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"Where strangers become friends, and friends become family!"





Mother Nature is cycling between winter cold and spring warmth... that can only mean one thing: it's CAMPFIRE TIME!!! While "ordinary" campfires are wonderful, sometimes it is magical to celebrate by adding color to those warm flames. Certainly you can purchase the premade and proprietary packets of fire color... there are some readily available on Amazon. Or you can use some chemicals that you might already have on hand to spark up the experience!

A word to the wise: these substances are chemicals, and they should always be handled with care. Wear gloves to protect your hands, and realize that fumes can be toxic and should be avoided. These chemicals should be used only by adults and should be stored out of the reach of children and pets. Unless you are knowledgeable about chemical reactions, do not mix two chemicals together. And finally, make sure the campfire site is left clean after the fire is out.

The chart below gives an idea of what chemicals can produce specific colors and some common places where they could be found.



LIGHT GREEN	BORAX	Laundry booster
GREEN	ALUM	Pickling powder
WHITE	MAGNESIUM SULFATE	Epsom salt
BLUE	COPPER CHLORIDE	Some ice-melting products
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LILAC	POTASSIUM CHLORIDE	Water softener salt
SPARKS	SUGAR	
TURQUOISE	COPPER SULFATE	Sewer Root elimina- tor
PINK	LITHIUM CHLORIDE	Available on



## From the State President

## Ed Shaneyfelt

As it is 68 degrees here, I am thinking about getting the rig out of storage and ready to go. It's a good time to check it all over to make sure it is ready. We need to make sure no little critters visited, the tires are properly inflated, water lines flushed and ready, and all the lights work, and finally put all the stuff back in it.

After all that is done, we'll get ready to go to the **Spring Campout** at Johnson County Fairgrounds in Franklin on April 26-28, 2024. Call and get your reservation so the Fireflies and Coffee Pots have an idea on how many are coming and what they need to entertain you.

Next is the **Conservation Campout** at Bill Monroe Campground in Beanblossom, Indiana. The dates are May 3-5, 2024. If 10 units show up we get one night free.

The **Summer Campout** is at Jasper County Fairgrounds in Rensselear, Indiana, August 9-11, 2024. Plans for the weekend are in the works with a pitch in on Saturday night. The Sempers are planning a good time.

The Fall Invitational Amishville is at Campground in Geneva, Indiana, September 27-29. The trustees are hosting and plans will be done in the future. I will let you know when I know what we are doing. Get with Deena Felver to confirm or reserve a site.

If you would like for other members to camp with you put your schedule in the CHATTER so they can see it and possibly attend your gathering. You may never know when someone might drop in.

As I said last month, I am running for Vice President of Programs on the National level. That will not interfere with my duties to you and your state. I am staying on as the State President until next election or a successor is found. I will be looking for help in some areas. Feel free to approach me if you have any questions or concerns about the organization or positions in the organization.

Until next time, Ed Shaneyfelt



## From the State Director

## **Angie Shaneyfelt**

Here we are enjoying Spring at the end of February. This weather is just teasing as we should be camping in these 70-degree temps! Anyway, we are in Indiana and winter is not over.

## NATIONAL EVENTS:

Retiree Rally - March 18-24 in Mineola, Texas. Campvention - June 23-29 at Herkimer County Fairgrounds in Frankfort, NY For more information on these events, see www.fcrv.org or the Facebook page for more information.

## **REGIONAL EVENTS:**

The Great Lakes Region - July 24-28 will be at the Mercer County Fairgrounds in Celina, Ohio. See registration form in this Chatter

## STATE EVENTS:

See below for dates and locations.

## WILDLIFE GRANT:

Please let me know what organization you are submitting. I have a couple from northern Indiana that I am submitting.

## CAMPVENTION GIFT BASKET:

The committee organizing door prizes is asking that each state donate a "basket". If you have an item to donate, please bring it to the spring campout. Last year I did a throw together of cooler, camping pillow, kitchen towels...always fun to win items that you can

Below is a list of some of our Great Lakes Region's planned campouts. If you are interested in attending and need more information, you can contact me.

April 26-28 **Indiana Spring Campout/Johnson** County Fairgrounds, Franklin, Indiana April 26-28 Southeast Michigan District campout/ Davisburg, Michigan

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# Conservation

Indiana State Association FCRV Conservation/Wildlife Director Misty Stuckwisch

By the time you are reading this we will know if March has come in like a lion or a lamb. I personally prefer the lion, so we get the bad stuff over before summer comes. I know it's just an old wives' tale, but in my experience, it seems to fall true. What do you think? What wise tales do swear by?

