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Each year prizes are given in several categories of the Campvention site decorating contest.

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# From the President - Shari Weber



Only one more month until campvention! We are heading to Doswell VA this year. The Southeast Region is putting the final touches on plans to create a great campvention for us. We are in a very historic area for the United States. This is where the founding fathers lived, worked and developed plans for the new country that would be formed. Also a close drive away is Washington DC where lots of monuments and the US government offices are. There are tourism people who will be on grounds at campvention to advise you on the things to do in the area.

## BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME

The theme for Field of Dreams can be applied to campers and our camping club. Sales of all types of RVs are on the rise. The generation purchasing in the largest volume are the millennials. They are looking for family activities that allow them to get away from electronics and interact with their families. We have that for them! We simply need to make sure we are telling them about our story and inviting them to campouts. They are going to look at things differently so be prepared to rearrange long held methods. When we plan our events, we need to develop fun themes that encourage everyone young and old, newly joined or longtime members to participate. There are many places within our club where that is happening. Just take a look at facebook posts! One of the best pictures I saw recently and I am sure many of you have too is of two children holding hands walking together with campers in the background. This is who we are fundamentally, "Where strangers become friends and friends become family." There are great pictures of chapters enjoying outdoor activities, indoor games, and home grown entertainment.

## QUESTIONS FOR THE TRUSTEES

The trustees would like to give you an opportunity to ask questions. Scott, Vice President Planning & Development, George, Vice President Programs, Sue F, Vice President Operations, Sue C. Recording/Corresponding Officer, Jan Comptroller, Jack Past President, and of course me as your President are all

ready for your questions. There will be a box at central registration at campvention for you to put questions for the trustees. These questions will be addressed during the annual membership meeting held at campvention. This is being done to speed up the open mike process at the annual membership meeting. We are also available to talk one on one. Just like you we are on vacation and looking forward to a fun campvention.

See you at Campvention!  
Shari

## Important Information for Submitting *Camping Today* Articles

By Vickie Roop, *Camping Today* Layout Designer

When submitting an article for inclusion in *Camping Today*, here are a few things we would like you to do to help us out when we put the magazine together.

- Use Times New Roman font size 12. Other fonts do not always work online especially "fancy" or unusual fonts.
- Please do not type in all caps as we have to re-type it in upper and lower case.
- If you use clipart make sure it's "Public Domain" so we do not have any violation of copyright laws. Just search for "Public Domain Clipart" and you will find several websites you can use.
- If you submit pictures of an event, please give credit to who took them.

This is our members' magazine and we like to have items of interest to them such as campouts, anniversaries or other recognition members may receive outside FCRV.

If you have any questions or suggestions of items you would like to see in your magazine, please contact DeWayne Johnston, Editor, [d\\_johnston01@msn.com](mailto:d_johnston01@msn.com) or Vickie Roop, Layout Designer, [fcrvwebsite@aol.com](mailto:fcrvwebsite@aol.com).





# Campvention 2018

**July 9 - 13, 2018**

**The Meadow Event Park**

**Doswell, Virginia**

## **Campvention 2018**

The Meadow Event Center

Doswell Virginia

Sponsored by the Southeast Region

Brief history: In the Southeast Region we have for many years recognized that the Richmond, Virginia area was an ideal area for a Campvention. With the proximity of our Nation's Capital, all of the Revolutionary and Civil War history, Williamsburg, Yorktown and Jamestown, there is something for everyone here.

In 1998 The Southeast Region chose The Agra-Center at Perry, Georgia mainly because it was the only venue we had that could handle the expected number of campers. In 2005 we looked at the Virginia State Fairground, but it was becoming a NASCAR facility and just wasn't suitable for our needs. There wasn't anything else in the area that would work for us so we looked to North Carolina and West Virginia. The Dixie Fairgrounds at Winston Salem was having growing pains, and we couldn't come to terms; so we looked to The West Virginia State Fairgrounds in Lewisburg, WV. We were larger than any RV Rally they had hosted, but their staff was ready to meet any challenges, and there was whitewater rafting, the big ear in Greenbank, Cass Scenic Railroad, The Greenbriar Resort, so many things to see and do.

In 2011 there still wasn't a suitable venue around Richmond so we chose Ladson, SC, close to Historic Charleston and close to many beaches.

Fast forward to 2018, Virginia Farm Bureau purchased The Meadow Farm and is an outstanding facility, located on 313 acres. It is just off I-95, 14 miles north of Richmond, VA, exit 98. At the same exit is King's Dominion, one of Virginia's premier Amusement Parks.

The Meadow Event Park is on the left side of State Route 30 less than 3 miles from the interstate. We will be using the 60,000 sq. ft. Farm Bureau building, The Meadow Hall, which was the family mansion, and the Meadow Pavilion that is a 6400 sq. ft. facility that we will use as our Youth and Teen center. On the right side of Rt. 30 is the equestrian center. One of the best surprises was finding that the Operations VP is the same person we worked with in 2005 at Lewisburg. She is dedicated to making the Park the best it can be and making sure that visitors to the park enjoy their stay.

Come early; Camping is available on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, and the local Commerce chamber will have an information booth set up to give you all the tourism information. For those who would like to come to the area earlier or to stay in the area after Campvention, there are local campgrounds nearby.

Most of our campsites will be on the Festival Grounds directly in front of the Farm Bureau Building with the rest along the side of the building. All campers will have 50 AMP electric and water; most sites will have sewer and any that don't will get a free dump from the honey wagon.

RV problems? Wayne's RV Repair will be on-grounds to solve all your minor repairs. Karen's Embroidery will be on hand for your FCRV clothing and accessories. The Two Kings Caters will have their snack bar open for Breakfast, Lunch and Supper as well as ice cream. There will be competition in Horse Shoes, Ladder Golf and Corn Hole. The adult center will be open for board and card games. The Teen's Kings & Queens will enjoy their Tea in the Mansion; Red Hat Breakfast will also be in the Mansion.

Ron Braley is working on activities for the new Veterans program. One activity will be a seminar on the proper way to retire our American Flag.

Saturday and Sunday are exploring days; enjoy touring the area. You can even catch a train in Richmond that will take you to Washington DC. Wil-

liamsburg, Yorktown and Jamestown are an easy day trip from The Meadow Event Park.

We will have non-domination Church service at 6:00 pm on Sunday; Campvention Opening Ceremonies at 7:00 pm, followed by a welcoming Hospitality hosted by the Southeast Region.

Come early, tour this fantastic area, and join your FCRV friends and Family at the 2018 Campvention at the Meadow Event Park in Doswell, Virginia.



## Gate Times

Registration staff members - July 5th arrive after 2 pm. Campvention workers only may arrive on July 6<sup>th</sup> - gate open at 8 am-8 pm. Gate is open all other days at 8 am.

George Reynolds

## Info from Registration Chair Penny Ramlow



As of May 8, if you have already pre-registered and have not received Confirmation Letter, let me know at [pramlow@aol.com](mailto:pramlow@aol.com).



## Door Prizes

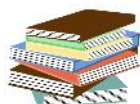


Door Prize Chair Mary Burrus' reminder: Door prizes are needed for the 2018 Campvention. Please bring as many as you can.

## Wayne's RV Service



Wayne's RV Service (Wayne & Barbara Dunker) will be attending Campvention and will be doing on-site RV repair service. If anyone needs something specific done, they can bring the right part. Call Wayne at 260-463-6549 to let him know your needs.



## Campvention Book Exchange

Books are needed for the Book Exchange at 2018 Campvention. The Book Exchange is an excellent way to recycle books. Bring some; take some for your reading enjoyment.

