistoric Putt Putt – Supper TBD

February 18, 2023 4:30 p.m. Parkers in Greenwood, NE

March 18, 2023 TBD Mahoney State Park

April 14-16 – Pawnee SRA Area 3 (Hosts Luke & April)

May 26-29 – Oakland City Park (Hosts Shawn & David)

June 9-11 – June Bug TBD

June 16-18, 2023 Prairie Rose SRA, Walnut, Iowa (Hosts???)

July 7-9, 2023 Indian Cave SRA – Ashgrove (Hosts???)

August 4-6, 2023 Regional – Sabetha, Kansas

August 18 – 20, 2023 Victorian Acres, Nebraska City (Hosts Steve & Marcia)

September 1-4, 2023 Two Rivers SRA (Hosts Shawn and David)

September – Retirees

September TBD State Campout/Fall Workshop

October 6-8, 2023 Falls City Campground (Hosts Jeremy and Julie)

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## Heartland Runabouts Camping Club

February 11 TBD

March TBD

April 21–23 Mormon

May 19–21 Omaha

June 9–11 June Bug TBD

June 23–25 Prairie Oasis Campgrounds Henderson, Ne.

July 14–16 Davis Creek

August 11–13 Crystal Lake

Sept. 8–10 Prairie Lake, Juniata

Sept. 15-16 State campout

Sept. 11-14 Retirees

Oct. 13–15 Lone Star, Milligan

November TBD

December TBD

# Retirees

RETIREES ANNUAL CAMPOUT

SEPT. 11-14, 2023

BUCKLEY PARK, **STROMSBURG**, NE.

Join us at Buckley Park for fellowship, friendship, fun and food.

Monday - Arrival - Hot Dog Cookout in evening, please bring one side dish.

Tuesday - Round Robin games, maybe a trip to town. Supper on your own.

Wednesday - Church service in a.m., supper in evening provided by Retirees.

Thursday - Departure - Rolls and juice.

For those going to the State Campout in Seward maybe we could convoy.

Looking forward to seeing all retirees or anyone else.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

How many? \_\_\_\_\_

Either call Jan (402-904-4955) or Linda (308-227-1076) and let us know if you have any questions.

## Heartland Runabouts

Heartland Runabouts met at Crystal Lake on August 11-13, 2023.

Those camping were Dennis and Debby Hoagland and granddaughter Zelia Hoagland, Linda Sander, Ken and Sandy Kendall, and John and Anita Mueller. There was no host for the weekend and no meeting was held.

The group went into Hastings to Special Scoops for ice cream and drove over to Prairie Lake to check it out since that is where our next campout will be the second week of September.

The group decided that if it is going to be hot, we might have to change locations because there is no shade. The group gathered for supper together at 7:00 pm.

Zelia had a couple of friends come out to visit since it was her 18th birthday. Debby and Dennis made some delicious cinnamon popcorn and we sat around the campfire and enjoyed visiting.

## *Regional Ramblings*

**by JeAnne Selby, Region 3 Regional Director**

As I write, our 2023 Region 3 Regional Campvention in Sabetha, KS and 2023 International Campvention in Richmond, IND are both pleasant memories.

My deepest thanks to Kansas State Directors Earl and Ivalee Vanderhoff, their Committee and Kansas FCRVers, for hosting another successful Regional Campvention! Twenty-six Region 3 families attended the 2023 event. Iowa FCRVers will host the 2024 Regional.

Region 4 hosted the 2023 International Campvention July 9 - 14 at Richmond, IND, known as the "rose city," with many of the Campvention activities and events following a rose theme. The 63rd annual campvention offered many of the familiar campvention activities we've come to expect at International Campventions, along with several new ones. Many campvention participants also toured in and around Richmond during their free time, as well as before or after Campvention.

Region 3 FCRVers received several of numerous national awards presented throughout the week. They included a \$1,500 scholarship (one of three) awarded to Suzy Valderrabano of NE; the 2023 National Conservation Director's Award for Best Chapter Conservation Project, presented to the Aberdeen (SD) Night Owls; a \$500 National Wildlife Grant (one of three) awarded to the Dakota Zoo in Bismarck, ND; a \$25 cash prize awarded to Vern and Pam Failor, KS for the most colorful entry in the site decoration contest; Conner Smith of KS received a 2nd place ribbon on his "Camping Is" poster in the 7-to-8-year old category; Andrew Schultz, MN and Nikki Lucek, MN placed first in the Washer Toss Doubles; Andrew Schultz, MN placed first in the Men's Washer Toss; and Nikki Lucek, MN placed first in the Women's Washer Toss.

