



# HOOSIER CHATTER

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

## Fun in the Sun

Jasper County Fairgrounds  
Rensselaer, Indiana

The 2024 Summer Campout definitely lived up to its name!  
Thank you to the Semper Family and friends who provided a wonderful campout and incredible weather!!!



From the C.A.M/P. walk around the beautiful fairgrounds to the S'mores hospitality to a delicious baked potato bar dinner, The Indiana FCRV Summer Campground provided fun and fellowship for all. It was a perfect time to unwind and relax together. Follow this link to see more memories:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/8Ns5zL5H3U1U6ktp7>



We were given the opportunity to tour the spectacular facilities and training area for the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Station. It is the oldest fire station in Indiana, and in addition to the state-of-the-art facility, has some historical engines available (even a horse-drawn engine!)

Rensselaer also has a fantastic "Art Walk" of murals painted on many buildings. To see more of these works of art, follow the following link:  
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/3J1gCkz322GuxDPN8>



## From the State President

Ed Shaneyfelt

The summer campout hosted by the Semper family was a huge success. It was wonderful and interesting taking a tour of the fire station learning about all their responsibilities and training they do. We had a wonderful tour guide in Kyle Haun. You could tell he was very knowledgeable and takes pride in being a fireman.

The **Fall Invitational** is next, hosted by the trustees. We will be having hospitality on Friday night. The theme is "Hawaiian Weekend" so come dressed accordingly. We have some games and a craft to do on Saturday and a feast for you on Saturday night. We will do the camp walk for popcorn again before we have the program.

The trustees approved two campouts for next year's schedule. The first one will be the Spring campout hosted by Fireflies and Coffeepots on April 25-27 at Cornerstone Campground in New Castle. The theme will be "celebration of life", When you call cornerstone for a sight mention FCRV for April campout.

The next one will be the Summer campout held on August 15-17 at Friends O Mine campground by Nashville. It will be hosted by The Happy Glampers. You can call and make reservations anytime and let them know you are with the FCRV camping club. I am sure with as much time that the clubs have to plan these events, they will have a fun time planned.

As your making your schedule out for the next year remember these dates and the National Campvention in Lebanon Tennessee being held July 20 through the 26 2025.

Until next time  
*Ed Shaneyfelt*



*Editor's Note:*

*See the last page of the CHATTER for the addresses and phone numbers for the 2025 Spring and Fall Campouts.*



## From the State Director

Angie Shaneyfelt

The mid-summer campout at Jasper County Fairgrounds was amazing. If you missed it, you missed a great one.

We had a guided tour of the fire station by Kyle Haun. I love that it is a family tradition for the Haun's and they take great pride in their town and the care of the residents. Thank you Kyle and we will be back to visit your training facility when that is finished!

The town of Rensselaer has an "Art Walk" that consisted of many murals. They were all amazing.

Thank you to Valerie Semper and her family for hosting this great campout!

On the National front: Make sure you are planning on attending the 2025 Campvention in Lebanon, Tennessee. It will be a great time! It is only 30 minutes from Nashville and I'm sure there is a lot to see there! The Campvention will be July 20-26. Watch Camping today for more information as this event gets closer.

Please see the article elsewhere in the chatter regarding **Discord**. The National has begun using this platform instead of Zoom. All members are welcome to get the app and use this form of communication. As far as our State Trustees, it could be set up and used for special meetings. Got to stay up with the changing times!

The National membership database now has the ability to list a second email address. If you would like another email address listed (or make sure you know what email is listed), please shoot me an email with that information and I will get that taken care of for you.

The next state campout will be held in September. The Retiree Rally will be at Amishville Campground September 25-27, then the state members will join on the 27 for the weekend. Make sure Deena Felver has your information if you are attending. She will make sure that everyone has a site! If you have any questions about your site, please contact her at [cdfelver@metalink.net](mailto:cdfelver@metalink.net)

We'll see everyone at Amishville. It will be a great campout hosted by the Indiana Trustees.