Mary Burrus, Book Exchange Chair

## Craft

by Judy Elenburg



The craft I will be bringing for you is a 4" ribbon Patriotic Angel. You will need to bring scissors with you. The cost will be \$8. Look forward to seeing you in Virginia.

## Youth

Co-chairs - Judy Elenburg & Libby Hoke



We are planning activities to go with the Campvention Theme "Where Our Country Began". For the reverse Parade on Friday, we need you to plan and/or design a costume of a patriotic person from the 1700s or a colonial costume. Some of the better known examples are: George Washington, Ben Franklin, Paul Revere, Betsy Ross, Patrick Henry, and Nathan Hale. That's just a few. See what you can come up with. Also, we will need ideas for the back drop. Put your thinking caps on. You will be drawing this as one of your activities. We are looking forward to seeing you in Virginia.

## Volunteers Needed

The following committees may need volunteers at the 2018 Campvention: Adult Games, Adult Center, Information Booth, Parking, Security, Door Prizes, Wildlife and Conservation.



If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Marjory Bates, [mbates13@bellsouth.net](mailto:mbates13@bellsouth.net); Reba Ray, [reba256@yahoo.com](mailto:reba256@yahoo.com); or Gerry Owens, [owensfcrv@aol.com](mailto:owensfcrv@aol.com).



Hey all you teen guys and gals, get ready to party... 50's style

Show off your best 1950's attire.  
Be creative, you never know what you might win at the...

## Sunday Night Sock Hop!



## Hear ye, Hear ye...

Don't forget to bring your Sunday best for the Royal Ball on Wednesday after the pageant!



All Campvention attendees are invited to party with the new Teen Royalty and their court.  
No Denim permitted



## Teen Royalty Registration Update:

If you haven't sent in your registration packet, please let us know as soon as possible. We need everyone's information so we can get information you need about the pageant schedule, and your essay question to you in a timely manner. You can reach the pageant director at [beccaconiglio@yahoo.com](mailto:beccaconiglio@yahoo.com) with any questions.

## Teen Royalty Pageant Attire Tips:



We are looking forward to working with the Teen Royalty in Doswell, Virginia this year. Here are some important wardrobe tips to help you get ready...

1. Don't forget that now is the perfect time to start putting together your wardrobe for the pageant, not the week before you get there.
2. Royalty Tea/Interview - Your tea attire should be tasteful. We suggest what adults call business casual for both ladies and gentlemen, but the rules state "street clothes", leaving room for your own interpretation.
3. Opening number/Poise and confidence - Remember that you will need a pair of shorts (not too short) or capris in the color outlined in your packet and a pair of white sneakers for this portion of the pageant. You will receive your t-shirt at Campvention.
4. Skills/Talent - Skills attire is easy for the guys; they simply can stay in their shorts and pageant t-shirt. Talent attire is entirely up to you ladies; creativity is a bonus here.
5. Evening wear - Ladies, your evening gown should be age appropriate and a style that flatters you. Remember, that you will be spending a large amount of time in it (afternoon competition, crowning, and the ball), so be

sure you are comfortable wearing it. Gentlemen, you have it a little easier as you may wear a suit or a tuxedo, the choice is yours for formal wear. But again, make sure you are comfortable as you will be spending a large portion of time on Wednesday in whatever you choose.

6. Shoes - Finally, and I cannot stress this enough, when picking out shoes for the evening competition and the tea, it is important to remember that you will be required to walk in them. Your score is based on your poise on stage and if the heel is too high or the shoe doesn't fit right it will show. Be sure to spend time breaking in your shoes so that you will be comfortable walking in them on stage and at the tea.

We hope you find these tips helpful and remember that the most important thing during your entire pageant experience is to have fun!

### Attention Teens:

**We will be having a color war (with powdered paint). Please come prepared with clothes that you won't mind getting stained. In our experience, sometimes it washes out and sometimes it creates a new outfit.**

## Pet Parade

by Millie Pauwels, Chair



We are looking for all animals that you wish to be part of the Pet Parade. There will be awards & prizes for the smallest, largest, friendliest, etc. All pets get a certificate of participation and a welcome bag. Please make sure you register your pet at Central Registration.



## Campvention Tours

The Virginia tourism board will be on the grounds Saturday and Sunday to pass out information and share the best way to get where you would like to go. They will be manning a booth there for two to three days. **IF they get enough interest and can get some bus tours set up, then they will do it there.**





## Site Decorating Contest

Is your race horse ready to come to Campvention? The site decorating contest sponsored by Geneseo Campground is based on race horses this year. Four prizes will be given. One each for Most Realistic, Fastest, Best Overall Display, and Funniest. Get your creative juices flowing and bring your best race horse to Campvention.

## Wildlife Grants



Remember to get your Wildlife Grant requests into me by **June 5**. You need to mail them to me with the appropriate documentation. You will find the form on the FCRV website. Plus you need support material and letter from the facility you are requesting the grant. Remember that the Grant must be for the protection of wildlife through education, providing habitat, etc. If you have any questions give me a call.

Joanie Stone  
National Wildlife Director

## Wildlife Silent Auction



The Wildlife Silent Auction will be held this year so bring your items for the auction (anything in good condition is welcomed). The money collected from this auction goes into the Wildlife Fund which is used for the Wildlife Grants.

## Build A Bird House Contest and Amateur Photo Contest



Information can be found in the April *Camping Today* for both of these contests.

## Golf Cart Applications

Found elsewhere in  
this issue Deadline **June 15, 2018**



## RV Services Near Campvention



Services for RVs are in abundance in the Ashland area, only 8 miles from the Meadow Event Park. You name it; Ashland has it - transmission shops, generator shops, tire shops, and general motor services.

All of these services are located off I-95, Exit 92 and Rt. 54 at Ashland. Go west on Rt. 54 to the intersection with U.S. 1, turn left onto U.S. 1 and all of the above mentioned services are within 1 - 1 1/2 miles. When visiting these places, let them know that you are with FCRV and are camped at the Meadow Event Park for the week.

Also, bring your \$2.00 bills and use them in Ashland! See you at Campvention.

Don and Shirley MacKenzie

Email - [onecedarjunction@gmail.com](mailto:onecedarjunction@gmail.com)

## Seminars



**Tue 7-10 at 11:00**

RV Maintenance and Upkeep

**Wed 7-11 at 11:00**

Convection / Induction Cooking 101

Debbie Swanson

## LAST CHANCE! CPR Class Registration



If you want to get certified for  
CPR at Campvention,  
you must contact Gerry Owens at  
[owens25313@gmail.com](mailto:owens25313@gmail.com)  
or Reba Ray at [Reba256@yahoo.com](mailto:Reba256@yahoo.com)  
**by June 10th.**

**Class is 5 hours and cost is \$50.00.  
Class must be prepaid.**

## D.A.S.A.T. Seminar Preview

**Opioid Drug use and Dangers - Monday, July 9, 2018, 9:00 a.m.** - This presentation will discuss the dangers of Opioid use and the dangers of other prescribed drugs that lead to drug addiction. The seminar will provide additional information on how to stay safe and the facts about Opioid addiction.

**Conservation-“Learn to Love the Wet Spots” - Monday, July 9, 2018, 2 p.m.** - : Wetlands are protected. No Wetlands-no seafood. But really is that soggy spot near my house a wetland? Does it have any value? Come and learn to make the most of living with or near wetlands. We will learn to determine if we are near wetlands either by checking ourselves, or going on-line. We will learn that if it's gardening we want there are precautions to protecting the water, but there are so many fantastic gardening choices to make come and learn more about our valuable resources “the wet lands.”

**Internet Safety - Monday, July 9, 2018, 11:00 a.m.** - This seminar will provide information about Child safety and how to keep your child and personal information safe when using the internet. This will also include information about on-line predators. The more information you put into the computer and various internet sites the more you are likely to be hacked and or become a victim. This special program will provide you with the necessary tools on how to keep your child/children safe from others predators.

