

# FIRESIDE EMBERS



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**SPRING FLING IS MORE FUN  
THAN A ➡**

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# Spring Fling Activities

## “CAMPING IS” POSTER CONTEST COLORING CONTEST FOR FCRV YOUTH

**The Coloring Contest** is planned to give the very youngest FCRV youth (ages 0-4) an opportunity to express themselves creatively. This contest takes the place of the “Camping Is” Poster Contest for these ages. The contest will take place at Spring Fling and the winner will be sent to the National Campvention in July for competition. The contest rules are as follows:

Contestants’ parents must be FCRV members in good standing.

Official entry forms are required. Entry form are available from the State Youth Director or State Director contest at Spring Fling  
Coloring must be child’s own work and must be in crayon or colored pencil only.

Each state may enter only one entry per age group at the National Contest to be judged at the National Campvention.

Age groups are: 0-2 and 3-4.

Name, birth date and complete address of contestant along with the Field Director or State Director’s certification (stamp) of FCRV membership must appear on the lower left hand corner on the back of the entry.

Age will be determined on July 1<sup>st</sup> of the contest year.

Each first place entry becomes the property of FCRV for promotional purposes. All other entries may be claimed at the end of Spring Fling.

**The “Camping Is” Poster Contest** will be held at Spring Fling on Saturday. This contest is open to all Colorado Youth. All posters must be turned in to the State Youth Director on Saturday morning. There will not be any special time set aside for the youth to do their posters at Spring Fling, so they need to be completed before arrival. The winning poster in each category will be sent to the National Campvention in July for competition. Colorado awards will be handed out at the Spring Fling Saturday evening program. Contestants who enter should portray what camping means to them.

The contest rules are as follows:

The contest is divided into four age groups:

5-6 years

7-8 years

9-10 years

11-12 years

Age to be determined as of July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of the contest.

Contestants’ parents must be members of FCRV in good standing.

Posters must be on standard sized poster board (approximately 22” X 28” not to vary more than ½”)

Name, birth date and complete address of the contestant along with the Field Director or State Director’s certification (stamp) of FCRV membership must appear on the lower left hand corner on the back of the entry.



## “NOW IS THE HOUR” in four part harmony

It’s practice time. Practice preparing, packaging, getting ready for delivery of your contribution to our annual FLEA MARKET. I’m sure you have already started this, I know you. Just in case you have missed thinking of something, here are a few hints. We can use: jewelry, glassware, books, DVD’s, videos, electronics such as radios, TVs, stereos, sound equipment, cameras, vacuum cleaners, tools, puzzles & games, toys and kids stuff, sporting goods, RV & camping stuff, garden tools, housewares, baking pans, mixers, blenders, and you name it, we can use it. Even small tables and/or camp chairs. Please, NO LARGE FURNITURE.

We need help at all times, including setup, market hours, pack up and final removal of leftovers. This is real important. We must have everything removed by noon on Sunday. If you would like one of these jobs, be sure to come in early and apply for position desired. Loana has informed me that due to the importance and past commitment, salary is going up. Please come in and fill out an application. The paymaster will read the names of all who help and checks will be in the mail about May of 2020. It may be sooner if you leave your checking account number with us for electronic transfer.

Please follow the signs at the registration desk and posted on the building showing where to bring your CLEAN, CLEAN, CLEAN, AND CLEANER PRESENTABLE DONATIONS. It may seem like a small thing but there is a method to our madness and we would appreciate keeping our work area clear so we can quickly get things priced and out to the market area. You can purchase things as soon as we have a few things set out. Don’t forget those nickels, dimes, quarters, dollar bills, and of course a few fives and tens wouldn’t hurt. Just buy, buy, buy. Some folks donate their change, it is surely appreciated.

Trust us,

Your Flea Market Coordinator

Linda Fernandez

# Spring Fling Activities

SPRING FLING PLANNING: May 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Morgan County Fairgrounds in Brush, CO

Goodie Bags: Star Gazers

We're asking all chapters to solicit items for the bags this year. They will need to be delivered to Loana's house before they leave to go to Brush on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> or contact Gary & Deonn Walter to get them delivered to the chapter.

Vendor sales by commercial people. Send \$25.00 for members and \$100.00 for non-members along with registration. Booths pre-registered so that we can assure vendors a space. We will need to know in advance if they need electricity. Space will be very limited at Spring Fling, and we may have to put some in an overflow area.