Camping season is winding down,  
*Angie Shaneyfelt*

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# Youth and Teen News

Indiana State Association FCRV  
Youth and Teen Director  
Misty Stuckwisch

I hope everyone had a great time camping at Rensselaer Indiana! I don't want to say there were too many flies that joined us but coming home I pulled a tissue out of my purse and a fly came out with it. I also took one home in my leftover three bean salad from the pitch in. That was not the extra protein I was looking for.

It was a beautiful weekend. A big thanks to the Semper family for hosting. The campground was nice, and the custom tour of the Marion township firehouse was amazing.

We were blessed with five youth for our campout. They participated in an egg and spoon race. The kids even got some adults involved. There was definitely some competition going on! Each youth was awarded a container of cloud dough for their achievements. Thank you for sharing your kids with me. I enjoy seeing them at camp outs and love planning activities for them.

Till we camp again,  
*Misty Stuckwisch*



2024 Indiana Fall Invitational  
"Hawaiian Weekend"  
September 27-29, 2024  
Hosted by Indiana Trustees  
Amishville Campground  
844 E 900 S  
Geneva, Indiana

Hi there,

This is Deena Felver and I am reminding everyone who still needs a site yet at Amishville to please let me know at [cdfelver@metalik.net](mailto:cdfelver@metalik.net) or 419 203-6627 asap.

Also if you have signed up but are not going to be able to make it, please let me know so if necessary we can use that site for last-minute attendees. At this time there are still sites available.

Thanks in advance.

*Deena Felver*

Indiana State FCRV Secretary



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hello Camp Family,

As the season is winding down, it's nice to have a chance to turn our eyes to the beautiful fall colors.

We had a good turnout at Jasper County, got to learn some of Fire Fighters duties. I want to say Thank you to Kyle for a great hands-on tour.

As usual the food was great, But WOW, it was a "Fly Festival". Not sure why we had soooooo many.

Thanks to Geoff and Marci for visiting from the Michigan chapter. It's always nice to see them.

Please continue to keep praying for all the members who have had procedures and others still in treatments. Let's also look forward to next year's schedule, as in my opinion, we have been to great grounds and parks this year. Thanks everyone for a wonderful so far.

Until we share another campfire  
God Bless Y'all.

Harlan Nigh □ □ □ □

# Campvention Poster Awards



Jordan and Kennedy Longberry received their awards for their "Camping Is..." posters from the 2024 National Campvention. Grandma Angie exhibits understandable pride!!! Congratulations to Jordan and Kennedy!!



# Coping with Election Stress

DASAT Thoughts

Marilyn Rausch

Every four years we have the opportunity to evaluate and either endorse or replace the leadership in our country. Along with that privilege (and it is a privilege that not all countries afford their citizens) is the fact that election stress is a distinct reality. The constant barrage from the news and social media, the polarization that happens when people exercise their right to formulate opinions and convictions, the differing situations that shape our perceived needs and desires all create a hot soup that can result in anxiety, fractured relationships, and general disruption of one's state of peace.

But it doesn't have to be that way! What are things you can do to prevent and manage the stress that accompanies one of the most important events of a democratic society?

## MAINTAIN YOUR DAILY WELLNESS HABITS.

- Stick to your normal sleep routine.
- Develop a routine for regular physical exercise.
- Eat a balanced diet, avoiding excesses of caffeine, alcohol, and sugar.

## FOCUS ON WHAT YOU CAN CONTROL.

- Decide on your desired level of involvement. If you want to be very involved, you can volunteer for a candidate or work at a polling center.
- If that creates anxiety or other negative feelings, then it is fine to avoid that extra stress.

## SET BOUNDARIES

- Set limits to your exposure to political news and social media. What you hear in 30 minutes does not change if you are exposed to it for 12 hours. Be informed, but not obsessed.
- If a conversation becomes overly heated or threatening, feel free to walk away from the situation. Arguing rarely changes anyone else's mind.
- Pre-establish a plan to "defuse" when you start feeling anxious or overwhelmed. Retreat to a quiet place, contemplate things you are grateful for, engage in a relaxing hobby, read a non-political book.