**How to Survive an Active Shooter Situation- Updates - Tuesday afternoon on July 11, 2018, 3:30 p.m.** - This will be a presentation on what to do, and how to survive an active shooter situation. No matter where you go, the danger exists for everyone. What you do, and how you do it will save your life and the lives of others. A brief review on some safety measure you can take, while at work, school, at the movies, and other location will be discussed. Emphasis will focus on church shooting, and what you can do to help prevent this from occurring.

**Blood Mobile Director - Tuesday, July 10, 3-7 p.m.** - This will be an opportunity for our membership to participate in a blood drive. This is one simple way you can help save a life. This will be conducted and supported by the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

**A Brief Historical Overview of the Local Area - Scheduled for the Hard Hat's Breakfast 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2018** - A very brief introduction to the local history of the area. This will be a short presentation providing information about the Civil War around the Richmond, Virginia area and a short introduction to the assignation of President Lincoln leading from just above Doswell, Virginia to Maryland, than to Washington, D.C. This will conclude with a special program with the retiring of the colors. To learn more, attend the longer Seminar Entitled: *An in-depth look at the History of the Richmond Area and the Assignation Trail of Abraham Lincoln* which follows the “Hard Hats” breakfast. It

will be exciting and educational for those in attendance.

**An in-depth look at the History of the Richmond Area and the Assassination Trail of Abraham Lincoln - Wednesday, July 11, 2018, following the Hard Hats Men's Breakfast, 10:00 a.m.** - Learn about the importance of the various aspects of the Civil War through a costumed interpreter who will guide you throughout the turbulent years of the Civil War in the 1860's and the various influential facts that lead to the derelict activities of John Wilkes Booth and the Assassination of our most famous presidents, Abraham Lincoln. Information will be available about some of the local historical sites in the Richmond, Virginia area and about the John Wilkes Booth assignation trail up to and including the Dr. Mudd House in Charles County, Maryland. Come and learn about this exciting time in America's history.

**Disaster and Safety Awareness Display - Wednesday, afternoon, July 11, 2 p.m.** - This will be an opportunity for the membership of FCRV to obtain information, brochures, handouts, booklets and pamphlets dealing with the various aspects of any disaster. Information will be for the home, church, work and other menu's. What to do, how to do it, and other valuable resources will be available. Information will be from the American Red Cross, FEMA, Home Land Security, The American Heart Association, the local fire Department and Sheriff's Offices. Come and visit our display.

**National DASAT Director's Meeting - Thursday, July 12, 2018, 10:00 a.m.** - This is open invitation for all state and providence DASAT Directors to meet and greet the National FCRV DASAT Director. Come and find out what resources you can use within your own DASAT programs that will be of benefit to the members of FCRV in your region. Useful ideas will be shared and information available for all interested.

**Fire Safety and Prevention - Thursday July 12, 2018, 1 p.m.** - The Doswell Volunteer Fire Department will put on a demonstration and discuss how to put out a fire and the proper use of a fire extinguisher. Additional information will be presented about the use of carbon dioxide protectors and smoke alarms within your RV. This valuable information can and will save lives. What to do and how to prevent the spread of a fire will be the very useful to everyone. Come and be a part of this very special presentation and display.



# Campvention Entertainment



**Monday - The Virginians Barbershop Chorus**



**Tuesday - Ventriloquist Greg Claassen**



**Wednesday - Teen Queen & King Pageant**



**Friday - Hanover Concert Band**



**Thursday - Sunday Drive**



## Learn to Love the Wet Spots

By Joe Boswell, National D.A.S.A.T Director

Wetlands are protected. True fact: in many areas, we are destroying the eco-systems Mother Nature has put in place just for us. Consider this simple fact: how many of us enjoy eating seafood? If our wetlands are drying up and destroyed, then our food supply has been impacted, and once it is lost, getting it back can be extremely difficult, if not impossible.

Have you noticed that a part of your yard is constantly wet? Take a few minutes and explore where the water is coming from. In many cases, this is nature's way of maintaining our water supply. A swamp, or soggy earth, has a great value. What lives in this water, how long will it be around, and what feeds this standing body of water? Each one of us can learn to live with or near this wetland area. Swamps, for example, live a health existence without man's intervention. When it rains, the wetland area may flood for a time, and then evaporate with the heat of the summer months, only to return once again. The water level will rise with rain, and fall over time; this is the natural process. Something to consider: wonder what happens to some of the wetlands and swamps around your community? Look carefully; who destroyed them? Whether one realizes it or not, each and every time a new housing development or shopping center breaks ground some of our natural wetlands get filled in with dirt. Then ask yourself, why do some areas around this development flood each and every time it rains? Well, guess what, the developer destroyed the natural wetlands and the resource area for the rain water.

You are invited to come to the Conservation Workshop on Wetlands. At this wonderful seminar you will learn if you live close to or around wetlands, by using various resources everyone present will learn that if it's vegetable gardening and/or flower garden we want to take precautions to protect the surrounding water resources. With this information, one will have a lot of gardening choices to make as you proceed.

To find out more about the importance of our Wetlands, come to the Conservation Workshop. (Check the Campvention Schedule for date and time.) This workshop, under the direction of the Master Gardeners which is a part of the United States Department of Agriculture, Co-operative Extension Office of Stafford County Virginia, will present the importance of saving and preserving our wetlands.



## Family Campers & RVers Turns 69 in July



North America's oldest non-profit family camping organization will mark its founding 69 years ago on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. A New York businessman named Hank Nathan shared his campfire with some other campers at Bushkill Falls, NY. The group camped together again and invited other families and by 1956 had grown into a national organization called the National Campers & Hikers Association. They helped people learn about camping equipment, locate good campsites, and set up activities.

The organization's growth followed the RV boom and in the early 1970's NCHA had more than 77,000 families in the U.S. and Canada. The group became known not only for fun and friendship, but also for conservation projects in their home areas. With its legislative watch it was also known as an advocate for campers' rights. NCHA / FCRV has raised thousands of dollars for Ronald McDonald Houses by recycling aluminum cans and pull tabs. They have also awarded more than \$250,000 in scholarships and many thousands of dollars for wildlife grants. Other programs developed over the years to benefit members include travelongs, disaster awareness training, hiking, campground and other discounts, youth, teen, and retiree programs.



**Summer Campvention**

The two biggest events of the year are the National Campvention or rally in July and the winter Retiree Rally in the sun belt. The 2018 Campvention is in Doswell, Virginia at Meadow Event Park July 9 - 13 and





***CT chapter goes kayaking***

the winter Retiree Rally is in Tallahassee, Florida at the North Florida Fairgrounds March 20 – 25. The 2019 Campvention is in Hutchison, Kansas mid July and the Retiree 2019 Retiree Rally is in Houma, Louisiana at Terrebonne Civic Center. Campvention locations are on a rotation between 8 regions of membership in the U.S. and Canada. The July 2020 Campvention is in Ontario and the March Retiree Rally is in Dothan, AL. The Regional and State / Provincial FCRV Directors find a site with facilities big enough for 300 – 400 RVs and submit a bid to the Board of Trustees for approval.

There are local chapters all over the U. S. and Canada and they sponsor low cost local, state / provincial, and regional campouts. A calendar of events is published in Camping Today online and on the FCRV website at [www.fcrv.org](http://www.fcrv.org).