Registration: Timberliners and Sundowners

Layout & Parking: Fun on Wheels and Waggin' Ears

Flag Ceremony: Rolling Renegades

Poster Contest Saturday: We are looking for lots and lots of people to enter posters this year; go to your chapters and get people to do a poster and enter them. Make sure you get your posters to the right place for judging. If you submit a poster of any kind, you must be sure that you are a member of FCRV in good standing. When the field director puts their stamp on the poster, it is their obligation to make sure they are members in good standing. With children's posters, the parents, not the grandparents have to be in good standing,

First Aid & Safety: Brian Dimock (needs help)

Security: Rocky Mountain Maniacs & Star Gazers

Poop Patrol: Star Gazers

Flea Market will be ongoing all the time: Linda Fernandez

SPC Walk and Bike Ride – Saturday morning: Bill & Rita Newell

Scrapbook Contest: Saturday morning

Bean Bag Baseball ?? **Will need a chapter to sponsor this activity, let Loana know ASAP**

Golden Skillet Contest: Rocky Explorers

Bolo Horseshoes: Star Chasers

Chapter Project Sales on Saturday: **Register food items with Loana**

Baked Goods Star Gazers

Empanadas Rolling Waves

Brauts Oops with proceeds going to the Teen Queen

Sliders Rocky Explorers

Ice Cream Waggin' Ears

Hot Dogs Gadabouts

Nachos Pre Teens

Popcorn, Soda, Water Teens

DASAT - On Saturday afternoon

Pet Show Extravaganza: Sundowners

Saturday evening catered dinner: Steve & Jackie Wagner. This year we are not having another BBQ meal. Wagner's will do a roast beef dinner instead. Colorado FCRV furnishes the drinks and helps serve. We need a Chapter to volunteer to make the drinks and serve the food.

**There will be no Saturday night hospitality. The hospitality interferes with any entertainment that we may have.**

Bingo will be played Saturday evening after entertainment. Jonna Bloomfield (Need help to run the bingo games)

Church Services: will be conducted by Larry Thomase

Sunday morning potluck breakfast set-up: Aurora Gate Keepers



# Spring Fling Activities

## YOUTH/TEEN/ADULTS CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST

ALL Conservation Posters must be turned in for judging at Spring Fling on Saturday morning to Anita Maile, Colorado's Conservation Director. If the posters get turned in after the judging is completed, they will be disqualified. Please check your schedules for time to turn in posters.

As you can see below, this contest is open to all ages: Youths, Teens, and Adults. The winning poster in each category will be sent to National Campvention in July for competition. The rules are as follows:

A poster will be defined as a medium to catch the attention of the observer and convey a specific conservation message pertaining to some phase of conservation.

Each poster must be approved by a Field Director and signed by the Field Director to certify that the entrant is a member in good standing with FCRV.

Posters must be on standard sized poster board (approximately 22" X 28", not to vary more than 1/2"). **Do not put scalloped edges around your posters, they will be disqualified.**

Name, birth date, chapter, complete address of contestant and Field Director's certification (stamp) **must** appear on the lower left hand corner of the back of the poster.

The posters must be the contestants' own work and must have been created for the FCRV contest only.

Any art media may be used.

Age categories will be:

Up to 5 years inclusive

6 – 8 years inclusive

9 – 11 years inclusive

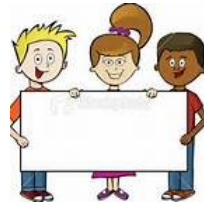
12 – 14 years inclusive

15 – 19 years inclusive

20 years and older

Age is determined as of July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of the contest

Judging at all levels will be based on adherence to National Conservation Board Rules: Originality, Neatness, and Adherence to or development of the theme.



## STATE HISTORIANS'S SCRAPBOOK CONTEST FOR SPRING FLING

Chapter Historian's, it's time to begin collecting those "priceless" photos and memorabilia from your chapter meetings/campouts/projects and get that chapter scrapbook completed. Guidelines for your scrapbook are as follows: Refer to your field director's national field manual under the History Program

Page 1 (the actual first page, not the inside cover) or title page, Chapter Name, Nat'l Charter Number, Charter Date, Chapter Patch or Emblem, Colors and State.

Lower right hand corner of title page to be reserved for State Director's certification (stamp).

Scrapbook shall be no larger than 20" X 24" X 8".

Include a list of officers and a schedule for the year with dates, name of host and location.

Explain who and what is pictured in the photo.

Limit the subject matter to your chapter activities only.

Include chapter awards.

Include a photo of chapter patch if possible.

Scrapbooks shall cover events from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.