## REMEMBER THE GOLDEN RULE

- Recognize that every person has the right to his or her opinion, even if it differs from your own.
- Remain civil and respectful. Do not villainize another person because they disagree with you.
- Realize that you can love someone, especially family and friends, even if they disagree with

you. Relationships are built on so much more than political views. Viewpoints are a part of who a person is, but they do not define the value of that person.

## CHOOSE YOUR BATTLES WISELY

- Before you engage in a discussion/debate with someone who has an opinion contrary to yours, consider what your goal is. Do you think you will change the other person's mind or get them to admit that you are right? That seldom happens.
- Do you need to defend yourself to maintain your self respect?
- Do you need to correct perceived injustice or unfairness?
- Judge the temperature of the encounter. Is it a conversation or an argument. When tempers flair, reason often goes out the window and anything productive or meaningful is lost.
- Try to remain open-minded. Ask yourself, "What can I learn from this person, even if I do not agree with him/her?"

## PREPARE YOURSELF

- If you are eligible to vote, be an informed voter. Recognize that much of the "news" falls into the category of "opinion." Seek to know the positions of the candidates in those areas that are most meaningful for you. Disregard, as much as possible, the inevitable name-calling, mudslinging, and histrionics.
- Have a plan for election night. Results might not be available quickly, and it might be more productive to plan something else to do other than be glued to the TV. Maybe a good movie or a night out with supportive friends is a better option.
- Recognize that in the results of every election one side will be elated and one defeated. Be kind to yourself. Be kind to others. Call upon your inner strength, your faith, and the resilience that has brought you to this moment to remain optimistic and positive.

When all is said and done, after the elections are over we will return to our personal lives, and most of what we feared and fretted about will not happen. We may not be happy about the results, but we will learn to live with them, at least for the next four years.

*This article was compiled from a variety of internet sources.*

# More giving recognized...

Last month the CHATTER recognized some of the Wildlife Program grants awarded to Indiana non-profit organizations who care for and educate through services to our animal companions. This month we expand on that recognition by highlighting two more Hoosier charities.

Macey & I were honored to visit Utopia Wildlife Rehabilitators August 17th to present the FCRV wildlife grant by Kathy Hershey and Dr. Melissa Newcomb. Kathy had been a keeper and technician at the Indianapolis Zoo Hospital, and Dr. Newcomb did a wildlife internship at Clinic for Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) on Sanibel Island, Florida.

In the summer of 2002, West Nile Virus appeared in Indiana, and many birds, particularly raptors, were severely affected. Local animal control authorities and conservation officers were unable to handle the crisis and asked Hershey and Newcomb to get the required permits to treat the sick birds. Utopia has treated thousands of reptiles, birds, mammals, and birds of prey since 2002.

Utopia was incorporated and became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in 2004. At that time, Hershey and Newcomb obtained the necessary State and Federal permits for non-releasable birds and animals to be used for educational programs. Utopia's wildlife programs educate and entertain over 10,000 people annually, and they travel with their animals to schools, libraries, nature centers, museums, festivals, hospi-

tals, and rehabilitation centers. They frequently appear on television and in local newspapers.

The aim is to raise public awareness of native Indiana wildlife and encourage respect and understanding of all creatures. Utopia sits on the edge of small-town Hope Indiana. Kathy & her husband live on the property where Utopia is located.

They are the most dedicated and interesting people I have met in some time. Multiple Boy/Eagle Scout projects have been completed for Utopia and volunteers are always welcome. Not one person associated with Utopia is paid, they all volunteer their time and resources to help Indiana wildlife.

The name Utopia actually came about as an acronym. **Up To Our Posterior In Animals**, because they were so busy during the West Nile time. As Utopia also means "a state of bliss" it fits perfectly to the animals they rescue. Utopia truly provides a place of bliss where they can heal, grow, and return to nature when they are ready.

