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



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE
SELF-EVIDENT, THAT ALL MEN ARE
CREATED EQUAL, THAT THEY ARE
ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR
WITH CERTAIN UNALIENABLE
RIGHTS, THAT AMONG THESE ARE
LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT
OF HAPPINESS.

-DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE



From the State Director

Angie Shaneyfelt

By the time you read this month's CHATTER, some of us Indiana members will be heading to or already at Huron, South Dakota, for the 2026 National Campvention. They have the schedule set for a good week of fun. My Indiana members that are attending are going to help me with the hospitality (I hope they realize that). We are serving our Indiana popcorn again.

Ed and I are packing and checking off lists as I type this! Got to get the camper loaded. At Campvention the Trustees are going to explain the DYRT partnership. You can read about that partnership in the most recent issued of Camping Today on Page 5. I will have more on the DYRT and other topics from the National Executive and Board Meeting to report next month.

Great Lakes Regional.

If you have not registered, what are you waiting for? Connie Black, our Regional Director, is planning on an exciting long weekend campout in Wilmot, Wisconsin at the Kenosha County Fairgrounds. You can get that registration (see form in this Chatter) mailed to me so I can get you on the list. I will be doing a Viking Battleship Game. Those of you that went to Shipshewana last year know how much fun we had with those games! Remember, Jeff Craig didn't even see that shot coming!

Make sure you have your reservation made for the Indiana Summer Camp out at Lazy L Campground in Terre Haute the weekend of August 21-23.

Also, make sure you have notified Deena Felver if you are attending the Fall Invitational at Amishville the weekend of October 2-4.

Short and sweet this month. Safe travels to everyone heading to South Dakota.

Angie Shaneyfelt



From the State President

Ed Shaneyfelt

As you are reading this, some of us will be at campvention in Huron South Dakota. If I don't see you there hopefully I will see you at the regional or summer state campout.

It is not to late to register for either one of these campouts. Look elsewhere in the CHATTER for registrations and more information.

Hopefully, you are thinking about next year's schedule and realize that we need someone to host the summer campout. If you find grounds, everyone will step up to help put it on.

The Fall Invitational is at Amishville campground, hosted by the trustees. We are doing "Sock Hop" as the theme. We will be serving hospitality on Friday evening, breakfast Saturday morning and supper at night which will be a Hamburger or Hot Dog, Cole slaw, potato salad and chips. Make sure to get in touch with Deena Felver to get or make sure you have a spot. We will be playing games in the afternoon. Find your Poodle skirts for a sock hop after the meeting.

Happy 4th of July!

Until next time,

Ed Shaneyfelt



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Harlan Nigh
FCRV Indiana State Chaplain

Hello Camp Family,

Happy 4th of July, and yes, it's a quarter of millennium. 250 years as a Republic, one of the longest lasting "Free Governments" to survive.

I just want to celebrate that, as I believe that the Lord's protection has been with us through it all.

We will be celebrating with other club members and locals in Huron, South Dakota, as Campvention is starting just after this huge event. I'm not sure about you, but I'm feeling blessed to get share these times with great friends and family.

May your travels and celebrations be safe and enjoyable, Amen.

Until we share another campfire, God Bless.
Harlan Nigh



C.A.M.P. and Collections Director



Patti Thieme
FCRV Indiana State
C.A.M.P. Director and
Collections Chairman

Hi there,

I am just reminding everyone that, if you are going to the next campout, not to forget to bring your walking shoes. You can also bring pop tabs and stuff for Riley if you have anything to donate.

That's all for now

Patti Thieme



Youth and Teen News Conservation/Wildlife



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

Standing in the yard watching the dogs the other night, I couldn't help but observe our local fire flies darting thru the growing soybean field across the road. They are my first sign that the weather is just about done changing and warmer weather is here to stay.

I am certain that, at one point or another, every child has run to their mom asking for a jar to catch fireflies in, then being admonished to make sure not to break the jar!

I recently read that fireflies had been selected as the Indiana State insect, and I decided to do some research. This article from Purdue was full of information and I wanted to share it with you. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

Misty

<https://extension.purdue.edu/news/county/whitley/2024/07/fireflies-lightning-in-a-bottle.html>

July is UV Safety Awareness Month



DASAT CORNER: by Marilyn Rausch

July is UV Safety Awareness month. UV radiation, invisible to the naked eye, is generated from the sun and from artificial sources like tanning beds. Made up of high-energy waves, UV exposure can not only cause sunburns, but it can actually damage the DNA in the skin.

