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PARENTS WITH TEENAGERS, PLEASE READ PAGE 6



May 15-18, 2014

Morgan County Fairground. Brush, Colorado

Registration is on the inside back page.

Details of plans and activities are on pages 2-7

4 days / 3 nights of fun!

FREE - EXTRA CAMPING NIGHT & FRIDAY NIGHT MEAL - FREE



The city of Brush and the Chamber has been a good friend to Colorado FCRV for many years. It was decided at the February planning meeting to bring can goods and non-perishable food items for their food bank. The food is distributed through the Brush Methodist Church.

LET'S OVERWHELM THEM WITH GENEROUS FOOD GIFTS FROM COLORADO FCRV.

We will continue to bring food items and school supplies to Elbert County at our Statewide Campout.

Elbert County always appreciates our gifts.

Spring Fling 2014

FREE FRIDAY NIGHT MEAL

You must be registered to camp in the fairgrounds.
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Potato Chips, Ranch Beans
Mustard, Ketchup, Relish and Lemonade



FREE SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS

Free coffee and doughnuts for everyone. No Potluck breakfast this year.
Join us Sunday Morning after church service for Coffee & Doughnuts.

FREE CAMPING NIGHT

We have added an extra night of camping. 3 Camping nights for the price of 2. If you can, come to Spring Fling on Thursday, May 15th.



SATURDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

WATERSONG

Listen and Dance to some
great Rock & Roll

TEEN QUEEN & TEEN KING

A special informational meeting at Spring Fling for all interested teen girls and boys. Learn the rules and tips for all teens who are considering entering this years Teen Queen & Teen King Contest that will be held at State-wide. The meeting will be on Saturday, check the schedule for time.

FUN YOUTH SESSIONS

Saturday AM.
Games - Arts & Crafts
Saturday Afternoon
Bouncing Castle & Piñata



SEMINARS

Tim Biles from Pikes Peak Traveland - "RV WiFi"
John Wesley Anderson - "Ute Indian Prayer Trees"

HOSPITALITIES

Gypsies - 35 Years
Rolling Renegades - 20 Years

If your chapter wants to hold any
kind of hospitality for Spring Fling
please call Loana at 303-466-1239



BRUSH BUCKS - ENTER THE DRAWING

Once again the Chamber has \$200 in Brush Bucks you can redeem for merchandise from the local merchants. Come to the Information Table and get a free candy bar when you pick up your list of merchants to visit.

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.

FLEA MARKET

It's a good time to start saving those items you no longer want or need and bring them to Spring Fling, we'll have an extra day to shop for all those items you just can't live without. We depend on all of you to donate things so that we can sell them back to you!! Items that we take are: books, toys, tools, RV stuff, glassware, household items, kitchenware, lawn & garden tools, clocks, dishes, small tables & chairs and we will take good clean and gently used clothing items. No large Furniture please.

Spring Fling 2014

Poster Contest will be held on 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 responsibility to make sure they are members in good standing.

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 1st 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.

"CAMPING IS" POSTER CONTEST

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.

tion. 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 1st 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 1/2")

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.

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 will be available from the State Youth Director or the State Director during the 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 judges 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 1st 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.

Spring Fling 2014

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. A limited amount of tables will be available for chapter project sales, but if you need more than one, please furnish them yourselves.

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 []

Booth Fees for each
10x10 space
FCRV member \$25
Non-member \$100

Chapter project sales booth: With electricity [] Without electricity []

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

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:

- 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 1st to December 31st.

**Please be aware that 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 JoAnn 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 2014

ACTIVITIES THAT CHAPTERS HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO HOST

Activity	Chapter	Notes
Goodie Bags	Star Chasers	<u>All chapters</u> please solicit. Bring items to Loana's by May 13th or contact Gary or Deonn Walter to get items to their chapter. (303) 650-6180
Registration	Timberliners/ Sundowners	
Layout & Parking	Fun on Wheels/ Waggin' Ears	
Flag Ceremony	Rolling Renegades	
First Aid & Safety	Brian Dimock	Will need help, please contact Brian (303) 435-4634
Security	Ron & Gayla Henry & Star Gazers	
Poop Patrol	Star Gazers	
Flea Market	Linda Fernandez	Flea Market goes on all weekend
CAMP walk/Bike ride	Bill & Rita Newell	
Scrap Book		
Golden Skillet	Rocky Explorers	
Bolo Horseshoes	Star Chasers	
Pet Show	Sundowners	
Catered Dinner	Steve & Jackie Wagner	Pikes Peak Rainbows will help serve & make drinks and dessert
Bingo	Cheryl Price	Bingo after Sat. night entertainment. <u>Chapters & members please donate a \$5 item for Bingo.</u> Cheryl will need some help with Bingo.

