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

2026 INDIANA FCRV SPRING CAMPOUT

**Howard County Fairgrounds
in Greentown, Indiana.**

It will be a \$70 weekend
(\$30/night + \$10 activity fee).

Racing into the 2026 Camping Season



Howard County Fairgrounds
Greentown, Indiana

Indiana Spring Campout
May 8-10, 2026

Friday:

6 pm Hospitality

Pole Position Popcorn/Nuts & Bolts

Racing Fuel (Lemonade) & Turbo Charged Tea

6:15 pm First timers meeting

6:15 pm collect camping activity fee (\$30/night +
\$10 activity fee)

Race track mat games available in bldg or bring your
own board/card games to visit the remainder of the
evening

Saturday:

8:45 Start your engine coffee bar (bring your own
cup) with Spare tires

9 am Fleas/Market Place

9:30 CAMP walk

10:00 Youth craft (bring shoe box)

Noon Trustee meeting (trustees only) bring your own
bag lunch

2:00 Race Around Indiana Game - everyone can
participate. 2 person teams (1 driver & 1 pit
crew person)

5:30 Speedway sliders will be served. Please bring a
side dish & own table service

After meal, business meeting

8:30 Fire (Air bags & hubcaps will be available)

Sunday:

9:30 Church with Harlan & Lori

- * You do **NOT** need to make reservations.
We will collect all fees on Friday evening at hospitality and give one check to the office
- * You can arrive early.
- * Do not stop at office.
- * **PLEASE LET ANGIE KNOW YOU ARE ATTENDING
SO WE HAVE A COUNT FOR THE SATURDAY NIGHT SANDWICHES!**



From the State Director

Angie Shaneyfelt

My article is short and sweet this month, because I will be seeing many of you soon at Greentown for our Spring Campout.

Get ready to Race into the camping season! Please see schedule in this edition of the Hoosier Chatter. I did add to bring your own coffee cups and table service to the "food" events. Ed and I have a fun campout planned.

About Greentown...Ron Cohee indicated they are having their "town" garage sales the weekend we are there. If you're going early, or find time Saturday, you can check that out.

If you are planning on attending the Great Lakes Regional in Wilmot, Wisconsin, in August...print the registration form and bring it to the Spring Campout with your check (save the cost of the stamp)!

Ed and I attended an Ohio Chapter campout this past weekend and had a great time. We were in Wapakoneta, Ohio and only took us 1 hour 5 minutes to get there. It will be a little further than that to get to our own Spring campout.

Safe travels to everyone and I'll have my full State Director speech at our Spring Campout. Make sure you are ready to take notes about the 2026 Camping season!

See you soon! We're excited to start camping!

Angie Shaneyfelt



From the State President

Ed Shaneyfelt

As I am writing this article it GO time.

Angie and I just completed our first campout of the year. We got the bugs worked out and are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Campout. We have a fun time planned and you can see the schedule elsewhere in the CHATTER.

Remember to make reservations for the summer campout at Lazy L Lake Campground in West Terre Haute on August 21-23.

The Fireflies and Coffeepots are hosting the summer campout and I'm sure they won't disappoint us.

Let Deena know if you will be at the Fall invitational at Amishville on October 2-4. The Trustees will be planning the Fall Invitational at the Spring Campout.

Next year's schedule is needing some clubs or people to step up to host a campout. If you find grounds all you have to do is ask for help and many of our members are willing to volunteer to help. If you have any questions feel free to ask any trustee to get your answers.

I hope all your Easter eggs got collected and not caught by the mower. Make sure to remember your Moms on Mothers day and our Servicemen for Memorial Day.