Although the word hikers was part of the original name, NCHA was and is a camping and RV organization, open to any type of camping equipment. To reflect this in 1993 NCHA adopted the trade name Family Campers & RVers (FCRV). The membership consists of families with children as well as many folks of retirement age. The organization is not as large as it once was, but a dedicated core of volunteer leaders are keeping its goals alive. Membership in FCRV is \$35 U.S and \$45 Canadian per year. Information is available at [www.fcrv.org](http://www.fcrv.org) or by calling 800-245-9755. FCRV's 25th and current President is Shari Weber of Geneseo, Illinois.



***Rally Theme Displays***



***Kids at a 'drive-in' movie***



***Miss FCRV & Teen King Pageant***



***Lots of Adult Games***

## Thank You!

Debbie and I wish to thank all of the FCRV members who voted in the recent Trustee election. Whether you voted for me or not, I promise to continue to work hard for the betterment of FCRV, it's programs, and all members of our outstanding 'all volunteer' organization.

At the end of this next term, I will have served on the Board of Trustees for eight years. Although the work can be challenging, the good of the organization is always on our minds.

Debbie and I hope to see all of you in Doswell, Va. for our 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Campvention. If you haven't registered, it's not too late! The registration form is on our website or you can contact Penny Ramlow, Campvention Registrar, at [Pramlow@aol.com](mailto:Pramlow@aol.com). Don't miss the opportunity to visit Virginia, "Where Our Country Began".







## Indiana Teen Queen Macey Stuckwisch

Macey is busy with school activities as she belongs to FFA and has been working in the greenhouse getting ready for flower sales. She also has been working in the shop, building picnic tables for the park, preparing for livestock judging contests, preparing to compete at State Convention with her speech that she won 1st place with at the LDE contest. She is running for treasurer of her chapter this year.

She is also editor of the yearbook and was stressed out getting it ready to go to the company that prints it with less than a month to get it ready to go.

With all of these activities she still managed to keep her grades up.

She also has been preparing the piano piece for campvention/nationals this summer.



## Florida State Association



FSA is celebrating 50 years! President Cecil Baker accepted the certificate from Bob & Emma Moore, Florida State Directors.

## Phillipsburg, PA Mountaineers

By Jeff Williams

Mountaineers celebrated their chapter's 50th anniversary with a conservation campout at Black Moss-hanen State Park. They did a two hour work session

and planted a tree. This was the site of their first campout 50 years ago.

## 2016-2017 Teen King Nicholas Kyte Recognized



*Nicholas accepting  
his award from  
Coach Tyler Green*

Nicholas Kyte was recently recognized by the teammates of his Junior Hockey Club.

After making a personal decision to leave organized minor hockey in 2015/2016, Nicholas was asked to try-out for one of the local Junior Hockey Clubs and on his first day in camp was committed to the Picton Pirates hockey organization located approximately 2 hours east of Toronto.

After improving in his rookie season (2016/2017) with the Pirates, Nicholas was recognized as the hockey clubs Top Performing Defenseman for the 2017/2018 hockey season.

Nicholas will be re-joining the Picton Pirates Junior Hockey Club for the 2018/2019 while also completing his second year at Loyalist College (Business Marketing) in Belleville, Ontario.



## Memories



Dave East's son, Bill sent this. Thought you would like to see Pop's grave marker. He really did love his nickname "Ol Grouch".

Dave always had this grouchy look until someone called him "Old Grouch" and then he'd break into a grin. Many FCRVers called him this and he would even sign emails as "Old Grouch."

# FCRV Activities

## FCRV Teen Queen Beth O'Neal



Family Campers and RVers Teen Queen Beth O'Neal at the Missouri state campout. Pictured here with former Retiree King and Queen Dallas and Barb Dodson.

## Beth at Ohio Campout



Thank you Ohio for your hospitality. Big shout out to Robert, Karen and Jen Snodgrass for putting us up and feeding us. Had a great time!

## KOA: Tech Can Detract from Camping Experience

by Ben Quiggle Courtesy of RV Business

Campground owners need to be willing to embrace technology at their campgrounds, but how campers use that technology while camping may be shifting, according to the *2018 North American*

*Camping Report* commissioned by Billings, Mont.-based Kampgrounds of America Inc. (KOA).

The report indicates that 93% of campers bring some form of mobile device with them on camping trips, while one-fourth of all campers “say it is important to them to share their experiences on social media.”

Wi-Fi is also becoming an “expected amenity,” according to the report. “Four-in-10 camper households overall say access to cell service or Wi-Fi impacts the amount they camp.”

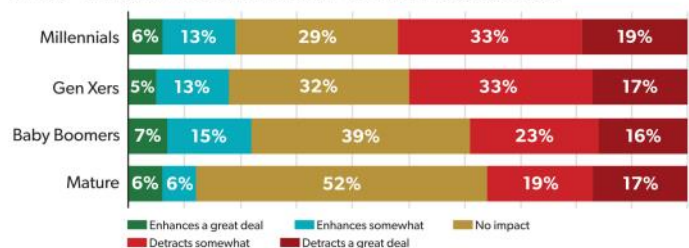


But tides are shifting on how important technology is to the overall camping experience, KOA President Toby O'Rourke told *Woodall's Campground Management (WCM)*, sister publication to *RVBusiness*. In 2017, over half of Millennials (52%) said that technology distracts from their overall enjoyment of camping, up from 38% in 2016.

“We’re seeing more and more people saying technology is a distraction from their overall enjoyment while camping, but they are still bringing their technology while camping and they’re using it as they need it,” O'Rourke said. “These devices are becoming more of a utility it seems. You don’t do anything without your phone.”

But, it’s not like they’re going camping and sitting there and using that phone as entertainment while they’re camping,” she continued. “They are camping and enjoying the outdoors, enjoying their time engaging with friends and family, and that’s the experience. I think people are so connected all the time that we are seeing people get outside and want to just be outside.”

IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY ON ENJOYMENT OF CAMPING EXPERIENCES



She added that it is still important to have the right infrastructure in place for when campers do want to use their phones.



"Access to technology brings information to a prospective camper's fingertips," stated the report. "Answers to their questions are as close as a Google search and help, should they need it, is often just a call away. Easy access to technology, and especially mobile devices, also puts their minds at ease regarding safety, allowing them to more fully enjoy their outdoor experience."

The report goes on to say that "unplugged" while camping rarely means that campers are completely disconnecting from technology. Only 1-in-10 say that unplugging means no access to any technology.

"When asked how they 'unplug' while camping, about a third of all campers say that they have their smartphone with them, but they don't turn it on," the report says.

A full digital copy of the 2018 North American Camping Report is available for viewing or for download on the KOA Pressroom at [www.koapressroom.com](http://www.koapressroom.com).

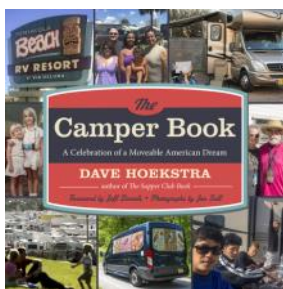
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## Book Corner

### The Camper Book

By Dave Hoekstra, Photographs By Jon Sall, Foreword by Jeff Daniels

A skilled journalist and award-winning photographer crisscross the country to explore camper culture, #vanlife, and RVing trends



The Camper Book will captivate all those who dream of waving good-bye to the rat race from the window of their own moveable home, be it a camper, RV, travel trailer, camper van, or tiny camper. Not just for placid retirees anymore, camper culture has sprung up among simplicity-seeking millennials, retro-loving "glampers," sports and movie stars, aging hippies, contract workers, "road-schoolers," and others. Award-winning journalist Dave Hoekstra hit the road in his own custom camper van, named Bluebird, to explore the history, culture, subcultures, and future of camper life. Traveling and talking his way through

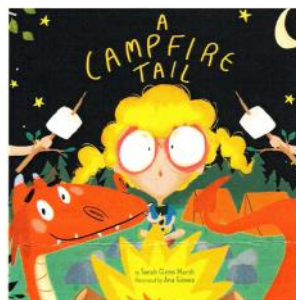
US campsites, RV parks, landmarks, and communities, Hoekstra draws out revealing stories from all walks of life—from Americans who are downsizing material goods while upsizing spiritual pursuits to RV enthusiasts such as Grammy-winning singer-songwriter John Prine and Chicago Cubs manager Joe Maddon. A modern-day Studs Terkel, Hoekstra provides a delightful mix of oral history, in-depth reporting, and practical information, while photographer Jon Sall's beautiful color photographs illuminate the unique people, places, and rigs that typify camper life.