Please be aware than not complying with all the rules will disqualify your scrapbook. Don't let this happen to you.

There will be a short meeting on Friday night conducted by JoAnne Lien to go over your scrapbooks to be sure they will be in order for the judging. Any chapter submitting a scrapbook is encouraged to attend this meeting.

## SPRING FLING POTLUCK BREAKFAST

Please bring a meat dish and one other dish of either bread, fruit, or eggs.

The Aurora Gate Keepers will set up the room so that we can go through the breakfast line without a long wait.

Coffee & orange juice will be furnished, but bring your own table service as well as your own table & chairs.



# Spring Fling Activities

## APPLICATION FORM FOR VENDOR BOOTHS/PROJECT SALES

If you are planning on having a vendor booth at Spring Fling, please attach this application to your registration form and indicate whether you need electricity or not. We are very limited on space in the building so please register your booth along with your camping registration so that we can plan ahead of time. Commercial vendors need to furnish their own tables.

If you are going to need space for your chapter project sales, please let us know that as well by attaching this form to your camping registration. Tables will be available for chapter project sales.

If you do not need electricity, please don't set up your booth along the outside walls.

Commercial vendors must ***include the fees*** for your booth along with your registration to Vodean Benham.

\*\*\*\*\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

Only one person from the chapter to register for your project sales.

10 X 10 Commercial Vendor booth: How many? \_\_\_\_\_

With electricity ☐ Without electricity ☐

Chapter project sales: With electricity ☐ Without electricity ☐

(Chapters do not pay a booth fee for project sales)

### Booth Fees for each

10x10 space

FCRV member \$25

Non-member \$100

## Thinking Spring?

**Then you must be thinking Spring Fling in Brush Colorado**

**Here is another good reason to come to Spring Fling**

**The Teens will be raffling off a Kindle Fire HD at Spring Fling this May.**



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# Spring Fling Activities

## CALLING ALL KIDS

Come to Spring Fling and join in a Fishing Clinic  
and Event for all the Kids  
Youth, Pre-Teens and Teens  
Saturday, May 18th  
Located at Doty Fishing Pond  
(across from the Morgan County Fair Grounds)



Colorado Parks and Wildlife will come out to Doty Ponds and present a quick seminar on fishing rules, regulations and techniques. You will be able to use what you have learned immediately and fish at Doty Ponds. Bring your fishing pole and join in the fun. Don't have a pole, don't worry, we will have one available there for you to use. Please remember that if you are 16 years or older, you will need a current fishing license. Those age 4 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

## POP TABS

We will be collecting pop tabs from your aluminum cans at Spring Fling. The pop tabs will go to support our Ronald McDonald Houses in the Denver metro area.

## Pet show Extravaganza



This year the Pet Show is a little different than what we have done in the past., that's why we are calling it an Extravaganza. First ,we are going to have a dress up contest.

Please dress your pet as a Farm Hand. Contest is open to all kinds of pets, dogs, cats,

birds, bunnies, you name it.

The second part of the Pet Extravaganza is a fun filled obstacle course. All entrants will receive a prize. This will be great fun and exciting to watch.



## Farewell

Dennis Hughes – 11-28-12 – Aurora Gate Keepers  
Bev Knutson – 1-30-13 – Former member of the Rolling Renegades  
Dorothy C. Jones – 1-23-2013 – Mother of Mike Jones of the Camp Stars



# Planning Meeting Pictures



Colorado FCRV members pack out the February 9th workshop



Colo. State Parks  
Ranger Laura Wilder



Jeff & Jonna Bloomfield  
Colo. Website Directors



Ray & Jewell Shields  
selling shirts & FCRV  
items at workshop.



**2013 Campvention:**

We are very hopeful that we have a good representation from Colorado to attend this year's Campvention. After a show of hands, looks like we will have a good turnout in Iowa. It was decided to do a Hospitality and Lyle & Marilyn Luttrell will head up the committee to get that set up. Bill Eckman will look into some appropriate give aways and we'll decide what snack we will provide. We will register for the parade for our Teen Queen and her parents, Mike & Gerry Yanke will decide what they want. We will also plan a Colorado potluck one of the evenings.

**Embers Cost Study:**

A cost study was done by one of our members, Ron Costello of the Rocky Ramblers and Ron was not available to talk to us about his findings, however, the (Colorado Executive Board) reviewed this study and found that we could save a lot of money by some of our members reading the newsletter online instead of printing and mailing them to every family. The Embers May issue will have an "opt-out" document for members to sign and return to Loana for those wanting to access the newsletter online only.

