

The Bizzy Beaver Newsletter April 2024



*Golden Lakers Campout
April 7-11, 2024
Lake Kissimmee State Park*





From Our State Directors:

This is our first newsletter since our special election. We would like to thank Richard Jansen and the officers of FSA for all the time that they put forth for the special election as well as the leadership they showed to the organization for the last 2+ years. This was a difficult time for all of us in FSA. We also like to thank all of you who stepped forward to continue with FSA and the scholarship fund.

The new officers for FSA are:

President : Beth Coniglio

Vice President : Butch Rulla

Treasurer: Roger Blouch

Secretary: Sharon Jansen

Scholarship Chairman: Johnny Woodward

We have many camping opportunities coming up. The first is the Spring Rally for FSA. The rally will be held May 16-19 at Little Charlie Creek RV Park in Wauchula. We have 51 registered FCRV members in Florida, so we should be able to have more than 10 rigs attend this campout. If you no longer camp, how about joining us on Saturday for our activities, meeting and dinner. Whether you are camping or just coming for the day, we need you to register for planning purposes. More information is available in another place in this newsletter.

The second camping rally is the Southeast Regional Rally in Mount Airy, North Carolina June 12-16. This is a good stopping place on your way to Campvention.

This year the 75th National Campvention is being held in Frankfort, NY from June 23 to June 29.

Welcome to our 2 new Florida members:

Kristeen & Lee Hilkert, Riverview, FL

Billy & Donna Key, Crest view, FL

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in May.

Happy Camping!

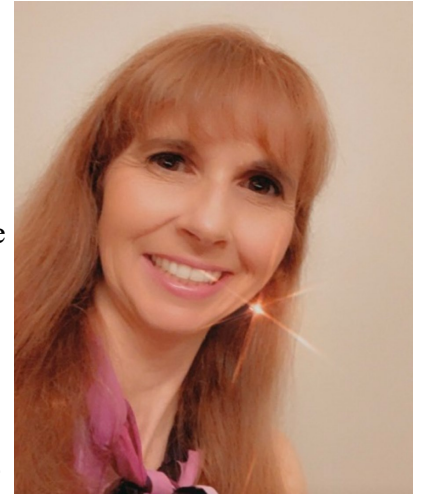
Bob & Emma Moore

Florida State Directors

Hello Floridian camping friends,

I am excited to represent the Florida members of FCRV as the President of the Florida State Association chapter. Some of you know me and my family from the campouts, but I wanted to share a little about myself for those who are new or do not know me personally, along with presenting some new and exciting things that are in the works.

I started camping with my family as a young child and my parents joined FCRV (then called NCHA) when I was a teenager. We attended many state, regional, and national events throughout my teen years and young adulthood. When I married my husband, Lou, we continued to participate with my parents occasionally. My parents started taking our girls to National Campventions in 2004 and that became the highlight of their summer. Gradually, Lou and I started to join them when able to and after we moved to Florida, we decided to join FCRV ourselves. Our children were still young at the time and enjoyed attending the state campouts twice a year, along with traveling to the National Campvention. We are proud to be the parents of two National Teen Queens (2014 & 2021) and to know that we have 4 young women who have benefitted from the programs that were available to them through FCRV. Ranging in age from 20-27, you will still see them at campouts when their busy lives allow.



I have been the acting Florida Teen Director since 2013 when our oldest became a teen and served as the National Teen Director for one year, but this is my first time holding a position in the Florida State chapter. I enjoy camping and traveling in my spare time and plan to work closely with our State Directors to build our state membership over the next 2 years. My hope is that we will be able to build a state organization that spans generations for years to come. We will continue our current schedule of two state campouts per year, chapter campouts and our support of our members who seek higher education through the state scholarship program. Our main focus is going to be recruitment of couples and families of all ages as members. If you have an idea that you think will help build our state chapter, please be sure let us know. You can contact me at econiglio@yahoo.com or you can contact the State Directors at remflfcrv@gmail.com. We have two new things that are already in the works. The first one will begin with our next newsletter and will be called Member Spotlight. We have a lot of members in Florida that have done a lot over the years for the Florida State Association and FCRV National. We would like to showcase them so that new members who join us for the first time will feel like they already know some of us. If you would like to provide an article about yourself/family or would like to suggest someone, please let us know. The second item is that we have established an account on Discord. Discord is a social media app, much like What's App and Facebook Messenger. This social media app is used mostly by the younger generations, so it will help us get our name out there and offer another way for our members to communicate. Thanks to our member in the panhandle, Christopher Fullington, for getting it set up and helping me learn it! You can find more information on Discord in the What's new on Social Media section of this newsletter.