We have been relishing the mild temps at my house, although the flies seem to come out of thin air, my weeds popped up overnight, and my Daffodils are poking their heads up to the sun. I love this time of year as the earth wakes up and warms up! It's even time to be thinking of getting the camper out and prepping it for the first campout in April! As you wipe down walls and toss out dust bunnies, make sure to check your tires. 11,000 accidents occur each year due to tire failure. It's so easy to overlook the basics, but your life is riding on this one!

I tried a new recipe last week and will share it with you. Peanut butter bread! It is moist, so full of that peanut butter flavor, and super easy to make.

Till we camp again,

Misty

## PEANUT BUTTER BREAD

By Paula Deen

## **INGREDIENTS**

4 teaspoons baking powder 1/3 cup sugar 1 1/2 cups milk

1 teaspoon salt 2 cups all purpose flour 1/2 cup peanut butter

## **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 °F.
- 2. Combine dry ingredients.
- Add milk and peanut butter.
   Pour into a greased 8x4x3- inch loaf pan. Bake for approximately 40 to 50 minutes.
- 5. Serve with your favorite jam or butter.

Makes 1 loaf.



## **CLEAN UP TO CAMP OUT!**

**Conservation Campout** 

May 3-5, 2024

Need reservations to Misty by March 1st

1st night FREE provided we get 10 units to camp AND help with the annual cleanup/workday on the 4th! (It will not be all day)

NO activity fee for the weekend!

Bring your gloves & a set of old clothes to work in!

This will be a casual weekend - pitch in on Saturday night!

Bill Monroe Campground

5163 Indiana Hwy 135, Morgantown IN 46160

812-988-6422













Hello, my name is Ed Shaneyfelt. I am running for Vice President of Programs. I have been involved with NCHA/FCRV since my family joined in the fall of 1971.

Through my years I participated in the youth and teen program and made a lot of friends along the way. Still today I am still making friends that become like family.

In 1987 I married my lovely wife, Angie. We raised two wonderful children who participated in the programs also. Our daughter Paige was an Indiana state queen, and our son Fletcher was the first National Teen King. I have been involved or in charge of teen sports for the last 15 years.

At the State level, I have been Northern rep, Vice President, President, Past President, and current President for Indiana over the last 25 years. Also, I have been serving as the National Campvention Director

for the past 9 years.

I am excited to embark on this new journey to make sure FCRV survives for future generations. To do this I believe the focus should be to update our existing programs, to ensure that they are best serving the needs of our existing members as well as benefitting new members as we continue to grow and expand. I am looking forward to working with the Program Directors to get this accomplished, whether it is the CAMP, Conservation, DASAT, Adult, Teen, Youth, or Veterans Programs. I will need to fill some open program director positions that are currently vacant. I understand that I would be responsible for those programs until I can find Directors. With the help of the directors and members, I believe we can create a prosperous future for our organization.

I'm here to represent the membership, please let me know your concerns if I'm elected so your voice will be heard. Your vote would be greatly appreciat-

ed.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hello, Camp Family,

March is here, the month of Spring. This year Lori and I are going to the Retiree Rally. We thought we'd get some practice at this "next" chapter of life. It's just around the corner.

I want y'all to think upon the Lord's Blessings. Easter is on the 31st. We have been blessed!

We're going to Evansville the weekend of the

printing of this issue.

I would like to know who would be interested in attending the Cornerstone Campground for a remembrance for Bernice Nigh and Dr. Allan Springer. I don't have a date yet.

May we soon share winter survival stories! Until we share a campfire, God bless!

Harlan Nigh [+]



STATE DIRECTOR (Continued from page 2)

May 3-6 Bean Blossom conservations campout/ Morgantown, Indiana (Brown County)

May 16-19 Ohio Spring Statewide/Camp HiYo, Homerville, Ohio

May 17-19 Illinois State Campout/Springfield Fairgrounds, Springfield Illinois

May 17-19 Michigan State Spring Campout/ Gladwin County Fairgrounds/Gladwin, Michigan

May 17-19 Ohio Stars May Chapter Campout/ Souder Village, Archbold, Ohio

August 9-11 **Indiana Summer Campout/**Jasper County Fairgrounds, Rensselear, Indiana

September 13-15 Illinois State Campout w/Retiree Campout/Marshall-Putnam Fairground, Henry,

September 25-27 Indiana Retirees campout at Amishville USA Campground/Geneva, Indiana September 27-29 Indiana Fall Invitational at

Amishville USA Campground/Geneva, Indiana September 27-29 Blue Water District/Eastern

Michigan Fairgrounds/Imlay City, Michigan

Short and sweet for this month. I will elaborate more on Campvention in the next issue of the Indiana Hoosier Chatter that Marilyn Rausch does such a wonderful job at composing!