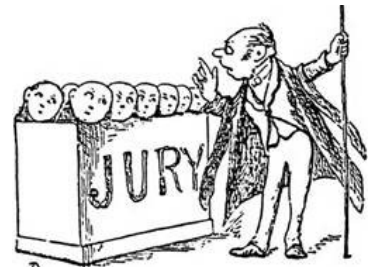
FOOD ITEMS THAT WILL BE SOLD AT SPRING FLING PROJECT SALES

- Baked Goods—Star Gazers
- Ice Cream Sundaes—Waggin' Ears
- Special brownies—Campfire Coyotes
- Popcorn, pop, water, & pretzels—Teens
 - Nachos—Pre-teens

Anyone else wanting to sell food items, please register with Loana to avoid duplication.



Friday Night at Spring Fling
Under the Direction of Gene Bagenstos
The FCRV Players Present
"The Trial of Sticky Fingers"
All present must guess, who is "Sticky Fingers"?



Spring Fling 2014

Teen Queen & Teen King



Calling all FCRV Teen Girls & Boys!

Age 13 to 19 (you can't be over age 19 on July 15, 2015)



Something new this year has been introduced by our National Teen Directors, and that is the Teen King Contest. A few States and Provinces have had a Teen King program and now it is being introduced to all States and Provinces.

With Region 1 hosting the 2015 Campvention in Gillette, Wyoming and Colorado being the primary state in Region 1, we want to be involved in the Teen King & Queen contest. Last year we did not have a Teen Queen.

This fall Statewide will be our only opportunity to get ready for Campvention 2015. So this is

the reason we are talking now about the Colorado Teen Queen and Teen King Contest.

Chapters, we need your help in encouraging our teen boys and girls to enter this fall's contest. We know that we have qualified teens, we just need to encourage them to get involved.

At Spring Fling, we are planning an informational meeting for all interested teens and their parents.

At the meeting we will have our state teen directors Ron and Carla Martinez, hopefully Tamra

Hayden the 2015 Pageant director, if she is in town, Jewell Shields a past teen director and Vodean Benham and JoAnn Eckman as prior Teen Queen assistants.

They will review the rules and qualifications that are required. Also they will be prepared to answer any questions and give our teens lots of support. Applications will be available.

The meeting will be on Saturday, May 17h at Spring Fling in Brush, Colorado at the Morgan County Fair Grounds. The time has not been set yet. Check the schedule when you arrive.



Ashlee Yanke
2012/2013



Samantha Seymour
2011/2012



Tatiana Gonzalez
2010/2011



Lexie Gloyd
2009/2010



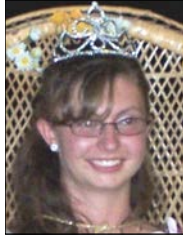
Aubrey Hawkins
2008/2009



Kristina Drew
2007/2008



Tori Drew
2006/2007



Sarah Nunn
2005/2006



Teresa Moravec
2002/2003

Not Pictured
→

Krista Dimock
2003/2004

Cassandra Stoel
2004/2005



Get Information about Teen Queen & Teen King Contest at Spring Fling

All FCRV TEENS
Come join the fun
at Spring Fling
Pizza Party - Washer Toss
Roller Skating
Noise Parades
Teen Chapter Sales

Spring Fling 2014

Support Northern Colorado at Spring Fling by Giving the Gift of Life!



The Rocky Explorers are hosting the 3rd Annual North Colorado Medical Center (NCMC) Bloodmobile on Saturday during Spring Fling. The non-profit NCMC Blood Donor Center provides blood to patients at North Colorado Medical Center in Greeley.