As a result of the survey, some people

**Workshop Notes**

think that the Embers staff is only using select Chapters for news items. We publish every article that is sent to us. Almost always Loana will reply to the sender that she got the article, so if you haven't heard from her, you may want to call or e-mail her to make sure she got the article. It is wonderful to see chapters news articles in the Embers. However, we still want someone to write an article of some kind in every issue about your chapter and what you've done. Many times, people want to know what the other chapters are doing. Please make sure that Loana has a current address for all members so that they will get the Embers. Our snowbird members need to send Loana their winter address, and let her know when you are leaving Colorado and when you expect to return. The Embers will not be forwarded, you must give us a change of address.

**Statewide Theme for 2013:**

Those at the workshop voted this years theme to be: **Trains, Planes & RV's**

**Winners of cash for gas \$15 & \$30**

As advertised 5 names would be drawn to receive \$15 or \$30 if they drove over 50 miles one way to the workshop.

\$15 Winners:

Pat Heath & Dennis Ervin

\$30 Winners:

John Feyen, Jerrilyn Eaton & Don Yakel

**Considering adding another show:**

RV Shows so far this year have been slow. There is another show, International Sportsman Show we may try.

**Answers from Laura Wilder:****Plans to Improve Group Loop at Chatfield:**

None currently to enlarge the area and in the future the only plans would be to repair/improve existing roads and camping pads

**Re-opening of Bonnie Lake:**

No plans to re-open the area

**Rueter-hess Reservoir owned by Parker Water and Sanitation:**

There are plans to manage the fishery at the area but it will likely be 5 years before angling opportunities are available.

**Welcome New Members**

Mark & Julia Patrick	Brought in by Roger & Debbie Hardy
Ed & Carolyn VanLingen	Brought in by Don & Coral Yakel
Jim & Marilyn Watt	Brought in by Robert & Anita Vandereyken
James & Tamara Presley	Brought in by Ken & Tricia Watson
Brian & Lisa Bowers	Brought in my Robert & April Cederburg
Ronald & Linda Hatch	Came in through the RV Show
Eric & Jenn Bliss	Came in through the RV Show
Ron Braun & Frannie Jacoby	Came in through the RV Show
Levi & Lorrain Gray	Came in through the RV Show
Norm & Cari Kellett	Came in through the RV Show
Bill & Dena Nielson	Came in through the RV Show
Jim & Carol Record	Came in through the RV Show
Suzanne Tanguay	Came in through the RV Show
Ian & Kim Thomsen	Came in through the RV Show

**Welcome Back**

**Jerry & Kathy Clemens**  
Weekend Warriors

**Jay & Jan Bowser**  
High Plains Drifters

**Jannean Stanley**  
Technically Roughing It

**Rich & Debbie Flubacker**  
Runaways

*These families who were absent for a while, have now sent in their renewal dues. Thank you for your continued support of FCRV.*



### TRAILMIX CHAPTER NEWS

Mercy's Gate began 30 years ago as a collaboration of churches and organizations called Northern Churches Care. Their purpose was to join together to meet the physical, financial, emotional, and spiritual needs of people who lived in Colorado Springs. Today, they are known as Mercy's Gate, and they provide much-needed food, clothing, help with utilities and rent, medical assistance...and most importantly, spiritual care and emotional support.

At Christmas time, Mercy's Gate sponsors a program called Home for the Holidays. They had identified approximately 200 families needing help with rent or mortgage payments in December. Each family qualifying is given \$200 to help keep them in their home over the holiday season. Trail Mix decided to sponsor a family this year and collected \$200 at our annual Christmas Party. Many members also donated nonperishable food items to the Mercy's Gate food pantry which is available year round.



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### COLORADO CRUISERS CHAPTER NEWS

The Colorado Cruisers got together and gathered up puzzles, whs movies, paperback books, hard cover books and audio books along with a few cassette players and a cd player. We also put together a bunch of clothes, underwear, and gloves. We then had a group of us take all these items down to the State VA home outside of Walsenberg on the 11th of December. They are located right across the road from Lathrope state park. The people who went down were Ron & Heddy Servant, Karleen Williams and Kathy Boatwright. Ernie, the program director down there was greatly appreciative of all the things we brought down. One of his people gave us a tour of the facility and while we were being given the tour we handed out candy canes to every person we met. We try doing this at least twice a year.