I want to thank everyone for the faith you have placed in me to keep our Florida State Association going over the next two years. I look forward to serving our membership and hope that we can work together to grow our membership and keep the chapter going for many years to come. I hope to see you at our Spring State Campout, May 17-19, at Little Charlie Creek RV Park in Wauchula.

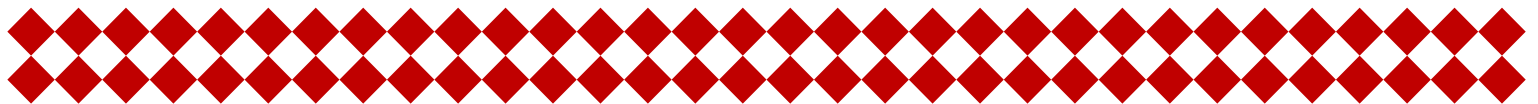
Happy Camping!
Beth Coniglio

WHAT IS NEW ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Our members have many ways to find out information about our organization. The National office maintains the National website (fcrv.org), which most of us have been to at least once. It is full of information about our entire organization. However, did you know that they also maintain a National Facebook page/group? This is full of information and is constantly being updated. If you are planning to attend Campvention, this is the place to get the scoop on everything from directions to activities on grounds and off grounds. Each state and even some chapters also have Facebook pages where they post information about upcoming events. Florida even has one. Members can see pictures of our campouts and communicate with one another.

Facebook seems to be the social media of choice for FCRV, but there are many more out there. Here in Florida we had a member reach out to us about setting up a Discord account. Discord works similar to Facebook Messenger and What's App applications. Discord seems to be where the younger generations meet, so in an effort to gain more members of all ages we decided to give it a go. Christopher Fullington, a member from the panhandle, got us all set up and ready for people to join. If you are interested in seeing all that Discord has to offer, click the link below to join our server (group). We look forward to meeting you in the app!

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2024/2025 Camping Dates to Remember (schedule does not reflect early days)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
May 6-9, 2024	Colt Creek State Park, Lakeland, FL	Golden Lakers Campout
May 17 -19, 2024	Little Charlie Creek Park, Wauchula, FL	Florida State Rally
June 12-16, 2024	SE Regional Campout, Mount Airy, NC	Regional Campout
June 23-29, 2024	Campvention, Frankfort, NY	National Campout
Sept. 9-12, 2024	Wekiwa Springs State Park, Apopka, FL	Golden Lakers Campout
Oct. 7-10, 2024	Santos Trailhead, Ocala, FL	Golden Lakers Campout
Nov.	To Be Announced	Florida State Rally
Dec. 9-12, 2024	Hillsborough River SP, Thonotosassa, FL	Golden Lakers Campout
Jan. 6-9, 2025	Hillsborough River SP, Thonotosassa, FL	Golden Lakers Campout
Feb. 24-27, 2025	Rainbow Springs State SP, Dunnellon, FL	Golden Lakers Campout
March 2025	Dothan, Alabama	Retirees Rally
April 7-10, 2025	Lake Kissimmee SP, Lake Wales, FL	Golden Lakers Campout



FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION

Spring Rally

Little Charlie Creek RV Park
1850 Heard Bridge Road
Wauchula, Fl 33873
(863) 773-0088

The Spring Florida State Association Rally will be May 17-19 (early day, May 16) at Little Charlie Creek in Wauchula.

The registration fee for the rally is \$10.00 per adult. Make checks payable to Florida State Association (FSA). Send your completed registration form with the registration fee to Bob & Emma Moore. We need the registration forms returned by May 10th, so we know how to plan. The cost for camping is \$40.50 per night. Please call and make your own reservations. Be sure to say you are camping with FCRV Florida State Association.

The rally will provide dinner on Friday & Saturday nights and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday.

If you have any questions, please call Beth Coniglio (908) 319-8834 or Emma Moore (863) 234-1173

2024 Spring Rally Registration Form

Name _____ Chapter _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____ E-mail _____

Arrival Date _____

Camping Unit Type _____

Length _____

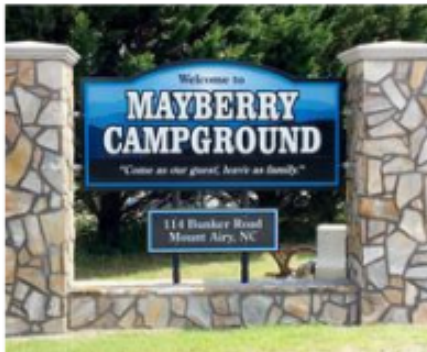
Diet Restrictions _____

Number of people

Adults _____

Children _____

Ages _____



SE REGIONAL CAMPOUT
“THE FIFTIES” THEME
MAYBERRY CAMPGROUND
111 BYRON BUNKER LANE
MOUNT AIRY, NC 27030
336-789-6199

[Home \(mayberrycampground.com\)](http://mayberrycampground.com)