Available at book stores everywhere and through IPG at 1-800-888-4741 or [ipgbook.com](http://ipgbook.com).

### A Campfire Tail

#### A Sweet Story of Friendship and Acceptance for Little Campers!

By Sarah Glenn Marsh



*A Campfire Tail* (Sterling Children's Books, May 2018) is a sweet, funny picture book that teaches an important lesson about the true meaning of friendship—and in accepting the strengths and weaknesses of others.

Sterling Children's Books

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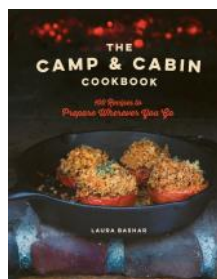
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Hardcover Picture Book • 40p • Ages 4+ • May 1, 2018

### The Camp & Cabin Cookbook

#### 100 Recipes to Prepare Wherever You Go

By Laura Bashar



Laura Bashar will transform your idea of campfire cooking, with recipes designed for an open fire or camping stove. It's not about hot dogs on sticks or everyday s'mores anymore—the next



time you dine under the stars, feast on **Campfire Pael-la, Cheesy Garlic Pull-Apart Bread**, or a **Whole Wheat Chocolate Chip Skillet Cookie**.

## PEACH AND BLUEBERRY COBBLER WITH CHAI TOPPING

This is by far my favorite dessert recipe in this collection, perhaps even of all time. Fruit-based desserts are my weakness, and there is something amazing about all the flavors melting together in this cobbler. The peaches are

just lightly sweetened and the cake topping is fluffy with a hint of tea and cardamom. My personal tea preference for this recipe is Earl Grey, but feel free to use your own favorite tea.

Dutch Oven 🍳 Prep Time: 20 minutes 🍳 Cook Time: 45 minutes 🍳 Serves 8

### FILLING

3 pounds fresh peaches, peeled and cut into thin slices  
6 ounces blueberries  
¼ cup granulated sugar  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
2 tablespoons cornstarch

### TOPPING

¾ cup all-purpose flour  
¼ cup granulated sugar  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
¼ teaspoon kosher salt  
½ teaspoon cardamom  
1 teaspoon finely crushed tea leaves, like Earl Grey  
¼ cup extra virgin olive oil  
½ cup heavy cream  
¼ cup almond slices

1. In a chimney, light up 24 briquettes.
2. Combine the peaches, blueberries, ¼ cup sugar, lemon juice, and cornstarch in a large bowl until coated evenly.
3. Pour into a 10-inch Dutch oven, scraping in all of the liquid as well.
4. In the same mixing bowl, whisk together flour, ¼ cup sugar, baking powder, salt, cardamom, and tea leaves.
5. Stir in the olive oil until just incorporated. Mix in the heavy cream until combined.
6. Using a spoon, dollop and spread the dough evenly over the peaches. Sprinkle the almond slices over the dough.
7. Cover the Dutch oven and add 15 coals on top and 9 briquettes underneath.
8. Cook for 45 minutes or until the cobbler is golden brown.

HOME KITCHEN METHOD: To bake at home, assemble the cobbler in an oven-safe dish. Bake in the oven at 375°F for 45 minutes or until the cobbler is golden.



## This N' That

### PROPANE CYLINDER REGULATIONS

Regulations recently put in place require that removable propane cylinders in RVs over 10 years old must be checked and recertified by an approved or specially licensed propane dealer before they can be refilled. Not all propane dispensers are licensed to do this. If the tank passes, it gets a sticker good for 5 more years. If your tank fails or you cannot find a convenient recertifier, you will need to buy a new tank. Permanent ASME tanks in motorhomes do not need to be recertified.

### ANT KILLER

To get rid of ants mix 32 oz. of water with 1/8 cup of borax and 1 cup of sugar. Soak cotton balls in the mixture and leave out for ants. They will flock to it and take it back to the nest.

### MOOCHDOCKING

Moochdocking is much like Boondocking (camping for free in a parking lot, shopping center, truck stop, rest area, etc. Moochdocking is when you visit family or friends and camp in their driveway or yard. Of course they are expected to provide you with water and electric and probably feed and entertain you. However it can work in reverse and you have to do the entertaining, cooking, and even odd jobs.



## It's a Dirty Job...RV Waste Tank Survival

Author : Tammy Daly in [RVs Inside and Out: A Parts Manager's Perspective](#)

Everyone has had that moment when you think “I used chemicals. Why does it still smell?” If you understand your plumbing system and are using the correct chemicals you may not have to wonder any longer. Yes, cleaning and draining the tanks will still be a “dirty Job” but it will be a little easier to do

Read more [HERE](#).

## Jim Lewis Tips

**Tip of the day.....** this one is all math and electricity.... RV's get their juice by a 20Amp or 30AMP--120 volt plug connected to respective circuit breakers or on higher end 5th wheels and MHs, they have a 50AMP - - - 240 volt plug. The 50 Amp plug has 2 hot wires, each connected to 50 amp circuit breakers and a common wire and a ground wire. So if you are connected to a 20A plug, similar to a plug in your house, you are very limited to what you can turn on, before blowing a circuit.... the A/C and coffee pot, but NOT the microwave. I'll explain in a minute. A 30A plug can support (1) A/C.. the coffee pot and microwave, but not the toaster.

Here's the math, watts divided by volts equals Amps. Your 1600 watt hair dryer divided by 120 volts equals 13.3 Amps. (and more like at CG's, 110 volts, so 14.5 amps.)

So each leg of the voltage coming into the RV is 120 V, regardless of whether it is 20A, 30A or 50A. As I said before, your RV with a 50A plug has 2 - - 120 V, 50A legs. In the chart you will see amps by appliance, turn on or off as needed not to exceed your Amperage rating.

Air Conditioner 12-16 Amps  
Blender 5-6 Amps  
Coffee Maker 5-8 Amps  
Compact Disc Player 1 Amp  
Computer (Laptop) 2-3 Amps  
Converter 1-8 Amps  
Crock Pot 1-2 Amps  
Drill 2-6 Amps  
Electric Blanket 0.5-1.5 Amps  
Electric Fan 1 Amp  
Electric Water Heater 9-13 Amps  
Electric Skillet 6-12 Amps  
Hair Dryer 5-12 Amps  
Iron 5-10 Amps  
Light (60 watt % 120V) <1 Amp  
Microwave 8-13 Amps  
Microwave (Convection) 13 Amps  
Refrigerator AC mode 5-8 Amps  
Space Heater 8-13 Amps  
Television 1.5-4 Amps  
Toaster 7-10 Amps  
Vacuum (handheld) 2-6 Amps  
VCR 1-2 Amps  
Washer/Dryer 14-16Amps  
Too much amperage generates heat and then a fire.

**Tip of the day.....** This one is going to bring out people and comments from everyone. Take care of your RV, wash and wax it at least 3 times a year. Be careful on the roof, safety first, and wash with Spic and Span or Dicor roof cleaning solution with a soft brush and rinse well. Treat the roof with a Dicor sealant, much like skim milk, apply with a long handle sponge and let dry.