There are two main types of UV radiation, both harmful to your skin.

- UVA (aging) rays are the longest and can penetrate deep into the skin, causing premature aging of the skin and wrinkles.
- UVB (burning) rays are shorter and are what causes sunburns.

Only a few minutes of sun exposure each day can add up over time and put you at risk for serious health problems, the worst being skin cancer. The American Cancer Society reports that more than 3.5 million cases of skin cancer are diagnosed each year in the United States alone, and this seems to be on the rise.

There are three main types of skin cancer.

- **BASAL CELL CARCINOMA** makes up 75-80% of all cases of skin cancer. It is slow-growing, and can usually be effectively treated with surgery or radiation.
- **SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA** accounts for about 20% of skin cancer. It tends to occur on the most sun-exposed areas of the body, such as face, neck and hands. More aggressive than basal cell carcinoma, it is usually treated surgically.
- **MELANOMA** is the most serious type of skin cancer, can be very aggressive and can spread quickly to other body parts if not caught early. It makes up about 4% of all skin cancers.

COMMONLY-HELD BUT FALSE IDEAS

- **UV radiation is less dangerous on cloudy days.**
TRUTH: Up to 80% of UV rays can penetrate through clouds. That means they are just as harmful on cloudy days as on sunny days.
- **The darker my skin the less I have to worry about skin damage from UV radiation.**
TRUTH: Darker skin has higher natural SPF, but that does not mean it is immune to the effects of UV radiation.
- **I don't need to worry about UV radiation when wearing sunscreen.**
TRUTH: Sunscreen is a vital part of sun safety, but you should also take steps to avoid excessive sun exposure. Avoid noonday sun and wear

protective clothing when in the sun.

- **If I burn easily, it is better to "prevent" sunburns by tanning in a tanning booth before going on vacation.**

Beyond the risk of discomfort with sunburns, the effect of UV rays can cause changes in the cells themselves, increasing the risk of the two most common types of skin cancer. UV radiation damage is cumulative; its damage builds over time. Tanning beds can cause damage to the deeper level of the skin. Even if you don't experience immediate effects from the sun or the tanning booth, any exposure puts you at risk for long-term health consequences.

TIPS FOR MINIMIZING SUN EXPOSURE:

- Stay in the shade as much as possible.
- If in the sun, wear protective clothing (long-sleeved shirt and pants, wide brimmed hat to protect face, neck, and ears).
- Use sunscreen with a high SPF (30 or greater) rating to exposed skin. Check to assure that it is "broad-spectrum, protecting against both UVA and UVB rays. Repeat its application every several hours. Use water-resistant sunscreen if sweating or swimming.
- Avoid sun exposures during the peak hours of 10 am and 4 pm.
- UV radiation can also damage the retinas of the eyes. Wear sunglasses whenever exposed to the sun.

BE OBSERVANT.

- Do regular skin checks for skin cancer. Start by examining your entire body in a well-lit room, using a mirror to help see all areas. Look for any new or changing moles or growths on the skin. Be especially aware of spots that are red, scaly, bleeding or irregular in shape or color.
- Pay particular attention to sun exposed areas (face, neck, chest, arms, ears). If you have skin folds, lift them and check under them. Don't forget to examine the genital areas and areas between fingers and toes and on the soles of the feet.
- Since early detection is key to successful treatment of skin cancer. Have any unusual spots examined by a dermatologist.

Information from The Skin and Cancer Institute and the American Academy of Dermatology.

Recipes worth Sharing

Dill-Ranch Oyster Crackers Snack

- (1) 10oz bag of Plain Oyster Crackers
- (1) 1oz Packet of Ranch Dressing/Dip Mix
- 1/4 cup of Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 3/4 tsp Dill
- 1/4 tsp Garlic Powder
- 1/4 tsp Onion Powder

Combine oil, ranch and seasonings in bowl. Pour over crackers and stir gently.

Bake on cooking sheet at 250 degrees for 20 minutes, stirring halfway through. When done, allow to cool for 10 minutes before storing/eating.