Mark your calendars for the 2024 International Campvention, next year to be hosted by Region 5 at Herkimer, NY June 23 - 29, a bit earlier than in recent years, due to limited availability of the venue. The Campvention theme will celebrate the diamond anniversary of FCRV.

I join Carl Fromholzer in encouraging our chapter tech gurus to submit "event recaps" (composed of "280-characters or less" summaries of chapter outings, plus up to 4 photographs) following club, district or state outings. These can be submitted on-line by clicking on "Camping Today" on the FCRV website, then "News," then "submission forms" and finally the "event recap" portal. Your State Director has an e-mailed step-by-step copy of the fairly easy instructions which can be forwarded. Your State Director, Carl, or I can provide assistance, if needed. We need to let people in the Heartland region know that we are out there having fun in the outdoors!

While I'm on the subject of submissions for the various FCRV social platforms, remember to have your club meet sometime this fall or early January (at the latest) to establish your club's 2024 chapter camping schedule. Your State Director needs to submit all chapter camping schedules to the National FCRV Office by February 28, 2024. If someone in your chapter is comfortable submitting the schedule to the Office, please also submit a copy to your State Director and Jan Selby. Posting your schedule to social media is a good member recruitment tool, plus your members will be covered for your season's chapter campouts. In addition, as more chapters submit their camping schedules, the annual insurance premium paid decreases.

One last tech comment: the public FCRV Facebook page is operational and anyone may join. If you haven't checked it out yet, please do so the next time you're checking Facebook posts!

A few changes implemented in recent months include:

- the field manual, which is on-line, has been undergoing revisions during the past 6 months. When finished, it will be reviewed by the Trustees and voted on by the Executive and Advisory Boards;
- volunteers are in the process of digitizing historical items, making them easier to share electronically for special FCRV events;
- four new National Program Directors have recently been appointed; they are the National Adult Activities, Conservation, and Wildlife Directors, along with a new National Historian;
- if National Guard/Reservists are called to active duty, the FCRV family membership can be placed on hold and extended the length of the deployment, until the soldier's return to family and community. Please notify your State Director, so he/she can notify the FCRV Office of the change;
- twenty-year-olds may hold their own individual memberships, provided notification is received in the National Office by the first of the birthday month;
- numerous changes to the National Scholarship application process will be cited in an upcoming issue of *Camping Today*. Scholarship applications are accepted January through April, to accredited schools only. Scholarships are available to qualified high school seniors for college and trade/tech schools (half scholarship awards), also to adult FCRVers for college and Master's degree programs. Scholarships are also open to grandchildren, if the parents join FCRV for at least 18 months. The grandchild is expected to volunteer for club and state activities/events. One of 2 accompanying recommendations must be from an FCRV member. For questions, contact National Scholarship Chair Deb Swanson or Scholarship Committee Member Jan Selby; and

## ***Regional Ramblings*** *(continued)*

- National Vice President of Planning & Development Amy deCamp is working tirelessly to secure commercial sponsors and encourage

members to partner with their local RV stores or others upon whom they rely for camping needs and wants. Commercial memberships go a long ways toward defraying operational costs!

There is a good chance you may not have noticed, but our National FCRV Office has gone virtual, due to black mold mitigation in the building. Office Manager Pat Wittmeyer is still answering your questions at the usual phone number (716-668-6242).

If you have an interest in becoming a candidate for one of the 3 Trustee positions up for election this coming Spring, let ND/SD State Director Sherry McGuire know this fall. She is one of 5 FCRVers serving on the National Nominating Committee.



## **Chaplain's Comments**

As most of you know I am an amateur radio operator or Ham. I first became interested in radio communications in my teenage years. At that time of my life, it was fascinating to me that messages could be sent by a simple tapping of a finger on a table top. Even though most of you have probably never learned what is called morse code, there is one sequence of letters that many of you will recognize. Dit-Dit-Dit Dad-Dah-Dah Dit-Dit-Dit in telegraphic language- or SOS- in any language is known as the international distress call. When it is sent, we know that someone desperately needs help and has resulted in the saving of many lives. Although we have advanced into a more technical world today, the simple sending of this message by whatever means will always have the same meaning.