Wash the outside of your RV with a good car wash and HOT water, a soft brush, and a large sponge. For those black streaks from the roof and on the sides of your slide outs from the seals, I use Awesome, from the Dollar Store. Spray from the bottom up, scrub a little with the sponge and rinse. If you leave the Awesome on too long it will streak, just start over from the bottom and all the streaks and black streaks will be gone. Wax with a good paste wax like Maguire's at least 2-3 times per year. The liquid cleaner wax is great after you have a good coat on the surface.

Don't forget the tires, the sun does a number on them, so clean and coat them with 303 Conditioner (auto parts store... not cheap).

Your RV will maintain its new like appearance for a long time.

**Tip of the day.....** As we camp all year long, we like to have the ability to leave our outside door open. I added 3 pieces of 1/16 plexiglass to our screen door. I removed the bottom screen and silicone seal glued the bottom panel in place. The same is done with the middle piece beside the sliding panel.

The top piece is cut to the outside dimensions of the door and white Velcro is used to hold it in place. I left the screen in the top section. The top panel is easily removed for air circulation and stored behind one of the kitchen chairs.

We can leave the outside door open when we are using the heater or air conditioning enjoying the natural light.

I purchased the plexiglass from a Home store and cut it with a very fine pitch plywood blade. I added masking tape to where the cut lines were to prevent chipping.



# Products

## Furrion Introduces Efficient 9L Gas Water Heater

Courtesy of RV Business

Furrion, a supplier of consumer electronics, appliances and energy solutions for recreational vehicles, unveiled its new 9L Gas Water Heater. According to a press release, the new gas water heater saves consumers a considerable amount of energy and money versus that of a conventional water tank and eliminates the fear of a cold shower because the hot water ran out.

“Our new gas water heater brings an increased level of efficiency and peace of mind to travelers,” said Matt Fidler, co-founder and chief marketing officer for Furrion. “There is nothing worse than being on a trip and someone gets a cold shower. Now with hot water on demand, as long as there is water left in the reservoir you can be assured of a hot shower, just like at home. We always strive to bring innovation to the market that makes life easier and is smarter at the same time. By swapping out a conventional water heater with our new 9L gas water heater customers will reduce their energy consumption and cost which is a good thing for them and the environment.”

The Furrion 9L Gas Water Heater heats nine liters of water per minute and offers RVers on-demand hot water with a consistent water temperature can be set and controlled via the thermostat. Unlike standard water heaters that heat in 15-degree increments, Furrion’s 9L gas water heater gives consumers the flexibility to adjust the temperature in five-degree increments while the water temperature can be set as high as 124 degrees Fahrenheit. The thermostat displays the water temperature, the time, and pressure level, complete with a pressure alarm that alerts RVers when the pressure is low.

The gas water heater has been engineered with advanced safety features including a pressure relief valve, over temperature protection, blower block protection and an automatic shutoff if a problem presents itself. Advanced engineering creates a vortex pattern inside the water mixing chamber to eliminate high temperature fluctuations to drastically reduce

the risk of hot water scolding when multiple water outlets are in use.

The Furrion 9L Gas Water Heater was designed to fit where the current six-gallon conventional water heater sits in most RVs. This allows consumers to upgrade to a more efficient and dependable system with minimal hassle and with no additional retrofitting. It features an easy access drain that quickly drains the water from the heat exchanger for prolonged winter storage of their RV.

## Hi-Tech Accessory Has the Power to be a LifeSaver

*Unique features of D.A.D. 2 give confidence to be prepared for any situation*

SALT LAKE CITY, UT – The D.A.D.® 2 (Defense Alert Device) by TigerLight is the ultimate empowerment safety tool. Most women and men probably believe they will never be the victim of a violent attack. However, according to the most recent data available from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in 2015 there were an estimated 1,197,704 violent crimes, which includes murder, rape, sexual assault, robbery and assault.



According to data from the National Crime Survey and the Bureau of Statistics, 73% of women and 89% of men will be a victim of violent crime in their lifetime.

The unique, non-lethal ingredients in the D.A.D.® 2 spray and stealth delivery method make it 96% effective at stopping assailants without any additional force. These results are based on law enforcement studies of prior TigerLights, even those with much less potent spray than that used in the D.A.D.® 2. Comparatively, a can of pepper spray has only a 50% - 70% stop rate based on testing by the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department. When triggered the D.A.D.® 2 also sends Danger Alerts to emergency contacts and Crowd Alerts to people within a one mile radius who have the free D.A.D.® app who can quickly respond



to the situation.  
The D.A.D.® 2 is a more effective self-defense tool because of several reasons:

**Technology** – using Bluetooth the D.A.D.® 2 communicates with the D.A.D. app downloaded to user's smartphones. A button on the D.A.D.® 2 can be pressed with or without triggering the non-lethal spray. When pressed a Danger Alert is sent via the app, text and also email, if included in the app contact information. The alert includes the sender's name, location and photo to friends and family listed in Contacts on the app. The alert is also sent to HEROS or GOOD SAMARITAN's within a one mile radius of the sender. These are fellow users of the D.A.D. app who have opted into crowd alerts and can quickly respond to offer aid to the sender and help fight off the attacker or render assistance. The app can also be used to contact 911 or campus police and to send a message to contacts letting them know when the victim is okay after a Danger alert is sent.

**Stealth Design** – made from durable polycarbonate, the D.A.D.® 2 is lightweight and molded to comfortably fit in the hand in the perfect position for effective use under stress. A rubber hand strap helps prevent victims from dropping the D.A.D.® 2 during an attack. The strap, non-weapon appearance and dual utility as a flashlight also make it more likely for the D.A.D.® 2 to be carried in the hand instead of stored in a purse or pocket. The multi-mode flashlight disguises the capabilities of the D.A.D.® 2 by obstructing the attacker's vision. Because attackers do not expect to be sprayed by the D.A.D.® 2 they have no opportunity to close their eyes or hold their breath in order to minimize its incapacitating effects.

**Efficiency** – the non-lethal spray used in the D.A.D.® 2 has been tested by the University of Utah and police departments across the country. It has been proven to be more potent than other pepper spray and will even work on attackers who are under the influence. This is due to its potency, spray pattern, particle size and most of all, its stealth delivery enabling a much more significant effect on the respiratory system which, in effect, "chokes attackers out" rather than trying to "punch" them out. The D.A.D.® 2 makes an attacker

feel unable to inhale, creating a sensation of suffocation. Instantly the attacker is put into survival mode and is only focused on breathing, giving the victim the opportunity to run away.

"According to statistics, between 1 in 5 and 1 in 20 women will experience sexual assault in their lifetime, many while they are in college. The D.A.D.® 2 is a one-of-a-kind tool that combines the most effective non-lethal chemical spray available to consumers with smart design features and technology for the ultimate self-defense tool," said Michael Teig, President & CEO of TigerLight. "Our goal is to empower women and any innocent individual to feel safe and confident in their environment by helping them fight back if attacked, and win!"

The D.A.D.® 2 is available in chrome, rose gold, gun metal black, metallic pink and in a matte black special for law enforcement professionals. When not in use the D.A.D.® 2 remains in sleep mode so the long-life lithium battery is capable of sending up to 6,000 alerts. Additional canisters of spray can be ordered if the D.A.D.® 2 is deployed during an attack, and the spray can still be used on an attacker even if the battery runs low.



The D.A.D.® 2 is available for \$129.99, with discounts available for multiple purchases. For more information about retailers or to order online, visit [www.tigerlight.net](http://www.tigerlight.net).

## MonStore Garages Offering Oversized RV Storage

Courtesy of RV Business



MonStore Garages, the brain child of David Gandolfo, began construction last year on 40 garage condominiums designed for RVs and other large vehicles in Palm Springs, Calif.