Submitted by Ron Servant

## SURVEY RESULTS:

Here are the questions and some of the top answers to them:

**Do you regularly attend Spring Fling and Statewide?** yes 247 - no 503 - no answer 17

**If no, tell us why.** (top 10 out of 535 reasons)

Conflicts in schedule or time of year – 97 Dry camping – 61 Newcomer – 48 Work on weekends – 22

Location & too busy – 17 Too far to drive & last SF was parked in sandbars, will never come again – 13

Don't enjoy large gatherings – 12 No interest in the activities & lack of interest, not much going on – 11

Too old to do the things we used to enjoy – 10 We like full hookups or we need it for our pets – 9

**If electricity were available, would that change your mind about attending Spring Fling and Statewide?**

Yes 323 – no 376 – no answer 272

**If you answered yes to electricity, would you be willing to pay higher camping fees?** yes 370 – no – 95 – no answer 272

**We have used the same location for SF and SW for several years. If we changed location every 2 or 3 years, would that encourage you to attend Spring Fling or Statewide?** yes 361 – no 192 – no answer 237

**Do you know of a location along front range that can provide electric hookups for 200 to 400 rigs plus adequate buildings?** Yes 55 – No 514 – no answer 77 (top 5 of 48 suggestions) Colorado State Fair Grounds in Pueblo – 8 Golden Eagle (Bug Ranch/May Museum) – 7 Boulder County Fair Grounds & Estes Park & YMCA – 3 each

**In 2012, we added an extra day to Spring Fling because of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Several members mentioned they enjoyed the extra day. Would you like to add a 3<sup>rd</sup> day to Spring Fling?** yes 384 – no 245 – no answer 119

**We want to be sure we are putting on the best events at Spring Fling and Statewide. Do you have any suggestions for events that could be added or dropped from SF or SW?** (top 7 of 47 to add to SF or SW.

More vendors and seminars – 11 More activities & more games and schedule events so they don't overlap & RV related info and supplier presentations – 4 each Craft fair and spread things further apart (i.e. parking) – 3 each

**We want to be sure we are putting on the best events at Spring Fling or Statewide. Do you have any suggestions for events that could be added or dropped from SF or SW?** (top 3 of 21 to drop from SF or SW.

Drop the Teen Queen competition - 5 Shorten awards ceremony – 2 Too many events, & allow more time for events – 2

Field Directors are required to attend 2 field staff campouts and the February General Membership/Planning meeting each year. We are all volunteers and we know that sometimes field directors don't attend some of the required functions because of the cost of fuel and camping fees. **Do you think your chapter would consider reimbursing your field director for some or all of these expenses?**

yes 475 – no 171 – no answer 115

**Do you feel that your field director gives you enough information about State & National activities in their reports?**

Yes 663 – no 18 – no answer 76

**On a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 = very poor & 10 = excellent, how would you rate the job your State Directors are doing?**

Roy & Loana	Very Poor	Excellent
0 #1 1 #2 8 #3	(254 did not know them well enough to vote)	56 #8 81 #9 319 #10

**On a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 = very poor & 10 = excellent, how would you rate the job your Asst. State Directors are doing?**

Bill & JoAnn	Very Poor	Excellent
0 #1 3 #2 5 #3	(379 did not know them well enough to vote)	64 #8 66 #9 281 #10

Colorado FCRV has several program and contest for our youth and teens, such as Camping Is Poster Contest, Conservation Poster Contest, Conservation Essay Contest, Youth of the Year, and the Teen Queen Contest. Regardless if you have or don't have teens or youth, **does your chapter support & promote State & Nat. Youth & Teen Activities?** yes 442 – no 100 – no answer 192

Currently we give every active Colorado FCRV member a free copy of the Fireside Embers. **Would you consider, if you were given the choice, of either getting the newsletter on our web site or receiving the printed copy mailed to you?**

Mail 320 - Website 271 - Both 106 - no answer 68

**General comments regarding the Fireside Embers**

List other chapters camping schedule so we can possibly camp together – 6 Recipes for camping and find objects for a prize – 4

More pictures and activities and member endorsement of campgrounds and send newsletter by e-mail – 3

**General comments and suggestions**

Focus on young campers – 4 At RV Shows, less pictures of older folks – 3 At RV Shows, show younger folks having fun – 3

Need young blood – 3 Activities to draw younger members and families – 3 Don't have Statewide on a holiday – 3

**What happens next?**

At the next field staff workshop/campout on April 26 – 28, we will spend considerable time on this survey. A more thorough review of the many suggestions. Field Staff will set up a priority list of suggestions. Develop a plan to implement some suggestions ASAP. Those suggestions that may take more time we will set up a time-table to accomplish.

