

NEBRASKA Calling



March 2025

State Director's Message

Exploring Our Great State Together

Welcome to Spring 2025. By now, we are anxiously awaiting the day to de-winterize and get on the road. As you read our issues for this year, Rob, I and especially Janene Feikert hope that you enjoy reading and find it informative of what is happening in Nebraska and at the National level.

Hopefully you have been receiving emails regarding the upcoming elections at the National level. As State Directors, we encourage you to go to www.fcrv.org and read the articles of introduction of those running for election at the National level. Most importantly, cast your vote. If you are unhappy and discover after reading the introduction articles, you feel someone would be better fit with your ideas, please vote.

As a State in Region 3 we have two key exciting opportunities to showcase our State. We are hosting the Region 3 Campvention in York, Nebraska on August 8, 2025, through August 11, 2025. We have the building reserved on August 9, 2025. Rob and I will be reaching out to folks in Nebraska and the Region for assistance in planning, and working the weekend. More information to come regarding Regional.

For those who do not already know, Region 3 is also hosting Campvention 2026. National has reserved Fairgrounds in Huron, South Dakota. I was "voluntold" that I would be assisting and playing a key part in the planning stages and working during Campvention 2026 as were the other State Directors in our Region. We have had several planning meetings via Discord and the work is ongoing. We will keep everyone in the loop as we move forward.

It is difficult sometimes to develop a topic monthly to write these articles. This morning, when attempting to start this article, the wonderful world of AI popped up on my computer. I typed in "Article for the Nebraska Calling Newsletter". I was amazed by the information that appeared on my screen. I understand AI is scary, but we all must realize that it is the world we are living in. Sometimes it works to our advantage and sometimes it doesn't. It all is a matter of perception, I guess. Anyway, I decided that I would keep the information

that showed up and use it in my future Articles or share it in separate articles. Truly mind-boggling.

In closing, we wish you all the best this camping season. We enjoyed seeing some of you during the winter months.

Take care and see you around the 2025 Campfires

Rob and Joleen

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

Please submit your chapter news, photos, 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.

You are well within your legal rights to share your thoughts 'about' a recipe, or your tips for making a recipe, you can mention what ingredients are included, you can chat about the method in your own words - but **you should never share the recipe in its entirety, or the author's exact ingredients with measurements.**

Broc and Kelly's Wedding

Celebration Of Love

Our

we



Broc and Kelly's wedding on March 22, 2025, was a long-awaited occasion that united two hearts in a beautiful celebration of love, commitment, and joy.

Nebraska Camping Community has watched Broc grow from that 'pain in the butt' teenager to the person that he has become. Once Kelly stepped into his life, all watched as he grew more and more into the adult man that he has become. Kelly, the State of Nebraska FCRV welcome you into our family.



As Broc and Kelly embark on their journey together, they carry with them the well-wishes and love of their family and friends, a solid foundation upon which to build their future. Their wedding day was the perfect beginning to a lifetime of happiness, and those who witnessed their union are blessed to have been a part of such a magical moment.

The above information was shared with permission from the parents of the groom, John and Anita Mueller

Rob and Joleen



Heartland Runabouts

2025 Campout Schedule

February 9 Yorkshire Playhouse
March 22 Hickman, NE
April 25-27 Hall County Park, GI
May 16-18 Branched Oak South Shore
June 6-8 June Bug, Mormon Island
June 27-29 Buffalo County Recreation Area
July 11-13 Regional, TBD
July 25-27 Crystal Lake, Ayr
August 22-24 Buckley Park, Stromsburg
Sept. 12-14 Pioneer Trails, Aurora
Oct. 10-12 Lone Star, Milligan
November TBD



Rolling Turtles

The 2025 camping schedule was approved for April through August at Pawnee Area 3 Sunday -Thursday with these dates:

April 13 - April 17,

May 18 - May 22,

June 15 -June 19,

July 20 - July 24,

Aug 17 - Aug 21.

September 26- 28 will be AppleJack @ Victorian Acres in Nebraska City.

Reservations needed.

(402) 873-6888 there is a veteran's discount

October closes our camping season @ Branched Oak (Area 2) at Homestead.

Oct 19 - Oct 22.

Mondays we grill hotdogs and bring something to share. Tuesdays we dine out. Wednesdays have our potluck, please bring a main dish along with side or dessert.

You don't need a rig to socialize with us.

Triple F
Camping Schedule for 2025

Winter Meetings:

December 14, 2024 Rob and Joleen Baker's Home

January 18, 2025 Cancelled

February 15, 2025 Medieval Putt-Putt Golf

March 15, 2025 Parkers Restaurant in Ashland, NE

Camping Season Begins:

April 18, 2025 Lewis and Clark, Onawa, IA

May 16, 2025 Branched Oak, South Shore

June 6, 2025 June Bug, Mormon Island

July 3, 2025 Sycamore Springs, Whitetail Ranch,
Sabetha, KS

August, 15, 2025 Lake Cunningham, Omaha

September 19, 2025 Pawnee State Park (State)

October 17, 2025 Ashland RV Park, Ashland, NE

November 16, 2025 Stauffers Café & Pie Shop,
5600 S 48th Street, Lincoln at 11:30 a.m. — 2026
Planning Meeting

Questions/Suggestions: Please contact Rob and Joleen at
rojopapio@cox.net or by

Nebraska State
Campout
Pawnee State
Park
(Area 3)
September 19,
2025



June Bug Registration

Mormon Island

Cedar Campground, Lake 2

June 6-8

Cost is \$5 per person with children age 10 and under free.