Independence Day "Crack"

INGREDIENTS

- 10 oz mini pretzels
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 cups chocolate chips

1/3 cup smooth peanut butter

Patriotic M&Ms (red, white, and blue)
Patriotic sprinkles (red, white, and blue, star shaped if possible)

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F, Line an 18x13 inch baking sheet with parchment paper. Spread out pretzels on the baking sheet. It's okay if they overlap.

Melt butter and brown sugar in a medium sized saucepan over medium-high heat. Bring to a boil and continue whisking until the mixture begins to thicken, about 3-4 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla.

Pour the mixture over the pretzels evenly. Toss gently to coat the pretzels, then spread out in an even layer. Bake for 5 minutes.

Sprinkle chocolate chips evenly over pretzels then bake for 5 minutes.

While the chocolate is baking, melt the peanut butter in the microwave in 20 second increments until thinner in consistency (you can also do this over low heat on the stovetop).

Remove the pan from the oven then spread the melted chocolate evenly. Drizzle peanut butter on top then use a back of a spoon to swirl the peanut butter. Add M&Ms and Sprinkles.

Freeze for at least 1 hour, then break into pieces. Enjoy!

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

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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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

For further information, contact
John or Rose Stock (all12stock@aol.com)

YOUR CHAIR AWAITS

Your Chair Awaits #2 - 8-1-23



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- Wildlife & Conservation
- Scholarship Programs
- Youth, Teen, Adult and Retiree Programs

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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

Summer Campout: Let's Celebrate the Holidays Together



Lazy-L Campground
545 Lazy Lake Rd
West Terre Haute, In 47885
Aug 21-23

(\$10 Activity Fee to be collected Friday evening)

Friday Night:

6:00 Christmas: Come try some of our favorite Christmas Cookies (wear your favorite Christmas gear)

Stay to visit with friends



Saturday

9:00 CAMP walk

9:30 Fleas/Marketplace



10:00 Thanksgiving craft: Let's make the cutest little turkey (no charge)

12:00 Trustees meeting (trustees only) Bring your own lunch

2:00 Easter: Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt (for kids of all ages)

Please bring your own bag for the Easter Egg Hunt.)

Following the egg hunt Memorial Day: Let's remember our good friends

5:00 4th of July, Labor Day: We're having an old-fashioned picnic of hot dogs and hamburgers.

Bring your favorite picnic side dish, drink and place setting

6:30 Euchre tournament, games and visiting with friends

Sunday

9:30 Valentines Day: Church with Harlan and Lori



2027 Fall Invitational



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

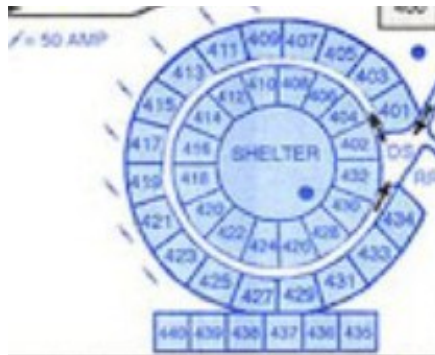
50 amp electric/water \$36.00

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

2026 Summer Campout
"Let's Celebrate the Holidays Together"
 August 21-23, 2026
 Lazy-L Campground
 West Terre Haute, Indiana
 Hosted by the
 Fireflies
 Coffee Pot Campers

2026 Retiree Campout
 September 30-October 1, 2026
 Amishville Campground
 Geneva, Indiana
 To make reservations
 Contact Deena Felver

2026 Fall Invitational
"Sock Hop"
 October 2-October 4, 2026
 Amishville Campground
 Geneva, Indiana
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Regional Events

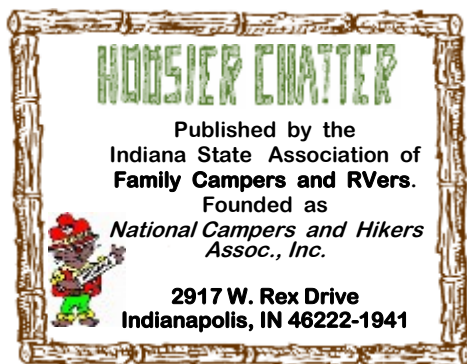
2026 Great Lakes Regional Campout
"Renaissance"
 August 5-9, 2026
 Kenosha County Fairgrounds
 Wilmot, Wisconsin.
 (Watch for more information)



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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