## RV RASCALS CHAPTER NEWS



The RV Rascals have had a great “non-camping” season. For our November event, hosted by Bob and Jean Maxwell, we met for lunch at Famous Dave’s on I25 for a great BBQ lunch and meeting. We then moved on south to the Denver Zoo. Most of us had not seen the new elephant exhibit and had a wonderful time on a beautiful fall day.



In December Bill and Sharon Thomas hosted a Murder Mystery lunch complete with pre-assigned parts to play and suggested costumes. At the lunch we were given “scripts” in order to visit with our neighbors and solve the crime of who killed Addison Slade all because she was a gossip and liar! What a fun day we had.

Our January outing was a tour of the Molly Brown House in Denver followed by lunch at Mickey’s Top Sirloin in Westminster, hosted by Don and Carolyn Baumgartner. Many of us had not been on this tour since school days long past. We found it very interesting with our guide dressed in period costume with lots of stories to tell of the “Unsinkable Molly Brown”.

In February, Bob and Barb Frikken hosted lunch and our meeting at one of our favorite restaurants in Fort Collins, Hu Hot Mongolian Grill. After lunch we visited the newly opened Fort Collins Discovery Museum. A fun afternoon has had by kids of all ages! Dave Lohnes remembered playing the drums in a band “in the day.”



Buffalo skeleton at the Fort Collins Discovery Museum.

Riley Frikken trying out a trumpet at the Fort Collins Discovery Museum.



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## Legislative Issues

Mar - Apr 13

Howdy All -

Well things are real quiet regarding the outdoors, camping, etc. The boys and girls at the capitol are so wrapped up in who can out talk who regarding gun control that they don't seem to have time for any thing else.

I did find a note to hunters in the Parks & Wildlife Section. Big Game Hunting Applications are due on Tuesday, April 2. So mark your calendars.

The Battle continues with the Forest Service - Who Land is it anyway??? Their's they Think!

### U.S. FOREST SERVICE

The U.S. Forest Service is under the Department of Agriculture. They have stewardship responsibility for 155 National Forests and 20 National Grasslands, encompassing 193 million acres of public lands.

- Montana forest alienates volunteer group A longstanding volunteer program to build and maintain a cabin on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest for free winter use by cross-country skiers has ended amid rancor. The Forest Supervisor broke a promise that winter use would always be free and instead plans to put the cabin up for winter rental. In response, the volunteers have walked away from the cabin maintenance they previously provided as a gift to the Forest and the public. ACTION NEEDED to reverse this terrible decision! Read more [HERE](#).

- High Impact Recreation Areas (HIRAs): The Forest Service is using this agency-invented designation to circumvent the restrictions in the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act on where fees can be charged. A recent agency-wide review recommends massive downscaling of almost all HIRAs, and a federal appeals court decision requires it. But will the Forests comply? Read more [HERE](#).

### • WHOSE FORESTS ARE THEY, ANYWAY?

The Forest Service has withdrawn their proposal to eliminate discounted camping fees for Senior/Disabled lifetime pass-

holders at concessionaire managed recreation sites. But they still allow concessionaires to refuse passes at day use sites that the Forest Service would be legally required to honor at the exact same site. Read our Analysis of the public comments and the continuing issues regarding concessionaire management [HERE](#).

- Pacific Northwest Citizen Advisory Committee Held a meeting by teleconference on February 2, 2010. The public was allowed to call in and provide comments during the meeting, and fourteen people did so. Both the telephone comments and the written comments overwhelmingly opposed the 73 new and increased fees that were on the agenda, but the Advisory Committee approved all but one of them anyway. Details [HERE](#). 19-minute informational podcast [HERE!](#)

- RECREATION FACILITY ANALYSIS: FEE IT OR KISS IT GOODBYE. The U.S. Forest Service is planning to close thousands of developed recreation sites, raise fees, and charge new fees, with completely inadequate public involvement. [MORE](#)

- RECREATION RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEES: THE FIX IS IN. Agency-appointed advisory committees nationwide are reviewing Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management proposals for new and increased fees, with minimal public notification or involvement. Find out what has been approved, what's on the next agenda, and how you can participate. [MORE](#)

- Forest Service 2008 Visitation Report Shows Continued Decline The latest report from the Forest Service National Visitor Use Monitoring program shows continued declines in the number of people visiting public lands. This is bad for people, especially kids, who need to be spending more, not less, time outdoors. It's also bad for the Forest Service, as they watch the number of people who care about public lands issues dwindle. When no one visits National Forests, who will care if there's a Forest Service or not?