Until next time,

Ed

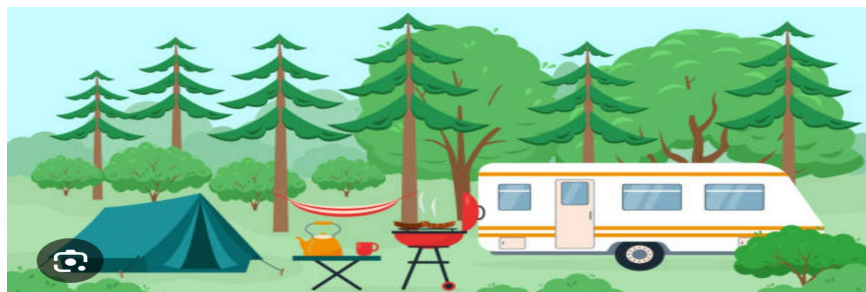


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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Harlan Nigh
FCRV Indiana State Chaplain

Hello Camp Family,

Our Spring Campout is at hand.

Let's keep all the Mothers in praise. It's kind of rare to have a camping event on the day we celebrate the ladies who cared for us and our children.

Mother's Day reminds me of Proverbs 31:15-19, I'll let y'all read it yourself. Let's thank them for all that they do.

And, yes, I'm still promoting next year's Retiree Rally. Lori and I are looking forward to more Indiana turn out.

Just remember when you are racing up to Howard County: Campers don't tow well at 150+ MPH, be safe and we'll see you soon.

Until we share another campfire,

Harlan Nigh



Youth and Teen News Conservation/Wildlife

Indiana State Association FCRV
Conservation and Wildlife Director
Youth and Teen Director
Misty Stuckwisch

We are looking forward to camping with everyone at the Spring State campout.

Don't forget – if you are bringing children, bring a shoe box for each child. We will be crafting, so get your wheels spinning with great ideas! The weekend will race past, so be ready to camp!

Happy Camping!

Misty

Recipes worth Sharing

Quick TERIYAKI CHICKEN

INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/4 # boneless chicken breasts, cut to 1" cubes
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1/4 c low-sodium soy sauce
- 1/4 c water
- 2 tbsp honey
- 1 1/2 tsp rice vinegar
- 1/4 tsp toasted sesame oil
- 2 tsp minced fresh ginger.
- 2 tsp minced garlic
- 1 tbsp. cornstarch
- Sesame seeds and chopped green onions for serving (optional)

DIRECTIONS

1. Heat olive oil in a 12-inch skillet over medium high heat.
2. Add in chicken and brown for 3-4 minutes. Flip and continue to cook until center is 160 degrees (about 3 more minutes).
3. In small bowl, mix together soy sauce, water, honey, brown sugar, vinegar, sesame oil, ginger, garlic and cornstarch.
4. Stir sauce into the cooked chicken. Continue to cook and toss until sauce is thickened. 30-60 seconds.
5. Serve over rice or with crispy noodles.

RICOTTA CAKE

INGREDIENTS

- Box Cake mix (lemon, yellow, or your choice)
- Ingredients to mix Box cake.
- 4 large eggs.
- 32 oz ricotta cheese
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract.

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350. Pray 9x13 pan with non-stick spray.
2. Prepare cake mix as directed and pour into pan.
3. In same bowl, mix 4 eggs, ricotta, sugar and vanilla
4. Pour ricotta mixture over top of cake mis. DO NOT STIR.
5. Bake for 50-55 minutes until top of cake is golden brown.
6. Cool completely, dust with powdered sugar before serving.

Don't be Shocked

National Electrical Safety Month

May is National Electrical Safety Month and is a good time to assess your home/camper electrical safety. Electrical malfunctions cause more than 50,000 house fires yearly according to the Electrical Safety Foundation International. Many can be prevented with proper maintenance and precautions.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends having a pro look things over every 10 years or whenever a system is modified during a renovation or a home addition. Dates of inspection should be recorded on the electrical breaker panel.

UL Solutions suggests eight indicators that problems may be present in your electrical system.