RALLY DAYS: JUNE 12-16, 2024

EARLY DAYS: YOUR PREFERENCE, BUT MAKE SURE YOU RESERVE YOUR SITE ACCORDINGLY

CAMPING FEE: \$50.00 DEPOSIT WHEN REGISTERING, \$45.00/NIGHT PER SITE, PLUS TAX. PASSPORT AMERICA CAN BE APPLIED TO YOUR NIGHTLY RATE FOR UP TO 2 NIGHTS. PRICE INCLUDES FULL HOOK-UPS (30 & 50 AMP ELECTRIC, WATER, SEWER, CABLE TV & Wifi), TWO MEALS (breakfast & dinner), ENTERTAINMENT AND ALL ACTIVITIES. CAMPGROUND NOW HAS A CAMPSTORE ON SITE.

WHAT TO SEE: MOUNT AIRY IS A QUAIN SMALL TOWN WITH MANY THINGS TO SEE INCLUDING ANDY GRIFFITH MUSEUM, BUNKER HOME PLACE, MANY RESTAURANTS AND DOWNTOWN SHOPS.

REGIONAL REGISTRATION FEE: \$40.00 MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TRAVELING TARHEELS AND SEND REGISTRATION FORM AND FEE TO:

MAIL TO: PAM LIKINS
212 MORRIS STREET
KINGS MOUNTAIN, NC 28086
PHONE: 386-365-0823
EMAIL: pamf104@gmail.com

DIRECTIONS TO CAMPGROUND:

FROM I-77 N TAKE EXIT 101 ONTO I-74 EAST. CONTINUE I-74 EAST TO EXIT 11 (US 601). TURN RIGHT AT END OF RAMP AND TRAVEL ¼ MILE THEN TURN LEFT ONTO S. MCKINNEY RD AND FOLLOW SIGNS TO CAMPGROUND.

FROM US-52 NORTH MERGE LEFT ONTO I-74 WEST AS YOU NEAR MOUNT AIRY. CONTINUE I-74 WEST TO EXIT 11. TURN LEFT AT END OF RAMP AND TRAVEL ½ MILE, THEN TURN LEFT ONTO S. MCKINNEY RD AND FOLLOW SIGNS TO CAMPGROUND.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM BELOW AND MAIL TO PAM LIKINS WITH YOUR CHECK

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

ADULTS _____ ATTENDING

CHILDREN _____ ATTENDING (2024 SER)



FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers 2024 CAMPVENTION

"Celebrating Our Future"

June 23-29, 2024

Herkimer County Fairgrounds

135 Cemetery Road, Frankfort, NY 13340



REGISTRATION:

Welcome to Campvention 2024. Everyone must complete a registration form, including second families and camp day passes. Submit payment with the completed form. All funds shall be in US currency, including checks and money orders. There will be room for you if you decide to come at the last minute. Simply bring this registration form with you.

****Refund policy:** If you are unable to attend, all except \$25 will be refunded AFTER the conclusion of 2024 Campvention.

Registration deadline May 15th - Pay before December 31, 2023, to receive a \$25 discount (\$325.00).

	Registration	At Gate
One Family in the Unit	\$350.00	\$385.00
Extra Family in the Unit (separate pay)	\$180.00	\$200.00
Week Drive-in Day Pass (June 23-29)	\$175.00	\$190.00
Drive-in Day Pass (per day)	\$30.00	\$35.00

Early Bird Days: June 21 and 22 @ \$45/night (pay upon arrival – cash/check) The gates will be open Friday at 12 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State/Province: _____ Zip Code _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Is this your first Campvention? Yes No Are you a Veteran and what branch? _____

Number of people in your unit: Adults: _____ Teens: _____ Youth: 9 – 12 _____ Youth: 5 – 8 _____

Total number of people in Unit: _____

****Please list the names and ages of all youth and teens on the back of this form.**

We would like to volunteer for: _____

CAMPVENTION PARKING: (There will be no special needs sites available at the gate.)

Check if you are requesting a special needs site: (Valid Handicap parking proof must be presented upon arrival.)

Please note the LENGTH of camping rig behind type:

Motor Home _____ 5th Wheel _____ Travel Trailer _____ Pop-Up _____ Number of slide outs _____

Electricity: 30 amp 50 amp (50amp is limited. Handicap first. Then first come, first served.)

****Bring extension cords. Water available. Bring hoses and Y connectors.**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FCRV Campvention

Mail checks and completed forms to:

Susan Fromholzer
137 Crandon Blvd
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

For inquiries please call (716) 359-8949.