We will see you down the Road

Bud & Ann Farnum, Legislative Directors

### FUN ON WHEELS CHAPTER

Congratulations to all of these members!! They will get their Spring Fling registration free this year because they won the "Parade Contest" last year.

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#### **FIELD STAFF WORKSHOP and CAMPOUT**

The Workshop and Campout is coming up April 26th—28th at the Fort Collins KOA Lakeside Campground. With all the new field staff that have just recently come on board, it is important that you come and camp with us. If you can't camp, then come for the day and bring a sack lunch.

We will have a continental breakfast starting at 8:00 am on Saturday morning with the meeting starting promptly at 9:00 am. This is a required meeting for Field Staff. We will have a potluck on Saturday evening with games and fellowship to follow, so come and get acquainted.

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#### **TIMBERLINERS CHAPTER NEWS**

The Timberliners Chapter began the new year with a luncheon meeting and installation of new officers. The luncheon was January 19, 2013 at Mickey's Top Sirloin Restaurant. Installation of officers immediately followed lunch. New officers are: President, Barbara Anderson; Vice President, Lou Black & Joni Warfield; Secretary, Mark & Marcia Sadler; Treasurer, Steve & Tammi Pierce. Twenty seven members were in attendance. Hosts were Don & JoAnn Ramig.

The February 16th luncheon meeting was at Benedict's Restaurant. Following lunch, our hosts served delicious and beautifully decorated cupcakes for dessert. The meeting followed.

Twenty six members and one guest were in attendance. Hosts were Sarah Ham, Mary Beth Brown, and Eddie Doyle. Next luncheon meeting is scheduled for March 9th.



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Don & Kay McDermott, Gene & Dorothy Bagenstos, Joe & LaVada Brown, and Len & Wanda Durbin, all from the *Gray Wolves*; Lou & Ruth Schwarzman, and Norm & Patti LeFebvre from the *Silver Foxes*; Marv & Edith Kramer from the *Silver Foxes and Gray Wolves*; Boots & Mary Anderson worked three different shifts, from the *Rolling Springs*; Leon & Mary Makowski and George & Jan Carlson from the *Trailmix*; Steve & Julie Cornelius worked two different shifts and Carl & Sharon Tracer from the *Ute Pass Crickets*; Carlyle & Elaine Glover and Jim & Peggy Hill from the *Ute Bobcats*; Tom & Roxene Ballard, Dave & Andrea Peterson worked three different shifts, Rick & Kathy Boatwright worked two different shifts and Gene & Helene Reddy all from the *Colorado Cruisers*; Matt & Kim Gogan, and Bruce & Roberta Dwelle from the *Weekend Warriors*; Dave & Stacy Van Nattan of the *Weekend Warriors and Rocky Toppers*; Larry & Sue Menke from the *Trailblazers*. Boots & Mary, Rick & Kathy & Dave & Andrea helped Ron & Heddy tear down the booth and get it loaded into his truck.

Much appreciation goes to Ron & Heddy Servant for working the booth when needed and setting up all the schedules and making this a very successful RV show. Thank you for all your help and dedication, and especially those that worked more than one shift!!



# JOANN'S CAMPER RECIPES

## Dump Cake

- 1 - 20 oz. can crushed pineapple
- 1 - 20 oz. can cherry pie filling
- 1 yellow cake mix (dry)
- 1 c. chopped nuts
- 1 ½ cubes butter or margarine

Pour pineapple in bottom of 9 x 13 pan. Pour cherry pie filling on top of pineapple. Sprinkle cake mix over top of cherries, breaking up clumps. Sprinkle nuts on top of cake mix. Cube butter and put over entire cake. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

## Future Recipes

This recipe was suggested by Carolyn Martine of the Road Runners Chapter. This was served at one of their campouts. Some put cake in a bowl and topped with ice cream or other toppings

In future Embers I would like to have recipes that you campers have used in conjunction with a campout. This can be any recipe for a main course, side dish or dessert.

Please send recipes to JoAnn Eckman. My email is [weckman@msn.com](mailto:weckman@msn.com).