Did you know that;

- over 50 blood donors are needed daily to meet the needs of the trauma, surgery, and cancer patients in these hospitals,
- **less than 5% of the eligible population donates blood,**
- one pint of blood can be separated into 3 components (red blood cells, plasma and platelets) potentially saving 3 lives,
- between 5 and 8 pints of blood are needed for the average open-heart surgery,
- **the number one users of blood are cancer patients,**
- **there is no substitute for human blood.** It cannot be manufactured and animal blood cannot replace it,
- the average adult body has 10-12 pints of blood,
- your body constantly makes new blood and will replace the donated volume within 24 hours.

The entire process takes about an hour. The actual donation only takes 7 – 10 minutes.

All donors must bring a driver's license or photo I.D. with their date of birth.

Donors should drink plenty of fluids the day before and the day of the donation.

There is no upper age limit to donate blood and a great many medical conditions do not prevent you from donating. You must be in good general health and weigh at least 110 lbs.

Top Ten Reasons To Donate Blood

10. You get a custom FCRV Blood Donor patch.
9. You get a free mini medical exam & will learn your blood type.
8. It will make your family and friends proud.
7. It shows you care.
6. You'll get free cookies and juice.
5. It feels good to donate.
4. You get to put your feet up and be pampered by bloodmobile staff.
3. 90% of us will need blood at some time in our lives.
2. You don't have to prepare for it. (Except to eat at least 4 hrs. before donating!)

And the No. 1 Reason to Give Blood is...

You Will Save Lives!

DATES TO REMEMBER as of March 1, 2014

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mar 12 th	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Chapter's Night Mtg. 1 st Denver Show	Cabela's Outfitters Exit 226 off of I-25 N 14050 Lincoln St. Thornton, CO
Mar 13 th	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Chapter's Night Mtg. 1 st Denver Show	Gander Mountain Outfitters 14000 E. Jewell Ave. Aurora, CO
Mar 18 th	7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Get Acquainted Mtg. Colo. Spgs. Show	International Salon & Spa Academy 5707 N. Academy Blvd. Colo. Spgs, CO
Mar 20 th	7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Chapter's Night Mtg. 1 st Denver Show	REA Bldg. Exit 262 off of I-15 N 7649 REA Parkway Fort Collins
Mar 25 th – 31 st	N/A	National Retiree Rally	Canton, Texas
Apr 3 rd	7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Chapter's Night Mtg. Colo. Spgs. Show	International Salon & Spa Academy 5707 N. Academy Blvd. Colo. Spgs, CO
Apr 9 th	7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Get acquainted Mtg. 2nd Denver Showw	REA Bldg. Exit 262 off of I-15 N 7649 REA Parkway Fort Collins
Apr 10 th	7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Get Acquainted Mtg. 2 nd Denver Show	Gander Mountain Outfitters 14000 E. Jewell Ave. Aurora, CO
Apr 8 th	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Get Acquainted Mtg. 2 nd Denver Show	Cabela's Outfitters Exit 226 off of I-25 N 14050 Lincoln St. Thornton, CO
Apr 25 th – 27 th	N/A	Field Staff Workshop & Campout	Fort Collins KOA Lakeside in Ft. Collins
May 6 th	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Chapter's Night Mtg. 2 nd Denver Show	Cabela's Outfitters Exit 226 off of I-25 N 14050 Lincoln St. Thornton, CO
May 8 th	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Chapter's Night Mtg. 2 nd Denver Show	Gander Mountain Outfitters 14000 E. Jewell Ave. Aurora, CO
May 15 th – 18 th	N/A	Spring Fling	Morgan County Fairgrounds in Brush, CO
June 2 nd – 6 th	N/A	Colorado Retiree Rally	Fort Collins KOA Lakeside in Ft. Collins
July 7 th – 11 th	N/A	National Campvention 2014	Essex Junction, Vermont
Aug 29 th – Sep 1 st	N/A	Colorado Statewide	Elbert County Fairgrounds in Kiowa, CO
Sep 22 nd – 25 th	N/A	Southern Colorado Retiree Rally	Pueblo South Colorado City KOA I-25 @ Exit 74 – South of Pueblo
Sep 26 th – 28 th	N/A	Field Staff Workshop & Campout	Pueblo South Colorado City KOA I-25 @ Exit 74 – South of Pueblo