We know that, throughout the history of mankind, there have also been distress calls sent by those who were lost in the sinful world in which we live. These cries for help do not require an SOS, but may be silent in nature. If only, those who call out know that there is someone there to answer their call. Luke 19:10 tells us:

*For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost*

Each of us comes into this world as an innocent child. It's not long before the world begins to indoctrinate us to the point that we can become so lost that the grace offered through Christ cannot find us.

Romans:3-22:

*We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.*

There are times in each of our lives that we may ask "WHY" and there is only One that can answer that question. As the old Hymn says: Take It To The Lord In Prayer, and through the grace of God you will find the answer.

The simple sending of this message to whoever is lost and in distress will help them find an answer.

# Zucchini Ricotta Fritters

(submitted by Mary Kay Hackett)

*Zucchini Ricotta Fritters are a delicious and savory treat, perfect as a side dish, appetizer, or even a light meal. Serve with a squeeze of fresh lemon juice.*

## Equipment

box grater or food processor  
frying pan

## Ingredients

2 cups grated zucchini (about two medium zucchinis)  
1 cup ricotta cheese, drained  
½ cup all purpose flour  
2 large eggs  
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese  
2 tablespoons green onion, chopped  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
½ teaspoon kosher salt  
¼ teaspoon black pepper  
olive oil for frying (about a cup)  
lemon wedges for serving, optional

Start by grating the zucchini using a box grater or a food processor. After grating, place the zucchini in a clean kitchen towel and squeeze out as much moisture as possible.

In a large mixing bowl, combine the grated and drained zucchini with the ricotta cheese, flour, eggs, grated Parmesan cheese, chopped green onion, minced garlic, baking powder, salt, and black pepper. Mix well until all the ingredients are thoroughly combined.

Heat a generous amount of olive oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium heat. The oil should measure about half an inch deep in the pan.

Using a spoon or scoop, carefully drop portions of the zucchini ricotta mixture into the hot oil, gently flattening each portion with the back of the spoon to form a fritter shape.

Fry the fritters in batches, making sure not to overcrowd the pan. Cook each fritter for about 2-3 minutes on each side or until they are golden brown and crispy.

Once the fritters are cooked, transfer them to a plate lined with paper towels to drain any excess oil. Top with a light sprinkle of kosher salt and squeeze of lemon juice.

## Memorial

Thomas "Tom" H. Paris, age 72 of York, NE died on Saturday, August 12, 2023 at his home, after an unexpected cancer diagnosis. He was born September 13, 1950 in Topeka, KS to Henry and Virginia (Seward) Paris. He graduated from high school in 1969 in Pueblo, CO.

In 1972, Tom moved to Nebraska and was a cook at Cattlemen's in Kearney, NE. Then in 1974, he moved to Lexington and bought Little Paris Café, where he met his future wife, Deborah Kneeland.

Through the years he owned Little Paris Café, TP Boot Repair, and Little Paris Family Restaurant. He also was a manager at Sav-A-Lot Deli and worked at VVS. In 2012, they relocated to York, NE and was a custodian at York Elementary School until his retirement in 2020.

Tom was married to Deborah on July 29, 1976 in Ravenna, NE. They were married for 47 years and they had two children: Matthew and Kayla.

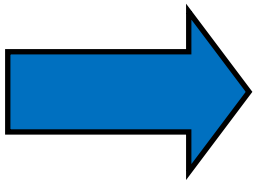


The family loved camping together and with friends. He always loved to cook and go fishing. He was an assistant scout master for Troop 144 in Lexington for many years. He was a member of Lexington Christian Church. He loved his family, especially his grandchildren Xavier and Izie. Tom was loved by all who knew him.

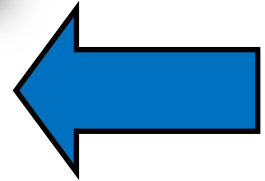
He is survived by his wife Deborah of York, son Matthew (Michelle) Paris of York and grandson Xavier and granddaughter Izie, daughter Kayla (Ryan) Stastny of Lincoln, NE, mother-in-law Myrl Kneeland, one brother, four sisters, and many brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews.

# Financials

NEBRASKA FCRV FINANCIAL REPORT	
July 31, 2023	
Chaplains Fund	472.60
Regional Fund	1426.01
General Fund	1518.39
Conservation Fund	74.50
CAMP Fund	65.00
Teen Fund	137.73
Youth Fund	61.58
Wildlife Fund	0
June Bug Fund	626.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4382.21</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
July Interest	\$ 2.16
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
None	



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