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<b>DATE</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Feb 15 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	Colorado Springs RV Show	The Event Center @ Rustic Hills 1700 N. Academy Colorado Springs, CO
Feb 28 <sup>th</sup> – Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>	N/A	Colorado RV, Sports, Boat & Travel Show	National Western Stockshow Complex 4566 Humboldt St. Denver, CO
Mar 7 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	Winter Executive Board Meeting	Houston, Texas
Mar 12 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	National Retiree Rally	Rayne, Louisiana
Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Chapter's Night Mtg. 1 <sup>st</sup> Denver Show	Gander Mountain Outfitters 14000 E. Jewell Ave. Aurora, CO
Mar 14 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Get Acquainted Mtg. Colo. Spgs. Show	Sons of Norway Bldg. 1045 Ford Ave. Colorado Springs, CO
Mar 15 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Chapter's Night Mtg. 1 <sup>st</sup> Denver Show	REA Bldg. at the Windsor Exit off of I-25 N
Mar 19 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Chapter's Night Mtg. 1 <sup>st</sup> Denver Show	Gander Mountain Outfitters 9923 Grant St. Thornton, CO
Mar 26 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Chapter's Night Mtg. Colo. Spgs. Show	Sons of Norway Bldg. 1045 Ford Ave. Colorado Springs, CO
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Apr 4 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Get Acquainted Mtg. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Denver Show	Gander Mountain Outfitters 9923 Grant St. Thornton, CO
Apr 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Get Acquainted Mtg. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Denver Show	Gander Mountain Outfitters 14000 E. Jewell Ave. Aurora, CO
Apr 26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	Field Staff Workshop & Campout	Fort Collins KOA Lakeside in Ft. Collins
Apr 30 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Chapter's Night Mtg. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Denver Show	REA Bldg. at the Windsor Exit off of I-25 N
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Chapter's Night Mtg. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Denver Show	Gander Mountain Outfitters 9923 Grant St. Thornton, CO
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Chapter's Night Mtg. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Denver Show	Gander Mountain Outfitters 14000 E. Jewell Ave. Aurora, CO
May 17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	Spring Fling	Morgan County Fairgrounds in Brush, CO
June 10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	Colorado Retiree Rally	Fort Collins KOA Lakeside in Ft. Collins
July 14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	National Campvention 2013	Amana, Iowa
Aug 16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	Pikes Peak Traveland Campout	Colorado City KOA I-25 @ Exit 74 South of Pueblo
Aug 30 <sup>th</sup> – Sep 2 <sup>nd</sup>	N/A	Colorado Statewide	Elbert County Fairgrounds in Kiowa, CO
Sep 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 26 <sup>rd</sup>	N/A	Southern Colorado Retiree Rally	Pueblo South Colorado City KOA I-25 @ Exit 74 – South of Pueblo
Sep 27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	Field Staff Workshop & Campout	Pueblo South Colorado City KOA I-25 @ Exit 74 – South of Pueblo

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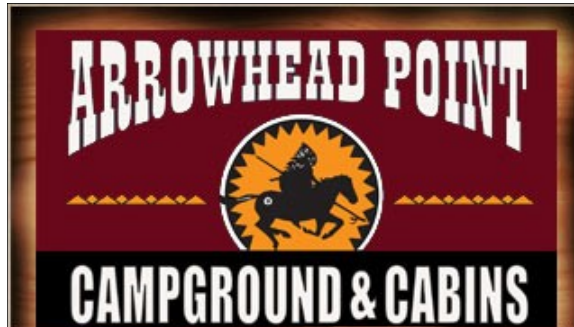
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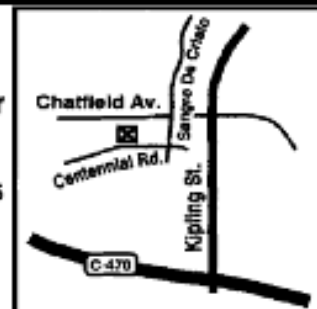
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In order to camp with your chapter you must pre-register and it must be received by May 10, 2013, otherwise you will be put into the overflow section. This is dry camping (no electric or water).There are limited electric hookups in the handicap area for those with a medical need for electricity.All other handicap spaces will provide only a closer location to the activities.**Parking will begin promptly on Friday at 10 a.m.****The Saturday night roast beef dinner will be served at the campground. The meal consists of roast beef, mashed potatoes & gravy and corn, and coffee, lemonade or iced tea.****Specific Directions to the Morgan County Fairgrounds (Map on Colorado Website @ [Coloradofcrv.com](http://Coloradofcrv.com))**

Going north east on I 76 out of Denver, go to exit 90A and turn right on Colorado. Go south on Colorado to the dead end (two graneries at the end of the street) and turn right, go to next stop sign, which is Clayton St. go left over the railroad tracks and go to Ellsworth, turn right and go a couple of blocks and turn left into the Fairgrounds.





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