Camping reservations may be made on Reserve America website.

Name(s) _____

of people attending: Adults ____ Teens ____ Youth ____

Send registration to:

Sandy Kendall

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Grand Island, NE 68803

or

kendalls4824@gmail.com

or

(308) 380-8872

Please register by May 9, 2025. Registration fees will be collected at
time of check-in.



Time to Vote!

It's time to vote!

There are two positions on the Board of Trustees up for election this year, Vice President of Planning & Development, and Comptroller

The sitting Comptroller (Sandra Wingert) is running unopposed.

The sitting Vice President of Planning & Development (Amy DeCamp) is being challenged by Daniel Tinter.

There is only one vote per membership so make it count. You will need your Membership Number to vote, if you do not know your membership number, please contact your State Director or Region Director. Your vote must be received by April 15, 2025.

Your vote is important for the future of FCRV. Please follow the link in this message to cast your vote.

<https://fcrv.org/national-elections/>

Trustee Meeting Notes March 2025

Greetings!

These notes are distributed via email to the executive and advisory boards by our National Office. **Please share** with all members, especially those members who currently do not have a regional or state/provincial director.

March Trimester Reports

March state/regional reports are due March 15 to the VP of Operations. State reports are forwarded to their prospective regional director by the VP of Operations to submit one consolidated report. States without a regional director will be listed individually on the consolidated report submitted to the Trustees.

<https://fcrv.org/state-pro-directors-report/>

Chapter Constitutions/Bylaws

With a new camping season upon us, we strongly encourage our chapter members review their constitution and bylaws to make sure the chapter is operating as their bylaws state. Attached to these notes is a document that may help in this process. If there are changes to either of these documents, they must seek approval from their state/provincial director prior to forwarding to the V.P. of Operations for placing in the Virtual Office. If you need a copy of either of these chapter documents, please contact Linda lindae.fcrv@gmail.com

New Member Booklet

This booklet is ready for distribution. Like all current publications, this Booklet will be located in our Virtual Office where comments can be suggested at any time when changes occur.

Membership

Dropped Members for February

- 30
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- 6 were **new members** that decided not to rejoin.
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Dropped Members for the year

- 26
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New Members recruited in January

- 3
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Membership Committee

A new membership promotion will be shared for consideration soon.

We will soon be seeking members who are “active” social media followers to help promote FCRV.

Next meeting; 4/1/25

Camping Today

The March issue is our election issue which includes bios and platforms for the prospective candidates. Members must have a valid email address and be a member in good standing to electronically receive an email ballot. Please call the National Office if your information needs to be updated.

Trustee Meeting Notes March 2025

Conservation Poster Contest

Youth are encouraged to participate in the Conservation Poster Contest.

Retiree Rally

Currently approximately 60 members plan to attend the Retiree Rally in Dothan, AL where “Spring has Sprung”. The dates are March 24 - 30. Registration is available online. All are welcome.

2025 Campvention

Please continue to read *Camping Today* and follow our social media Facebook pages to stay current on Campvention updates. The Steering Committee will be meeting in Lebanon April 12 to finalize plans.

2025 Camping Schedules and Certificate of Liability Insurance

ONLY events submitted through the portal on our website will be eligible to request Certificates of Insurance.

Trustee Meeting Announcement

Our next scheduled virtual trustee meeting is Tuesday, April 8, 2025. If there are agenda items you would like addressed, please notify me by the Friday prior to our meeting.

Respectfully, Linda English, VP Operations
lindae.fcrv@gmail.com

REPEAT NOTE: Openings in Leadership Positions: The Board looks forward to the receipt of recommendations of interested parties to fill open positions in accordance with the bylaws and mission of FCRV.

- Several **National Program Director** openings. Click on this link. <https://fcrv.org/contacts/>
- **Regional Directors:**
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- Region 2—South Central West
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- Region 5—Northeast
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- **State/Provincial Directors:** NOTE: Per our Field Manual, states/provinces with less than five members do not require a state/provincial director.
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AZ, AR, CA, DE, ID, IA, LA, ME, MD, MA, MN, MO, MS, MT, NJ, NM, NV, OK, OR, PA, RI, TN, TX, WA, WI, WY



**Mark your calendar!
Regional 2025 will be
held at
York, Nebraska
August 8–11**

NEBRASKA FCRV FINANCIAL REPORT

November 30, 2024

Chaplains Fund 472.60

Regional Fund 1426.01

General Fund 1551.43

Conservation Fund 74.50

CAMP Fund 65.00

June Bug Fund 537.80

TOTAL \$ 4127.34

INCOME

November Interest \$ 1.82

Registration for State Campout \$ 60.00

EXPENSES

#1148 Joleen Baker \$ 63.66

Food for State Campout

The location
for Campvention

NEWS FLASH!!!

2026 has been secured. It will

be at the South Dakota State Fairgrounds in Huron,

Save the Date
Volunteer! South Dakota, July 5 -July 11, 2026.
Region 3 will be the host.

State Of Nebraska FCRV Leadership

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