1. **EXCESSIVE NEED FOR EXTENSION CORDS.** An extension cord creates mobile points where shorting or pinching can lead to tripped breakers, damaged outlets, or even a fire. Tripping over cords or overheating of wires that are placed under rugs or furniture are also problems.
2. **DIMMING OR FLICKERING LIGHTS.** Dimming or flickering are usually caused by "energy hogs" like major appliances or space heaters that pull a lot of power intermittently. Such items should be on electrical circuits that are dedicated to their use.
3. **FUNNY ODORS.** If odd odors come from an outlet or an appliance, unplug anything connected to the outlet or the appliance itself. Have the outlet or appliance checked by a qualified electrician. (A brand new appliance may have some initial odors that should resolve after 1-2 uses.) If a breaker box exudes an odor, it should be considered an emergency.
4. **SPARKING.** Particularly if sparking is noted from a breaker box or outlet, an electrician should be called ASAP. Turning off the main electrical service at the breaker box is necessary. (If the sparking is coming from an appliance, it is likely the appliance at fault, not the main electrical system.)
5. **HOT OUTLETS OR SWITCH PLATES.** An outlet should not become hot, even when operating an appliance that itself produces heat. The appliance may be drawing more energy than the outlet is able to provide, or there may be a short in the outlet. If an outlet becomes hot when nothing is plugged into it, it needs to be checked by an electrician. The breaker/fuse

to that outlet should be turned off until it is taken care of.

6. **FREQUENTLY BLOWN FUSES OR TRIPPED BREAKERS.** Circuit breakers and fuses are designed to fail as a way to prevent overloading. If this is a common event, that outlet may need upgrading by a qualified electrician.
7. **BUZZING.** When electricity is working properly, it is quiet. Loose prongs, outlets, or fraying wire can cause a buzzing sound.
8. **WRONG OUTLETS IN WET ENVIRONMENTS.** Water is an excellent conductor of electricity. Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs) are required in places like kitchens and bathrooms. GFCIs provide an additional layer of shock protection around water.

TIPS FROM ELECTRICAL SAFETY FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL:

INSIDE THE HOME ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- Keep appliances away from water or wet hands.
- Do not put metal objects in live parts of appliances or in outlets.
- Use outlet covers to keep children safe around outlets.
- If an appliance overheats, unplug it and have it checked by a professional.
- When unplugging a cord, pull the plug head, not the cord.
- Do not carry an appliance by its cord.
- Turn off space heaters and cooking appliances before leaving home.

OUTSIDE THE HOME ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- Stay at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines, and at least 30 feet away from downed power lines.
- Do not overload outdoor electrical and/or extension cords or allow them to run through water or snow on the ground.
- Install weatherproof covers on outdoor electrical outlets.
- Call 811 before you dig to have underground lines marked.

EXTENSION CORD AND POWER STRIP

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- Inspect extension cords and power strips for any damage before use.
- Do not connect two extension cords together. This may result in overloaded circuits, short circuits, and damaged cords.
- Do not run cords through walls, doorways, ceilings, or under rugs or carpet, since that can short out or overheat to start a fire.
- Make certain that the cord is rated for the power requirements for the appliance being connected AND for the outlet amperage.
- Check if the extension or power strip is marked for indoor or outdoor use where appropriate.
- Never plug a heater into a power strip or extension cord.

Specific electrical safety in your RV

Camping has its own special electrical concerns. Here are some key safety practices that pertain to our campers and RVs.

EMS (Electrical Management System)/Surge protector

Either a permanently installed or portable EMS is important to protect your RV from high/low voltage, surges, and improperly wired, dangerous or damaged pedestals.

Check campground's electrical pedestals before plugging in.

Always inspect the campground power outlet for damage, burn marks, or loose wires.

Turn off breakers first.

Before plugging in or unplugging your RV, turn off the circuit breaker on the pedestal to prevent electrical arcing.

Prevent "hot skin."

A severe, even fatal shock can occur when the RV frame becomes electrified due to a fault. This occurs when a hot wire touches the chassis, often caused by reversed polarity at the campground pedestal, damaged cords, or faulty wiring. This can be detected by using a circuit analyzer before plugging in or using the EMS or surge protector to detect and cut power during "hot skin" conditions.