*Misty Stuckwisch*





**FRIENDS OF THE LIMBERLOST**

**PO Box 571**

**Geneva, IN 46740**

**July 23, 2024**

**To: National Campers Hikers  
4804 Transit Rd STE 2  
Depew, NY 14043-4905**



On July 16, 2024, at the parking lot of the Limberlost Bird Sanctuary, Ed & Angie Shaneyfelt (on the left side of the picture to the left) presented a \$1,000 donation check from the National Campers Hikers to three board members of Friends of the Limberlost (left-to-right—Bill Hubbard, Melissa Fey, and Jackie Caffee). The donation will be used to support any project that improves the Limberlost Bird Sanctuary or enhances the visitor experience at this 40-acre nature preserve, located in Jay County, IN.

The Friends of the Limberlost is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit that was incorporated in 1994. The Friends assist the Indiana State Museum with the operation and preservation of Limberlost State Historic Site—which features the Limberlost Cabin (pictured to the left). This log home was built in 1895 for Indiana author and nature photographer, Gene Stratton-Porter, who lived in the home from 1895 to 1913. She made the Limberlost Swamp famous in her popular books, Freckles and A Girl of the Limberlost, published in 1904 and 1909, respectively.



The Limberlost Swamp was a 13,000-acre wetland that was almost completely ditched, drained, and de-forested by the late 1800s and early 1900s as early settlers sought to capitalize on the demand for timber and oil—two very abundant natural resources found in the Limberlost.

Today, Gene Stratton-Porter's home (the 14-room Limberlost Cabin) is a state historic site visited by thousands of tourists and school children every year.



In addition, nearly 1,800 acres of the Limberlost Swamp have been restored, and visitors can take advantage of self-guided nature trails (like the ones at the Bird Sanctuary). Visitors can also enjoy pre-scheduled guided hikes conducted by the Limberlost naturalist on trails maintained by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Nature Preserves with financial and volunteer assistance from Friends of the Limberlost.

The Friends are so grateful for the \$1,000 donation made by the National Campers Hikers, presented by the Shaneyfelts. We hope it's the first of many donations to be made by your organization to benefit the Limberlost.

Sincerely Yours, Randy Lehman  
Treasurer & Membership Chair for Friends of the Limberlost  
(accepting the NCH check from Angie Shaneyfelt in the bottom picture)

# Recipes worth Sharing

Thank you to  
Sharon Shaneyfelt  
For sharing these delicious recipes!!

## SPAGHETTI SLAW

### INGREDIENTS:

- \* 1 package Slaw mix
- \* 1/2 red onion, chopped.
- \* Small Head of Broccoli
- \* 8 oz. Angel Hair Spaghetti, cooked drained and broken into 3 pieces.
- \* Dressing:
  - 1 jar Marzetti Slaw Dressing
  - 1 cup mayonnaise
  - 1/2 cup sugar

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Combine cooked spaghetti with the other ingredients.
2. Pour dressing over all and mix.



## SWEET POTATO POUND CAKE

- \* 29 ounce can of Yams, drained.
- \* 3 eggs.
- \* 1 box of pound cake.
  - 1 tsp. Cinnamon
  - 1/2 tsp. Nutmeg
  - 1/2 tsp. Cloves
- \* 1/2 cup Milk

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a loaf pan with non-stick spray.
2. Mash the yams. Mix all ingredients together.
3. Spread into pan. Bake for 35 minutes. Cool.

### FROSTING:

Mix together 1 can of cream cheese frosting with 1 tsp. of maple syrup. Spread onto cooled cake. Sprinkle pumpkin pie spice on top. Enjoy!





# Steven Kelly Bardos



Steven Kelly Bardos, 42, of Greenwood, Indiana left this earthly world peacefully on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at Community Hospital South.

Steven was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on September 29, 1981 to Christina Lucas and Ellery Bardos.

Steven had a pure heart and contagious smile that brought everyone and whoever knew him great joy. He will be deeply missed. As in life with death Steven continues to give. He gave the gift of life by being an organ donor through the Indiana Donor Network.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Gordon and Tamara Bardos.

Steven is survived by his fiancée, Nichole Cheek; mother, Christina Lucas (Rick); father, Ellery Bardos (Aimee); brothers, Christopher and Nathan Bardos; step-brothers, Jay Young, Justin Lucas; step-sisters, Jamie Lucas, Makayla Stumpf, Isabella Bardos; grandparents, Melvin Coy (Nancy), Judy Grant; many friends who became family.