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for more information

RV SHOW VOLUNTEERS—DENVER SHOWS

Dave Watkins, Mike Crouthers, and John & Lee Stewart all of the *Star Chasers*, Mike & Judy Carroll of the *Golden Nuggets*, Bill & Linda Snyder of the *RV Rascals*, Hilliard Moore and Grayson Hartley of the *Colorado Eagles*, Doug Miller, Shawn Sparks along with his three boys, Tyler, Ethan, & Logan, Deb Gendill, Bob & Peggy Marty and Paul & Maggie Porter all of the *Rocky Ramblers*, Moye & Denise Harris, and Doug & Cheryl Forry all of the *Rocky Explorers*, Leon Makowski and Debra Sudtelgte all of the *Trailmix*, Chuck Camp & Kathy Hawkins and daughter Angela Caldwell, and Rick & Teresa Walorski all of the *Oops*, Ron & Carla Martinez, and Gary & Deonn Walters of the *Star Gazers*, and Robert & April Cederburg along with their two boys, Alex & Tanner. A special thanks to Robert & April and the boys who helped tear down the booth and get it loaded into Bill's SUV. Will & Vodean came every day to help out when needed, and Ron Costello spent several hours at this show as well, visiting with our Corporate Sponsors who had booths at the show.

Jack & Dutchi Pasco of the *Backwood Explorers* and *Gadabouts* came and worked two full days at the International Sportsmen's Exposition the following week at the convention center. John Corder of the *Sundowners*, Moye & Denise Harris, Roger & Debby Hardy, Rich & Cheryl Price, Doug & Cheryl Forry all of the *Rocky Explorers*, Ron & Carla Martinez and Gary & Deonn Walters all of the *Star Gazers* all worked long shifts at this show. A special thanks to Ron & Carla & Gary & Deonn who stayed and helped tear down the booth.

COLORADO SPRINGS RV SHOW VOLUNTEERS

Deb Hill of the *Rocky Toppers*, Dick Throckmorton, Carlyle & Elaine Glover, Tommy & Helen Thompson, Bob & Gayle Rappold, and Ken & Sherry Krause all of the *Ute Bobcats*, Ray Walkowski, Jim & Jane Jurasek, and Paul & Beverly Hassler all of the *Trailblazers*, Clee & Jean Berg and Gene & Dorothy Bagenstos all of the *Gray Wolves*, Billy & Anneliese Moore of the *Silver Foxes*, Boots & Mary Anderson, *Unaffiliated*, Matt & Kim Gogan of the *Weekend Warriors*, Vivian Crouse of the *Rolling Springs*, Gary & Helene Reddy, Chuck & Marilyn Clark, Abe & Karleen Williams, Dave & Andrea Peterson, Arnie & Jane Carlson, Rick & Michelle Haugen, Rick & Kathy Boatwright, Ted & Michelle Kibel, Rich & Gabie Usmar all of the *Colorado Cruisers*, and Ron & Heddy Servant of the *Colorado Cruisers*, *Gray Wolves*, and *Rolling Springs* were at the show almost all of the time. A special thanks to Ron & Heddy for coordinating all the volunteers, and for setting up the booth and tearing it down.

We are so appreciative to everyone that helps out at the RV shows and our membership meetings. This is the reason that Colorado is still #1 in the US and Canada when it comes to membership growth.

CHAPTER OFFICERS WORKSHOP and PLANNING MEETING DOOR PRIZES

We have given cash as door prizes for the last 2 years, for those members attending this meeting to help our members with expenses involved in traveling to this meeting.

Min Joyal	won \$15.00
Cheryl Martinez	won \$15.00
Jim Moravec	won \$15.00
Bruce Baltzer	won \$15.00
Dorothy Clark	won \$30.00

Those members that won \$15.00 traveled within 50 miles

Dorothy traveled more than 50 miles

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CHAPTER OFFICERS WORKSHOP and the PLANNING MEETING



Our newest GOLD Corporate Sponsor
Guest Speakers
Jim Humble, General Manager
Drew Bryant, Sales Manager
Tyler Austin, Assistant Service Manager



Choosing wonderful door prize



Ron Costello giving us an update on the Corporate Sponsor Program.



Coral Yakel sharing ideas from the breakout sessions.



Presenting John & Marianne Nyman with a \$100.00 gift card and certificate for bringing in the most cadets in the recent National Contest.



Carolyn Vigil sharing ideas from breakout sessions.