Never ignore a feeling of tingling or even a sharp shock when touching your RV door handle, steps, or metal siding.

Manage Amperage

Know your RV's limits (30A or 50A) Overloading by running multiple high-draw appliances (A/C, electric heaters, water heaters, coffee pots, microwaves, etc.)

GENERAL SAFETY FOCUS AREAS

- **PREVENT OVERLOADING** (Avoid plugging too many devices into one outlet. Do not use extension cords for long-term power solutions.)
- **CHILD SAFETY** (Use outlet covers or child-proof caps to protect children from electrical outlet hazards.)
- **DEVICE SAFETY** (Unplug small appliances when not in use. Check for damaged cords.)
- **OUTDOOR SAFETY** (Maintain at least a 10-foot distance from overhead power lines. Never touch downed lines.)
- **EMERGENCY PREP** (Test smoke alarms monthly, replace batteries annually, change units every 10 years.)

simultaneously can cause, at best, a tripped breaker and at worst, a fire.

Adapter Safety

Use high-quality adapter dogbones. Never leave adapters or extensions in rain or mud.

Inspect Power Cords regularly.

Regularly check your shore power cord for cuts, heat damage, or discoloration of the plug blades.

Batteries and 12-volt system safety.

Batteries should be properly vented to allow the release of flammable gasses.

Disconnect your battery during maintenance or storage.

Use the correct size of fuses in your DC panel. Never replace a fuse with one with higher amperage.

Safety devices:

Make sure that you have functioning smoke, LP gas, and carbon monoxide detectors, especially when using a generator. Test your GFCI outlets monthly.

This information was taken from a Google AI search.

For more specific information, reference the following resources:

<https://dph.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idph/files/publications/rv-electrical-safetyfor-campers-042216.pdf>

<https://rv-pro.com/features/rv-dealers-guide-to-electrical-safety-products-hazard-prevention/>

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.

Fireflies and Coffee Pots 2026 Camping Schedule



May 29-31, 2026	Spring Mill State Park 3333 IN-60 E Mitchell, IN 47446 812-849-3534	
June 12-14, 2026	Whiteriver Campground 11299E 234th St Cicero, IN 46034 Make a reservation on January 2nd	
July 5-12, 2026	Campvention	Campvention
August 5-9, 2026	Kenosha County Fairgrounds Wilmot, WI	Regional Campout
August 21-23, 2026	Lazy L Campground 545 Lazy Lake Rd West Terre Haute, IN 47885 812-533-1562	Summer Campout Fireflies and Coffeepots Hosting
September 18-20	Starve Hollow State Park 4345 S 275 W Vallonia, IN 47281	Make Reservation in March
September 30-October 1, 2026	Amishville Campground Geneva, Indiana	Retiree Rally Contact Deena Felver For reservations
October 2-4, 2026	Amishville Campground Geneva, Indiana	Fall Invitational Contact Deena Felver For reservations

Happy Glampers 2026 Camping Schedule

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May 8-10	Howard County Fairgrounds- Greentown, IN	Spring Campout
May 14-17	Charlestown State Park	Charlestown, IN
June 25-28	Starve Hollow SRA	Vallonia, IN
July 23-26	Cornerstone Campground	New Castle, IN
Aug 10-13	Prophetstown State Park	West Lafayette, IN
Aug 21- 23	Lazy L Campground- Terre Haute	Summer Campout
Sept 10-13	Mississinewa Lake	Peru, IN
Sept 28-29	Shipshewana North Campground	Flea Market
Sept 30-Oct 1	Amishville Campground- Geneva, IN	Retiree Rally
Oct 2-4	Amishville Campground- Geneva, IN	Fall Invitational
Oct 15-18	R Journey Campground	Muncie, IN

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**2026 Great Lakes Regional Campout
Kenosha County Fairgrounds
30820 111th Avenue
Wilmot, WI
August 5th – 9th, 2026**



Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Youth: _____ Teens: _____

Pre-Registration

Activity Fee - \$25.00 Camping - \$40.00 per night

Activity Fee at the gate will be \$30.00

All camp sites have 30 or 50 amp electricity and water hookup

Amount Due:

Pre-Registration: \$25.00

Number of Camping Nights: ___ x \$40 = \$ _____ (or pay at arrival for camping)

Total Monies Sent: \$ _____

Make Check payable to: Great Lake Region

Send pre-registration to: Angie Shaneyfelt

1466 W. 750 N.

Decatur, IN 46733

Questions? Contact Connie Black at Greatlakes4@yahoo.com



2026 SUMMER CAMPOUT

August 21-23, 2026

Lazy-L Campground

West Terre Haute, Indiana

Hosted by the

Fireflies, Coffee Pot Campers








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Lazy-L Campground will not block sites for us, so get your reservations in soon!

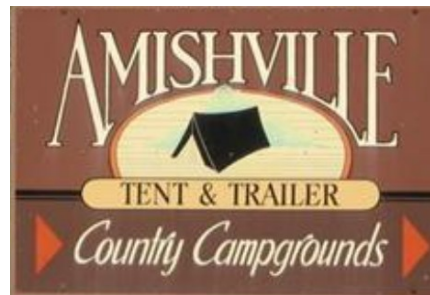
812-533-1562

Suggest B9 through B19 (50 amps)
Or
C1 through C12 (30 amps)

-  Pull-thru sites (50 amp)
-  Pull-thru sites (30 amp)
-  RV Rentals
-  Back-in sites (50 amp)
-  Back-in sites (30 amp)

2027 Fall Invitational

No, it isn't too early to plan for this!



AMISHVILLE CAMPGROUND

844 E 900 S

Geneva, Indiana

October 2-4, 2026

Amishville has asked us to have one person make our members reservations.

Deena Felver will be our contact person for this.

You can email Deena at cdfelver@metalink.com or text her at 419-203-6627.

You will need to tell her what site/price you want to be in.

You will pay for your camping at the Amishville Campground office when you arrive.

Rates for next year are:

30 amp electric/water \$29.00

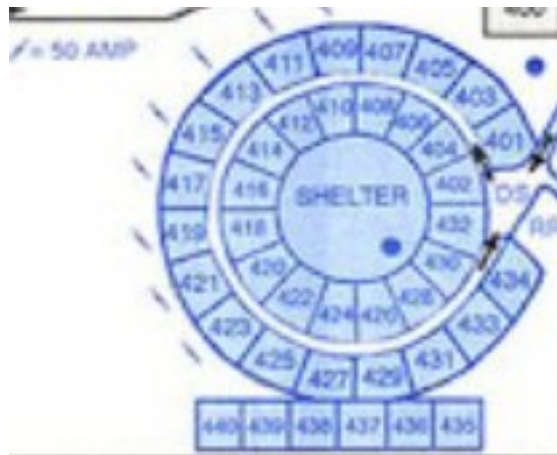
50 amp electric/water \$36.00

Pull thru sites (405-417 odd numbers):

30 amp electric/water \$33.00

50 amp electric/water \$38.00

We will be in the wagon wheel loop inside and outside, we also have the row on the outside. On the map below, the outside loop with dashes are 50 amp sites. Pull thru sites are 405-417



NOTICE

The RETIREE CAMPOUT will precede the FALL INVITATIONAL at the same location.
September 30-October 1, 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Indiana State Events

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 August 21-23, 2026
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 West Terre Haute, Indiana
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 Contact Deena Felver

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Regional Events

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 Kenosha County Fairgrounds
 Wilmot, Wisconsin.
 (Watch for more information)



2026 FCRV International Campvention
 "Where the Flock Gathers"
 July 5-11, 2026
 Early Bird Days July 3-4, 2026
 South Dakota State Fairgrounds
 1060 3rd St. SW, Huron, SD 57350

<https://fcrv.org/campvention-2026/>

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