"There is a definite gap in the market for the individual who's needs are more than just a home-sized garage for all of their possessions," Gandolfo said in a press release. "Those with RV's or collector cars have long needed a place to store, tinker, and protect their investments."

Ted Deits, developer of Eucalyptus at Beaumont Storage Condominiums who joined forces with Gandolfo recently, noted, "The pace of sales, and the val-

ue appreciation of these garage condominiums have been spectacular. It made sense that Dave and I joined forces to bring another project to the desert as demand continues to grow, and clients are left wanting more.

“The first phase of sales sold out in a matter of hours last week when we released 15 garages for early reservations,” Deits added. “Seven of the 15 pre-sales came from existing owners at Eucalyptus at Beaumont. The next sales phase will be released on June 1st and we are expecting similar results.”

Construction will be completed by late summer. Among the most notable features at MonSTORE Garages are the aircraft hangar doors, up to 40 feet or more, making entry and exit easy for those with large vehicles.



Rather than rent a self storage unit at a facility, storage condominiums give tenants the chance to own their unit instead of renting it. While this is essentially a luxury item for

those that can afford it, there are some benefits that do make it appealing.

Since much of the money is received up front in pre-sales, self storage condo facilities are able to offer much more in the way of amenities for tenants. The cost for them all is manageable for the owner to recover since they can be added into the sale price for each unit.

Better security is often included in the sale price as well. Since the majority of a tenants neighbors will be the same people for years, a sense of community tends to develop that helps recognize when someone is there that does not belong.

Read more here: <https://www.monstoregarages.com/palmsprings/>

## Xtend Outdoors Now Offering Custom RV Skirting

Courtesy of RV Business

Xtend Outdoors announced the launch of custom RV skirting for RVs.

Made of heavy-duty vinyl, the RV skirting endures all kinds of weather elements, according to a press release. It can also withstand heavy winds and so RVers don't have to worry about uprooting.



The RV skirting, which runs on all sides of the RV, also insulates the interior temperature, cutting down on costs for heating or cooling the RV while also keeping pipes from freezing.

Other features include:

- Allows for extra storage by utilizing uncovered space in the RV.
- The RV skirting come in bags so that it can be easily transported.
- Installation of the RV skirting by Xtend Outdoors is performed right at the camping site.

For more information visit:

<https://www.xtendoutdoors.com>

## Sink Safe Multi-purpose Knife Caddy!

Made of durable Santoprene™, the Sink Safe caddy measures 14" wide at the base (16" at the opening), 6.25" tall, and 1.5" deep. (Will fit inside all standard size sinks or larger)

Its unique design allows your sudsy water to seep in and soak knives (or other small or fragile items) safely while you load the dishwasher or hand wash pans. Once finished safely cleaning the knives, store your sponges inside and let air dry! Displays beautifully on counter top or convenient under sink access.



When you're cooking in the tight space of an RV or camper, do you ever feel like you don't know where to safely lay down used or dirty knives?

You don't want to leave them on the cutting board, counter or table for a child to grab. You don't want to put them in the sink where dirty dishes or soapy water could conceal them. The danger of someone acci-

dentally cutting themselves is a real problem, especially with children around.

With the brand NEW **SINK SAFE** knife caddy there's a convenient place to store kitchen knives (and small items like corn cob holders) out of harm's way between cooking and clean-up. The unique design allows sudsy water to seep in and soak your knives safely until you're ready to put them away or use them again.

In addition to protecting your hands and your loved ones, it also helps protect the knives themselves. Handwashing is the best way to keep expensive cutlery in top shape.

Don't get caught off guard by a sharp kitchen knife again! Use Sink Safe on your next adventure away from home!

\$19.95

Color available: MOCHA

Sink Safe is available online at [www.sinksafe.com](http://www.sinksafe.com)

## Juka Innovations' Sinkshroom®, and Showershroom® hair catchers

Sinkshroom®, and Showershroom® hair catchers are expertly designed to catch pet and human hair before it ever reaches the RV's pipes and has a chance to create a clog. They would be perfect for any "RV Must-Haves" features you might be working on right now.

- One-piece construction- easy installation
- All-in-one hair strainer/catcher; catches "every hair, every time"
- Fits virtually every sink or shower drain without disrupting water flow
- No messy clean-ups- traps hair where it can't be seen for easy wipe-away cleaning
- Sinkshroom®- available in chrome, nickel, organic green, organic orange, and clean white
- Showershroom®- available in clean white, marina blue, and titan clear



MSRP \$13.99

Available at Bed, Bath and Beyond, Amazon, Target, Ace Hardware, CVS and

online at [www.tubshroom.com](http://www.tubshroom.com)

## Volkswagen Reveals Pickup Concept At N.Y. Show

Courtesy of RV Business

Volkswagen AG unveiled a prototype pickup truck at the New York auto show that would fill a gap in the German company's U.S.



product lineup in what is one of the most profitable segments of the American market.

The German automaker said the dual-cab, short-bed concept Volkswagen Atlas Tanoak pickup truck could be built off the same platform at its Chattanooga, Tenn., assembly plant, where it builds the Atlas SUV and Passat car.

Volkswagen said it does not currently have production plans for a U.S. pickup but "is keen to gauge the reactions of buyers and media, since pickup trucks are one of the biggest volume segments in the U.S." The vehicle could compete with pickups like the Honda Ridgeline, executives said.

"We want to be a relevant player in this market. We want to definitely be a full-line automaker," said Hinrich Woebcken, chief executive of the North American region for the VW, told reporters Tuesday in New York. "We want to be more American."

Pickups accounted for about 16% of U.S. auto sales in 2017 and the best-selling vehicle is Ford Motor Co's F-Series pickup trucks.

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/volkswagen-unveils-concept-pickup-truck-york-auto-show-143437112--finance.html>





# Farewells

**Michael Martin**, 5-12-18, Quebec, Canada, South Shore Wanderers, chapter 'fix it' man.

**Michael 'Mike' Simmons**, 5-25-18, North Venon Indiana, family very active in IN FCRV.

**Wendel Peiffer**, 91, 6-1-18, Davenport, IA, Field Directors who started the tab collection program for Ronald McDonald Houses, wife Jan and 7 kids were very active in FCRV.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JUNE

#### **June 15 -17, 2018 - Penn Camp 2018**

Beech Creek Campground, Beach Creek, PA, Old fashioned weekend with youth + adult games, bingo, hospitalities, door prizes, silent auction, church service. Pot luck supper for all Saturday. Free Sunday breakfast. Light electric (bring extra cord) , water available, fee for dumping. Early day Thur. \$12-call Norm Wolfrom, Registration \$65 ( 2 adults + kids under 21.) Additional family in unit \$25. Pre-register for handicapped site. Send check payable to Penn Camp 2018 to Norm Wolfrom, 205 N. Summit St. Lock Haven, PA 17445, (570-220-9682 )

#### **June 22-24, 2018 – NC Summer Board Meeting**

Oak Hollow Campground, 3415 N. Centennial St., High Point N.C. 27265. Everyone is invited, you do not need to make reservations as sites are already reserved.

### AUGUST

#### **AUGUST 1-5, 2018 GREAT LAKES REGIONAL**

Brown County Fairgrounds, Depere, Wisconsin, games, self guided tours, Saturday evening meal. Pre-registration \$15, by July 20, Activity fee at gate \$20, Camping \$25 per night, water & electric, payable on arrival. Send check payable to Wisconsin Field Directors Fund to: Kip & Jan Cushing, 21028 88th St., Kenosha, WI 53145. Info - [kcushing@wi.rr.com](mailto:kcushing@wi.rr.com), 262-914-5950, 262-914 5951. Registration form on FCRV website.