Breakout sessions for the chapter officers.



Our State Chaplain Larrie Thomase leading us in prayer



CHAPTER OFFICERS WORKSHOP and PLANNING MEETING NOTES

National Elections

The only office that has a challenger to vote on is the Office of National President. The current national president is Dave Ludwig who is running again. Mike Carroll, Field Director for the Golden Nuggets is running against Dave. Be sure to read Mike Carroll's resume and platform in the current *Camping Today*. Mike did speak to everyone at the Chapter Officers workshop in February.

National is moving towards the election this spring, where they will be electing someone for the office of President, Vice President of Programs, and Recording/Corresponding Officer. Ballots will be mailed to all active FCRV members. The ballots will include both instructions on how to vote online as well as instructions on how to complete the paper ballot and return it so that it can be counted. They anticipate that the ballots will be mailed the first part of March with the voting window open until April 15th. The online voting efforts were very successful last election.

Breakout Sessions

One item that was covered in the breakout sessions was dealing with new members. Sometimes we talk about DASAT, CAMP, CONSERVATION, CAMPVENTION, etc. Our new members don't always know what we are talking about. A good idea was brought up that chapters should appoint some couple or one of the chapter officers to be in charge of mentoring these new folks.

Statewide Planning

The theme for the 2014 Statewide was voted to be "Military Appreciation". As we plan for seminars and other activities we will show our appreciation for those who serve in the Military.

We have several chapters who will be celebrating anniversaries this year and have indicated that they will host a hospitality at Spring Fling or Statewide. Following are chapters who have not let Loana know if they want to hold a hospitality. We still have room at Spring Fling if you will call Loana. Columbines 45 yr., Over the Hill CO Retirees 20 yr., View Finders 20 yr., Rocky Toppers 15 yr., Colorado Cruisers 10 yr. and Star Gazers 10 yr.

REGISTERED HOSPITALITIES FOR STATEWIDE

The Ute Bobcats will host a hospitality at Statewide celebrating 45 years as a chapter
 The Star Chasers will host a hospitality at Statewide celebrating 25 years as a chapter
 The Fun on Wheels will host a hospitality at Statewide celebrating 20 years as a chapter
 The Road Runners will host a hospitality at Statewide celebrating 20 years as a chapter
 The Star Gazers will host a hospitality at Statewide celebrating 10 years as a chapter

April 25-27, 2014 Field Staff Campout & Workshop

All day meeting on Saturday, the 26th.

This is the first required Field Staff meeting of the year. There are many important subjects we need to cover, such as the 2015 Campvention presentation in Vermont, retiring top State officers, and membership decline in Colorado.

Remember Field Staff, this is a required meeting!

CHAPTER OFFICERS WORKSHOP and PLANNING MEETING NOTES

Statewide Planning

ACTIVITIES THAT CHAPTERS HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO HOST

Activity	Chapter	Notes
Registration	Star Chasers	
Layout & Parking	Fun on Wheelr/s/ Waggin' Ears	
Stage Decorations	Rolling Waves	
Catered Fried-Chicken Dinner—Friday night	Heddy Servant	Field Staff help set up and serve. Field Directors to bring two fruit pies and turn them in by 4:00 pm on Friday afternoon at the EX bldg.
Saturday morning Breakfast	Silver Foxes	
Door Prizes	Aurora Gate Keepers	Each chapter to donate a door prize worth at least \$10.00.
Flag Ceremony	Rolling Renegades	
First Aid & Safety	Brian Dimock	Will need help, please contact Brian (303) 435-4634.
Security	Ron & Gayla Henry & Star Gazers	
Poop Patrol	Star Gazers	
CAMP walk/bike ride	Bill & Rita Newell	
Photo Contest	JoAnne Lein	
Horseshoes	Ute Bobcats	
Pet Parade	Rolling Renegades	
Bingo	Cheryl Price	Bingo after Sat. night pageant. <u>Chapters & members please donate a \$5 item for Bingo.</u> Cheryl will need some help with Bingo.
Bean Bag Toss	Fun on Wheels Technically Roughing It	Need lots of people to bring boards.
Little Red Wagon Parade	Don & Coral Yakel	Decorate your wagon according to the Statewide theme of Military Appreciation.
Cribbage	Waggin' Ears	
Bongo Boards	Rocky Explorers	
Casting Contest	Rolling Renegades	
Youth Bingo	Youth Directors	Chapter members donate small kid items for prizes.
Polish Poker	Heddy Servant	Proceeds go to support the pageant winners.