Camping season is getting closer...

# Chemical Safetyin

DASAT Thoughts
Marilyn Rausch

## the Home

Spring cleaning is a time to start fresh and get rid of accumulated "stuff," Chemicals in the home can be of particular concern. Common household hazards include

- cleaning agents (bleach, ammonia, dishwasher products, oven and drain cleaners, etc.)
- pest control products
- weed killers and other gardening products
- Flammable items (kerosene, home heating oil, propane tanks, lighter fluid, lighters)
- swimming pool chemicals
- medications (OTC and prescription)
- paints
- automotive products (antifreeze and oil).
- Other miscellaneous hazardous materials (batteries, mercury thermometers, florescent light bulbs)

Storing chemicals safely includes keeping all products in their original containers and storing them out of the reach of children and pets. Original packaging should include safety statements and indicate what should be done in case of inadvertent contact or consumption as well as safe storage instructions. If it is necessary to repackage chemicals, NEVER save chemicals in food containers, Make sure that the name and all precautionary information are prominently located on the new packaging.

Do not use chemicals for anything other their intended use. NEVER mix two different chemicals, as toxic gases or even explosions could occur. Always use chemicals in a ventilated area. Any rags or other items that are used should be washed before discarding or storing them.

Since many chemicals are flammable, never use cleaning chemicals, hair spray, spray colognes, paint products or pesticides near an open flame.

After completing using the chemicals, do not pour them down a drain or toilet, on the ground or discard them into regular rubbish. The containers should give guidance to disposing unused materials and their containers and handling accidental exposures.

Indiana citizens can contact their local solid waste management district (listed on the Association of Indiana Solid Waste Management Districts' website), local government agency (listed at MyLocal.IN.gov), and/or the Indiana Household Hazardous Waste Task Force to find household hazardous waste (HHW) collection programs, such as drop-off sites, where HHW will be responsibly managed, disposed of, recycled, and/or reused. Marion County residents can find HHW drop-off sites at Indy.gov, since Marion County does not have a solid waste management district.

## IN CASE OF A CHEMICAL EMERGENCY

Accidental spills, leaking containers, or inadvertent physical contact with or ingestion of household chemicals may still happen. Get out of the area immediately, especially if there is danger of fire or explosion. Stay upwind and away from the area to avoid breathing toxic fumes.

The following symptoms warrant immediate actions:

- \* Difficulty breathing
- \* Irritation of the eyes, skin, throat, respiratory tract
- \* Changes in skin color
- Headache or blurred vision
- \* Dizziness, clumsiness or lack of coordination
- Abdominal cramps or diarrhea

If someone is experiencing toxic symptoms or exposure, call the National Poison Control Center at 800-222-1222. If possible and safe, have the container available to help the responder to direct your rescue approach. Do not give anything by mouth unless you are advised to do so by a medical professional.

A spring inventory of your home may reveal more accumulated chemicals than you might expect. Evaluate what is safe and reasonable to save, then save them responsibly. Otherwise, discard them responsibly!

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## LAYERED APPLE PORK CHOP BAKE

## **INGREDIENTS**

4-6 boneless pork chops 2-3 apples (peeled, sliced) 1/2 tbsp. cornstarch (opt) 1/4 c (1/2 stick) butter salt and pepper to taste fresh rosemary for garnish 1 tsp. cinnamon, divided.

## PREPARATION:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

2. Layer sliced apples in bottom of baking dish. Sprinkle with 1/2 tsp. cinnamon and 1/4 tsp nutmeg.

3. Place pork chops over apple slices. Season with salt and pepper.

4. In medium saucepan, combine butter and brown sugar, whisking until melted and incorporated. Stir in remaining cinnamon and nutmeg. (Whisk in cornstarch if thicker glaze desired).

5. Pour mixture over pork chops and apple slices.

6. Bake for 35-40 minutes until pork is cooked through.

7. Remove from oven and sprinkle with fresh rosemary.

12 Tomatoes, adapted from Wondermom Wannabe https://wondermomwannabe.com/baked-prok-chops-apples/

## YUM YUM SAUCE

This is a very versatile sauce that can be used as a topping for meat, veggies, or even a sandwich spread.