**August 16 – 19, 2018 - 2018 NE Regional Campout** The Ridge NY Campground, 8101 Conlon Rd., Leroy NY 14482. We from New York State would like to invite all to Leroy, NY for a great campout. The campground is offering a fish fry (additional charge), we are having hospitalities, entertainment, a Friday lunch, Saturday breakfast and dinner Saturday night which is included. Robert Wolf is planning a golf outing for those interested. The campground has a pool, pavilion, etc. We have so much to offer in this area: shopping, The Strong Museum in Rochester, casinos, Genesee Country Museum, etc.

Directions: Just off I-90 Exit 47. Go toward Rt. 19 Leroy/Rochester. Take 490E Exit 1 to Conlon Rd. There are signs to direct right to the campground. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Stiegler, (716) 982-5518 or [stieglj2@gmail.com](mailto:stieglj2@gmail.com). Download and print the [registration form](#). Hope to see you there!!

## SEPTEMBER

### **September 21-23, 2018 - MSA State Fall Campout / Blue Water District Mixer**

Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds (2 blocks north of I-69) Imlay City MI 48444. Theme "Hatfield & McCoys"

**Basic power only. Pre-registration (nonrefundable) \$25.00**, Camping fee per night \$10.00, Total Fri & Sat registration and camping fee **\$45.00. Early arrivals begin on Wednesday September 19. Registration Deadline September 12, 2018** Joyce Williams 586-242-4584 or email [mibluewaterfcrv@gmail.com](mailto:mibluewaterfcrv@gmail.com). Registration form on fcrv.org website.

## OCTOBER

### **October 28- November 2, 2018 Texas State Assn./CH Fall Campventure Week.**

Pioneer River Resort, 1202 Maple St., Bandero, TX 78003, "Cowboy Capitol of the World" (866-371-3512)

Located within walking distance of western shops and restaurants. Camping \$30 per night, \$5 event fee.

games, pot luck, crafts, car pooling to nearby sites. Come join us. Contact Jessie Lynn, [jplynntx@msn.com](mailto:jplynntx@msn.com), 210-653-4105.

## **June Trivia**

Fun Facts about June It is the first month of the summer season. June in the Northern Hemisphere is similar to the month of December in the Southern Hemisphere. June is known as a great month to get married. The famous English tennis tournament Wimbledon is played during the month of June. The longest day of the year occurs on either June 21st or 22nd. Several countries celebrate their flag days during this month including the United States, Sweden, Denmark, Romania, and Argentina. June 21st is Go Skateboarding Day.



# **Don't Miss!!**

## **CAMPVENTION 2018!!**

### **Doswell, VA**

### **July 9 - 13**



# FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers NATIONAL CAMPVENTION Doswell, VA 2018

## APPLICATION: GOLF CART RENTAL

(Print) FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST/PROV \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Golf cart costs including sales tax, \$250.00 for 2 passenger & \$300.00 for 4 passenger. They are rented from 7/09/18 -7/13/18. You must provide flashlight and reflectors. You must be 21 or older to rent the Golf Carts. Golf carts **MUST** be ordered **and paid for** in advance. **There will be no additional carts available at Campvention.**

NUMBER OF CARTS, 2 passenger \_\_\_\_\_, 4 passenger \_\_\_\_\_.

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID IN FULL \$ \_\_\_\_\_ US CURRENCY ONLY

(checks or money orders, no cash please.)

**Make checks payable to: FCRV Campvention 2018**

**Mail check and application to: Dwight S. Bonifield, 5570 N Strawberry Ln. Castle Rock, CO 80108**

**NO APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 15, 2018**

### **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

**BY SIGNING THIS ORDER FORM YOU ARE TAKING COMPLETE AND TOTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE TO THE GOLF CART AND/OR ANY PERSONAL DAMAGE TO YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY AND/OR ANY OTHER PERSON.**

**YOU WILL NOT HOLD FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers, VIRGINIA GOLF CARS INC., OR ANYONE CONNECTED WITH THEM RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE IN ANY WAY.**

Please sign \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# 58<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers CAMPVENTION

HOSTED BY: REGION SIX

SOUTHEAST REGION

**"WHERE OUR COUNTRY BEGAN"**

THE MEADOW EVENT PARK, 13191 DAWN BLVD, DOSWELL, VIRGINIA 23047

EARLY DAYS: JULY 7 - 8, 2018 RALLY DAYS: JULY 9-13, 2018

EARLY DAYS PARKING: \$25 PER NIGHT

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATIONS: JUNE 21, 2018



REGISTRAR ONLY:

REG #: \_\_\_\_\_

CH #: \_\_\_\_\_

AMT: \_\_\_\_\_

SN: \_\_\_\_\_

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

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST/PRV: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME OF OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ ST/PRV: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ SEND MY CONFIRMATION LETTER IN PDF: YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

IS THIS YOUR FIRST CAMPVENTION? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ ARE YOU A VETERAN? YES: \_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN YOUR UNIT:

#OF ADULTS: \_\_\_ TEENS: \_\_\_ YOUTH 9-12 \_\_\_ YOUTH 5-8 \_\_\_ YOUTH 0-4 \_\_\_ TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN UNIT: \_\_\_

PLEASE LIST THE NAMES AND AGES OF ALL TEENS AND YOUTH:

NAME	AGE	NAME	AGE

## CAMPVENTION PARKING:

THE GATES WILL BE OPEN ALL DAYS FROM 8 A.M. TILL 8 P.M. THERE WILL BE AN OVERFLOW AREA FOR THOSE ARRIVING LATE, HOWEVER THERE ARE NO HOOKUPS. THE FIRST 150 UNITS THROUGH THE GATE WILL HAVE FULL HOOK-UP. PARKING IS HOBO STYLE WITH NO SAVING OF SITES. IF YOU WANT TO PARK NEXT TO SOMEONE COME IN TOGETHER. THOSE WITHOUT SEWER WILL BE GIVEN A VOUCHER FOR ONE FREE DUMP.

## SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

CHECK IF REQUESTING A SPECIAL NEEDS SITE: \_\_\_\_\_

NO SPECIAL NEEDS SITES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE GATE. YOU MUST BE REGISTERED.

## REGISTRATION:

EVERYONE MUST FILL OUT A REGISTRATION FORM INCLUDING SECOND FAMILIES AND CAMP PASSES. SUBMIT PAYMENT WITH REGISTRATION FORM. ALL FUNDS SHOULD BE US. CURRENCY OR CHECKS. NO CREDIT CARDS.

	REGISTRATION	AT GATE
ONE FAMILY IN UNIT.....	\$290	\$300
EXTRA FAMILY IN UNIT.....	\$135	\$140
WALK-IN CAMP PASS.....		\$20 PER DAY

## THINGS TO SEE AND DO:

COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG, KINGS DOMIMION AMUSEMENT PARK AND BUSCH GARDENS WILLIAMSBURG, BIRTH PLACES OF: ROBERT E. LEE, GEORGE WASHINGTON, HOMES OF: PATRICK HENRY, PRESIDENT JOHN MADISON, STONEWALL JACKSON SHRINE, NUMEROUS FORTS, MUSEUMS AND BATTLEFIELDS.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FCRV 2018 CAMPVENTION

MAIL TO: BILL AND PENNY RAMLOW

341 HOLLY COVE ROAD #8

WHITTIER, NC 28789

CONTACT THEM AT: 305-822-6589, 813-545-6083 OR

EMAIL: [pramlow@aol.com](mailto:pramlow@aol.com)

REFUND POLICY: IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND, ALL EXCEPT \$25 WILL BE REFUNDED

WE WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR: \_\_\_\_\_