Keep receiving the printed Embers or opt-out

Below is a form that you should fill out and mail to Loana if you want to opt out of receiving the printed copy of the Embers. Don't do this if you are doing it just to save Colorado FCRV a few dollars. Do it only if you are not reading the Embers or will faithfully read the newsletter on the Colorado FCRV website. coloradofcrv.com

Sincerely,

Your Colorado Executive Board

Embers Opt-Out

YES I want to opt-out of receiving the printed copy of the Embers.

I realize that I can read the digital copy of the Embers on the Colorado Website.

Print your name and address below and sign this form.

Cut out & Mail to: Loana Schraeder - CO FCRV or send e-mail @loana-co-fcrv@q.com requesting the opt out.

9850 N. Federal Blvd. #303

Denver, CO 80260

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Signature: _____

Two things to do if you move. (1) - Contact Loana with your new address. Her info. is below. (2) Contact National office and give them your new address. 800-245-9755

Please make sure that Loana has a current address for all your members so that they will get the Embers. The Colorado membership data base is used to generate these newsletters, so if you have a drop in your membership that particular month, you will get one more newsletter with a note tucked into the crease that this will be your last newsletter until you renew your national dues, or unless she has a renewal check in her hands. Often times she does get the change of addresses from the national office, but at the first of each month and much of the time the member has already moved and the Embers has been mailed out already, so they don't get the current copy.

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 to you.

The "Embers" is published six times a year. Please send any information that you would like to have included in the "Embers" to: Colorado Chapters of FCRV, a Nonprofit Organization
9850 N. Federal Blvd. #303
Denver, CO 80260
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Camp Stars Happenings - It was an interesting year for the Camp Stars involving a number of different activities.

We started the winter months with tours of the Celestial Seasonings factory and tea tasting room and a visit to the Leanin Tree Museum of Western Art in Boulder. We found Judy Feyen outside in the art statue garden going wild. It looks like she lost her horse.

This was soon followed by a visit to the Wildlife Sanctuary in Keenesburg. (Everybody raves about this place and the Camp Stars heartily agree.) In April, we went to Chatfield Reservoir for the first time for us, and were able to get some of the kinks out of our hiking legs. Everyone decided that Chatfield is an excellent place for an early season campout before we head to the high country in summer. May took us to Cheyenne Mountain State Park for a beautiful weekend with lots of hiking and some wildlife viewing (plus some turkey gobbling in the distance).

The Army even serenaded us with reveille in the morning and Taps at night, and an artillery salute was thrown in for good measure.

In June we started our two-a-month camping schedule. In June we went to Western Ridge (also a first for the Camp Stars). It is a very interesting place. It was amazing how close last year's fires got to the campground. We were able to hike over right next to the burn area. Jan and Randy Wick were kind enough to invite us up to their cabin in the Red Feather Lake area. We had a lovely campfire and much chatting. Our second June outing was to Boyd Lake State Park. Because of extreme heat, this outing was mostly about relaxing and catching up on what's going on with everyone.



July was kind of fragmented for us. We had decided that Campvention in Amana would be our July outing, but not as many were able to go as originally thought. We did have four couples make the trip and we all had a good time. This was the first Campvention for several of the couples and they are excited to go to another Campvention. Wyoming here we come!! Because we don't often go back east, several of the couples made this an extended trip to explore further east. The second July campout was to a perennial favorite, Ranger Lakes. Plenty of hiking and moose watching took place, but because some of us were still back east, the turnout was light.



August took us to Bellaire Lake in the Red Feather Lakes District. Our last August campout was to Golden Gate State Park. We resisted the call of the nearby Blackhawk casinos in favor of more hiking and wildlife viewing, and we were rewarded by some magnificent moose pictures and beautiful alpine scenery. We did a day trip to Brainard Lake to hike and check out the newly remodeled Pawnee campground which just reopened. Very nice campground in a beautiful setting, but unfortunately it is pure dry camping at 10,000 feet altitude which limits some with breathing problems and electrically operated breathing devices. We were however, once again rewarded with moose sightings.