Because Steven's favorite holiday is Halloween, we will be having a celebration of life on Wednesday, October 30, 2024 from 6 P.M. until 8 P.M. at Circle of Friends, 1400 Commerce Pkwy, [Franklin, Indiana](#) 46131.

There will also be a celebration of life at the FCRV Indiana Fall Invitational Campout. Steven has been a lifetime member of FCRV and served as Indiana Teen King in the past.

Arrangements entrusted to Jessen Funeral Home & Simple Cremation ~ Whiteland Chapel. 729 N. US Highway 31, [Whiteland, IN](#) 46184. (317) 535-6880.

*When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little, but not for long  
And not with your head bowed low  
Remember the love that once we shared  
Miss me, but let me go.*

*For this is a journey we all must take  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the master plan  
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick at heart  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at all the things we used to do  
Miss me, but let me go.*

Christina Rossetti



# ANNOUNCEMENT

A new platform  
Will be in use for  
FCRV online meetings.

## Introducing



### Discord

National and our leadership has moved on from using Zoom as our go to product for Video Communication and moved over to using Discord. Along with using Discord as our main source of video communication comes a slew of other benefits that Zoom did not allow.

Discord is a FREE social media platform that allows users to communicate in real time using text, voice, and video through public or private servers. You can find servers for all types of hobbies, from anything like knitting, bee keeping, video games, or sports, to things that FCRV exhibits like camping, RVing, wildlife and conservation

Your trustees, National Office and 'Camping Today' team have been using it for the last few months to test it out and get experience with using its features before we opened our server up to membership and the general public.

Discord, while giving us a platform for our leadership and members to communicate also comes with a MUCH needed benefit of moving FCRV into spaces used by younger generations. Discord has 3 options for using its services. Those options are a phone app, an app for pc/mac, or you can even access it right through a web browser. So it makes communication VERY easy and FAST with how accessible it is compared to Zoom.

Using Discord requires creating an account for it. Please make sure to take measures to log the name and password you create to reference logging back into it whenever needed. Also please keep in mind that the minimum age to create a Discord account is 13 years of age.

For more information, here is a great video explaining what discord is while showing off its features: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xRMD8ley3ZE>

# 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).

## Fireflies and Coffee Pots 2024 Camping Schedule

September 13-15		Parke County Campground
October 25-27		Spring Mill St. Park

## Happy Glampers 2024 Camping Schedule

Sept 10-15	Shipshewana North Campground	
Sept 25-26	Amishville Campground	Retiree Rally
Sept 27-29	Amishville Campground	Fall Invitational

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

For further information contact John or Rose Stock ([alll2stock@aol.com](mailto:alll2stock@aol.com))



# YOUR CHAIR AWAITS

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- Scholarship Programs
- Youth, Teen, Adult and Retiree Programs

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**FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers 2025 CAMPVENTION**

**“Spirit of Friendship”**

July 20-26, 2025

James E Ward Agricultural Center

945 E Baddour Pkwy, Lebanon, TN 37087



**REGISTRATION:**

Welcome to Campvention 2025. 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 2025 Campvention.

Registration deadline May 15th - Pay before December 31, 2024, to receive a \$25 discount (\$325.00).

	<u>Registration</u>	<u>At Gate</u>
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: July 18 - 19 @ \$30/night (pay upon arrival – cash/check). The gates will be open Friday at 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Are you an FCRV member: Yes  No  Please provide your Member # if known: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ 2ndEmail: \_\_\_\_\_

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 help with event(s) at Campvention. Staff will follow up with a contact if yes: Yes  No

**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:

Motorhome \_\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2025 Funds

Mail checks and completed forms to:

FCRV Campvention 2025

137 Crandon Blvd.

Cheektowaga, NY 14225

For inquiries please call (716) 668-6242.

Confirmations will be sent via Email.

Please allow a month for Processing.