Send my confirmation via: Email Mail

FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

FSA SCHOLARSHIP

An annual college scholarship may be awarded by the Florida State Association of FCRV to an FCRV member or a child/grandchild/greatgrandchild of an FCRV member residing in the state of Florida. This annual scholarship is awarded in the belief that campers wish to be responsible for the selection and encouragement of students who will be guardians of our rich wildlife heritage, leaders in conservation and development of outdoor recreation.

The FSA Scholarship Fund, which is basically supported by FCRV members of the State of Florida, will consist of all interest earned during the year plus donations marked for the current year's distribution. An exact stipend cannot be guaranteed.

1. The candidate, if a minor, must be a dependent child or grandchild or greatgrandchild of a Florida resident who has been a member of FCRV for at least two years. Grandparents and grandchild and great grandchild must both be residents of the State of Florida. An adult (persons 21 or over) whether dependent or not, may apply as long as they or their parent or grandparent have been in FCRV for the two years previous.
2. The candidate must be planning to attend an accredited institution of higher learning or a technical school that will qualify the candidate to receive a diploma or license upon completion.
3. The student who pursues a program of wildlife management, conservation, and/or forestry in an accredited institute of higher education will be given precedence.
4. The candidate must have an academic standing in the upper one-half of their class and combined SAT scores of 1000 or better. Applicants currently enrolled in college must have a cumulative 2.7 grade point average for the time enrolled.
5. Consideration will be given to general maturity, leadership, activities within FCRV and the goals of the candidate as related to the objectives of FCRV and FSA.
6. Equal consideration will be given to high school seniors, college students, and former recipients of the scholarships.
7. Re-application for the scholarship must be made every year.

SELECTION OF FSA SCHOLAR

Selection will be made by the Scholarship Board of Directors. Selection will be made at the Spring FSA Campout and the name of the recipient(s) will be announced at that campout.

PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING FOR FSA SCHOLARSHIP

The following information must be in the possession of the Scholarship Director by May 1st of the year the award is to be given.

1. Official Application Form
2. Certified copy of high school transcript and official record of College Board scores (SAT, ACT, etc.) for **HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**.
3. Proof of admission to an accredited institution of higher learning or a technical school which will grant a diploma or license upon completion.
4. Certified copy of college transcripts up to the date of application for **COLLEGE STUDENTS OR TECHNICAL SCHOOL STUDENTS**.
5. Two letters of recommendation (relatives not acceptable). Suggested: a school teacher or administrator, and an FCRV member from Florida.
6. Photostat copy of parents/ grandparents FCRV membership card, or own card if over 21.
7. Former applicants may reapply each year they wish to be considered by submitting:
 - a) Certified copy of college transcript to date of application.
 - b) Photostat copy of parents/grandparents FCRV membership card, or own card if over 21.

FAILURE TO SUBMIT ANY OF THE ABOVE MAY CAUSE YOUR APPLICATION TO BE REJECTED.

Application form may be obtained by writing to, and application submitted to:

Johnny Woodward, 460 Heather Ave., NE Palm Bay, FL 32907-2513

E-mail: wfflnc@aol.com Phone: 321-327-7082

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY May 1

**FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FCRV
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
COLLEGE STUDENTS**

Name:(last)_____ (first)_____ (middle)_____

Address:_____

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Birth Date:_____ SS#_____ Phone_____

Number of years as resident in Florida:_____

Parents' Names:_____

Parents' Address (if different):_____

Date joined FCRV:_____ Chapter:_____

FCRV experience: How many of the following have you attended if any?

_____ Chapter Campout _____ FCRV/FSA State Rally _____ FCRV Nation Rally

If applying through Grandparents' or Great grandparents' membership, complete the following:

Grandparents' Names:_____

Grandparents' Address:_____

Date joined FCRV:_____ Chapter_____

College attending:_____

Address_____

Course of Study:_____

Student Identification #_____

I certify that all statements contained in this application are true and correct:

Sign:_____ **Date:**_____

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: MAY 1

FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FCRV
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM
HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Name:(last)_____ (first)_____ (middle)_____

Address:_____

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Birth Date:_____ SS#:_____ Phone:_____

Number of years as resident in Florida:_____

Parents' Names:_____

Parents' Address (if different):_____

Date joined FCRV:_____ Chapter:_____

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DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: MAY 1

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM
HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS (continued)

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Name of High School: _____

Address: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

List Honors, Awards and Special Recognitions received during your High School years:

List of activities (school, scouting, FCRV, etc.) engaged in during high school years:

FUTURE PLANS:

College or school planning to attend: _____

Address: _____

Date you intend to start college: _____

Course of Study: _____

I certify that all statements contained in this application are true and correct:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: MAY 1