September brought an exciting month. The campout was planned for Cherry Creek State Park which has become one of the Camp Stars favorite camping spots. However, as we all know the rains came. Mike and Jan Jones went down early so they were able to camp. John and Judy Feyen had been in Colorado Springs so they also were able to make it on Saturday. The rains came and came. Because of the flooding, no one else was able to get out of Greeley, Ft. Collins or Loveland to make it down to the campout.

The October outing was planned for a ghost tour at the Stanley Hotel in Estes Park but due to the lack of Highway 34 being open, we had to change our plans. A ghost tour of Ft. Collins was arranged. We went to places none of us had ever been. In fact we were put in jail.

November brought us to the Double Tee Restaurant in Platteville for a nice meal and a great get together of most of our members. A great Christmas party was celebrated in December at the Feyens hacienda. Well it is now time to start a new camping year and we can hardly wait to see what the new year brings, hopefully not floods nor fires.

FAREWELL

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Taylor Michael – 11/13/09 – Granddaughter of John & Lee Stewart of the Star Chasers

Paul Schmitt – 10/13/13 – Nephew of Gary & Mirita Moore of Star Chasers

Carol Jacobson—1/7/14—Longtime member of the Over the Hill CO Retirees

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7:00 card bingo, bring \$2.00 in dimes.

Thursday enjoy your day your way!

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Hal and JoAnne Wulff (L) and Rosemary and Ray Walkowski (R) voting for their favorite photos and doing some catching up at the Trailblazers monthly luncheon

Trailblazers

The Trailblazers had a terrific meeting in January! A big thank you to Bob and Eve Humiston and Rosemarie Gearhart for hosting this month's luncheon. They chose a Valentine theme with candy and decorations on all the tables!

Joining the Trailblazers for lunch were guests Bob and Gayle Rap-



Trailblazer members Sue Menke, Beverly Hassler and Vicki Patterson (L-R) voting on their favorite photos

pold and Rod and Cordelia Rau.

During the previous camping season, Trailblazer members were encouraged to take photographs to be submitted for our annual Photo Contest. At our January meeting, the submitted photos were put on display and the Trailblazers voted to pick the winners.

In the category of **People**, Mary Bernard's photo of Trailblazer Ed John fishing in Pagosa Springs and Ray Walkowski's Trailblazer group picture at Golden Gate Canyon State Park tied for First Place. For the **Scenic** category, Betty Newton won First and Second Place with her photos taken at Chalk Creek and Cherry Creek State Park! **Most Interesting** photo was taken by Sue Menke. Her winning photo was of a unique, colorful, beautifully handcrafted travel trailer that was a work of art! The winning **Wildlife** photo was submitted by Jerri Harper. (No, it wasn't a picture of all the Trailblazers!) Jeri's winning photo was of a beautiful Colorado Mariposa Lily with a bee feeding in the center! Thank you to everyone who submitted photos! Trailblazers, get those cameras ready and be all set for our upcoming season! Maybe you'll have a winning photo!

At the end of our meeting we held a raffle to give away prizes generously provided by our hosts. The lucky winners were Ray Doble, Ed John, Rosemary Walkowski, and Marion Klimek who each went home with a cute snowman bucket filled with flavored popcorn! Enjoy!

Everyone is looking forward to the end of winter and the beginning of our camping season! Spring is just around the corner!

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STAR GAZERS CHAPTER NEWS

GO BRONCOS IN JANUARY!



Star Gazers met at Crave Restaurant in Town Center in Highlands Ranch for the January meeting. We chose among many out of the ordinary burgers such as the Popper--Beer-battered cream cheese, jalapenos, chipotle mayo & fresh veggies; Sin City--Tempura-fried white cheddar, bourbon-glazed onions, candied bacon & avocado; and Luther-- bacon, cheddar, egg and onion with 2 glazed donuts as the bun, to name a



few Those members who are Broncos fans also cheered on the Broncos to their win against the Chargers. The group filled up on the many gourmet burgers and adult milkshakes offered by Crave while conducting the business meeting and watching the game. Talk about multi-tasking! We had 20 members in attendance with Ron and Gayla Henry hosting.