53<sup>rd</sup> FCRV INTERNATIONAL RETIREE RALLY  
 NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL FAIRGROUND  
 5622 HWY 231 S  
 DOTHAN, ALABAMA 36301  
 RALLY STARTS: MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> – MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2025  
 EARLY DAYS: MARCH 21, 22, 23

**FOR REGISTRAR ONLY**

REG# \_\_\_\_\_  
 CK# \_\_\_\_\_  
 CASH \_\_\_\_\_  
 AMT \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: (PLEASE PRINT)

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE/OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS OF OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_ #OF PEOPLE IN UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE #1 \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE #2 \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CONFIRMATION SEN: \_\_\_\_\_ PDF \_\_\_\_\_ WORD

MAILED: \_\_\_\_\_ MAILING ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTERING FOR CAMPING: ON GROUND \_\_\_\_\_ OFF GROUND \_\_\_\_\_ CAMP PASS \_\_\_\_\_

IS THIS YOUR FIRST RETIREE RALLY? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ ARE YOU A VETERAN? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** MUST HAVE ON FILE WITH THE REGISTRAR: LICENSE REGISTRATION INCLUDING HANDICAP PLATE, OR HANDICAP PLACARD. THIS AREA IS RESERVED FOR WHEELCHAIRS, WALKERS, OR THOSE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY PROBLEMS.

**RATES:** REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE MARCH 1, 2025. ALL THOSE ATTENDING MUST BE REGISTERED BY THE MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> DEADLINE, OR AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$35 WILL BE ASSESSED WHEN REGISTERING AT THE GATE.

**EARLY DAYS:** EARLY DATE FEE OF \$40 PER NIGHT PER UNIT WILL BE COLLECTED BY THE TREASURER AT THE REGISTRATION DESK.

**INCLUDED IN THE FEE:** FULL HOOK-UPS, (30/50AMP), ICE CREAM SOCIAL, 2 DINNERS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND A LOT OF FUN.

2 PEOPLE IN UNIT	\$ 330	\$ 365
1 PERSON IN UNIT	\$ 300	\$335

CAMP PASS STAYING IN UNIT ON GROUNDS AS 2<sup>ND</sup> FAMILY IN UNIT:

2 PEOPLE \$ 200

1 PERSON \$ 100

CAMP PASS STAYING OFF GROUNDS:

2 PEOPLE \$ 200

1 PERSON \$ 100

**REFUNDS:** ALL BUT \$35 WILL BE REFUNDED IF NOTICE IS RECEIVED BEFORE TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE RALLY. AFTER THE RALLY DEADLINE OF MARCH 1, 2025, ONLY THE CAMPING FEE WILL BE REFUNDED. REFUND REQUESTED AFTER RALLY STARTS WILL BE MADE AFTER THE RALLY.

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FCRV/NCHA RETIREE RALLY. NO CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED.**

**Mail to:** Mildred Pauwels, P.O. Box 193, Dana, N.C. 28724

**I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR:**

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## Indiana State Events

### **2024 Indiana Retiree Rally**

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

### **2025 Indiana Spring Campout**

April 25-27, 2025  
Cornerstone Campground  
75 W County Road 500 S  
New Castle, Indiana, 47362  
(765) 987-8700  
"Celebration of Life"  
Hosted by Fireflies and Coffeepots

### **2024 Indiana Fall Invitational "Hawaiian Weekend"**

September 27-29, 2024  
Hosted by Indiana Trustees  
Amishville Campground  
844 E 900 S  
Geneva, Indiana  
(260) 589-3536

### **2025 Indiana Summer Campout**

August 15-17, 2025  
Friends O Mine Campground  
4557 IN-46  
Nashville, Indiana, 47448  
(812) 988-0008  
Hosted by the Happy Glampers

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

## International Events



### **2025 Retiree Rally "Spring Has Sprung"**

March 24-30, 2025  
National Peanut Festival Fairground  
Dothan, Alabama



### **2025 Campvention "Spirit of Friendship"**

July 20-26, 2025  
James E. Ward Agricultural Center  
Lebanon, Tennessee

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