## **INGREDIENTS:**

1 cup mayonnaise 2 tbsp. catsup 2 tsp rice vinegar 1/2 tsp paprika 1 tsp garlic powder 1 tsp onion powder 1 tbsp. granulated sugar Hot sauce to taste (optional)

## PREPARATION:

- 1. In small bowl, whisk all ingredients together until smooth.
- 2. If thinner sauce is desired, add 1 tbsp. water at a time.
- 3. Cover and chill for up to 1 week. Enjoy!!

12 Tomatoes, adapted from the Salty Marshmallow https://thesaltymarshmallow.com/yum-yum-sauce/#recipe.

See Misty Stuckwisch's recipe for **PEANUT BUTTER BREAD** on page 4!



## pter Cam

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.

April 26-28, 2024	State Campout hosted by the Fireflies and	Johnson County 4-H Fairgrounds
May 31-June 2		Turkey Run State Park
June 23-29, 2024	Campvention	Herkimer Co., New Your
July 12-14		Starve Hollow
September 13-15		
October 25-27		Spring Mill St. Park

If you have any questions, call Ron Cohee at 765-661-9673.



April 13-20	Two Rivers Campground	Nashville, TN
	Johnson County Fair-	
April 26-28	grounds	<b>Spring Campout</b>
	Bill Monroe	Conservation
May 3-5	Campground	Campout
	White River	
May 16-19	Campground	Cicero
	Charlestown State	
July 11-14	Park?	
	Mercer County (OH)	Great Lakes Re-
July 24-28	Fairgrounds	gional
	Jasper County Fair-	Summer Cam-
Aug 9-11	grounds	pout
Aug 16-18	Mississinewa SRA	Peru, IN
	Shipshewana North	
Sept 10-15	Campground	
Sept 25-26	Amishville Campground	Retiree Rally
Sept 27-29	Amishville Campground	Fall Invitational

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

A reminder and message from Ron Cohee about the INDIANA SPRING CAMPOUT.

Place: Johnson County 4-H Fairgrounds, Franklin, Indiana

(All full hookups)

Dates: Friday, April 26-28, 2024

## RESERVATIONS NEEDED BY MARCH 1, 2024!

Campground Phone Number: 317-738-3247

NOTE: No one will be in the office when you call; On the answering machine, select option 3

Give your name, return number, and tell them you are with FCRV.

Someone will get back with you in 48 hours to get the rest of the information needed.





# Family Campers & RVers Wildlife Refuge Program Inc. Application for Grant

Name of Organization: _				
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Email:	FCRV Member (Yes or No):			

Please mail/email to:

Thomas Martinez 1602 Dover St Broomfield, CO 80020 rcí:wildlircdií@gmail.com

## 2024 GREAT LAKES REGIONAL CAMPOUT



## Experience the *Grand*Life with FCRV Family and Friends



## July 24-28, 2024 Mercer County Fairgrounds 1001 W. Market Street – Celina Ohio 45822

Welcome party, Race Across the Great Lakes, bingo, ole' fashion picnic, games, tours and much, much more.

	Pre-Registration \$30.00 per night + \$20 activity fee  Wed Thur Fri Sat			
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	Registration at Gate \$35.00 per night + \$20 activity fee			
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City	StateZip			
Adults _	Youth Teens			
Make ch	eck payable to: Great Lakes Regional Account			
Send Pre	registration to: David and Linda Hennie			

Questions?: Contact us at <u>GLR4FCRV@aol.com</u>
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## **Indiana State Events**

2024 Indiana Spring Campout
April 26-28, 2024
Hosted by Fireflies and Coffeepots
Johnson County 4-H Fairgrounds
Franklin, Indiana
317-738-3247

Reservations by March 1, 2024

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May 3-5, 2024
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812-988-6422

Make reservations by March 1, 2024 through Misty Stuckwisch MistyStu21@yahoo.com 812-528-2097

2024 Indiana Summer Campout
August 9-11, 2024
Hosted by the Semper Family
Jasper County Fairgrounds
Rensselaer, Indiana

2024 Indiana Retiree Rally September 25-26, 2024 Amishville Campground 844 E 900 S Geneva, Indiana (260) 589-3536

2024 Indiana Fall Invitational
September 27-29, 2024
Hosted by Indiana Trustees
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(260) 589-3536

Make reservations through Deena Felver cdfelver@metalink.net 419-203-6627

## **Regional Events**

Great Lakes Regional Campout
July 24-28, 2024
Hosted by Ohio FCRV
Mercer County Fairgrounds
Celena, OH

## **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
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