PLANNING MEETING

A number of Star Gazers attended the Chapter Officers Workshop/Planning Meeting at Arvada Presbyterian Church. As always, it was good to have a chance to learn about plans for the upcoming activities of the Colorado FCRV chapters and to have an opportunity for members to input ideas at the State level.



SPAMALOT!

February took the group to the Boulder Dinner Theatre for lunch and a very funny and enjoyable production of Monty Python's Spamalot. Rude Frenchmen, cancan dancers, the Lady of the Lake and her Laker Girls, killer rabbits, catapulting cows, and the somewhat odd Knights who say "ni" were just part of the adventures and dangers awaiting King Arthur and his Knights of the very, very, very round table in their quest for the holy grail. A business meeting following the play. Twenty-four members attended with our hosts Kim Watkins and Blake and Julie Bischoff.

Submitted by Pam McCuskey

JoAnn's Camping Recipes



CORN CASSEROLE WITH CHILES

6 T. oil	2 eggs
1 tsp. garlic salt	2 c. grated cheese (cheddar)
2 cans cream-style corn	$\frac{3}{4}$ c. cornmeal
1 (4-oz.) can green chiles	

Grease casserole dish. Combine all ingredients. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes. Sprinkle top with grated cheese, if you wish.



Friends, Romans and Potluck Dishes! The Rocky Explorers gathered for a meeting and social event in February, a murder mystery with a twist, it was a Roman-themed murder mystery. Hosted by Bill and Ann Adaska, twelve members of the Rocky Explorers had an exciting evening of sleuthing (and eating)!

Dressed in a variety of togas and tunics, we munched our way through the evening and discovered the villain's identity.

Fun was had by all and we look forward to our next event, hosting dinner at Denver's Ronald McDonald house in March.



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STAR CHASER HAPPENINGS



Well, here we are in the New Year and already anxious for Spring so we can start camping again. But while we are waiting for the new camping season to begin, here is what we have been up to since our last newsletter.

Our October campout was at the Colorado City KOA. It is such a nice RV park and everyone had a great time. We played miniature golf and played bingo and ate some good food cooked up by the park. We also did a charity project for Children's Hospital by delivering 165 Halloween Treat bags to them right before Halloween. It was a fun and rewarding month for our Chapter.



Our November lunch and meeting was held at Cinzzetti's Restaurant in Northglenn. The food there is delicious and such a variety! Officers were sworn in at the meeting. It was pretty easy this year as officers from the previous year continued on for a second year. We also collected



and delivered non-perishable food to the Salvation Army in Centennial after the meeting. We always deliver food to them right before Thanksgiving to help them in their efforts to have enough food on hand during the Holiday Season. We got together in December for our Christmas Party. It was a wonderful time for all. Our hosts went to a lot of trouble to provide a memorable experience for the members of our Chapter. Really was a good time to reflect and count our blessings to be part of such a good group of people.

In January, we went out to lunch at the Black Eyed Pea in Lakewood. We had a great time getting together and sharing a meal and a lot of good conversation! Then in February we met at the Pegasus Restaurant in Castle Rock for a lunch

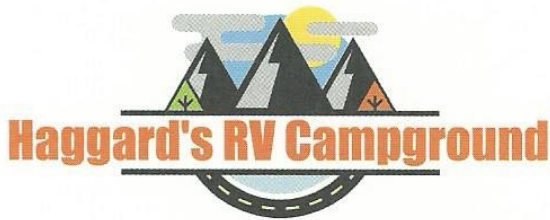


meeting. Our president was hosting this month and they went with an Olympic Theme since the Olympics were in full swing. We even played a quick game and medals were handed out for the winners.

So we are passing the winter with lots of activities to keep ourselves busy until we can once again get back in our campers and head out for new adventures!

As always, happy camping and be safe until we meet again!

David & Donna Watkins, Field Directors
Star Chasers



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No Chaplin's Corner in this issue.

Our Chaplin, Larrie Thomase had surgery on both of his hands. He was not able to type anything for the Embers. We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing and hearing him at Spring Fling.



Old House near Lake George

Beautiful scenery around
Lake George

ROLLING WAVES CHAPTER NEWS

The Rolling Waves held their quarterly meeting on January 25, 2014. Along with the formal meeting items—reading of the minutes, Treasurer's report, Field Director's report etc. there was a lively discussion about new officers, upcoming dates to remember, and new volunteer opportunities. Our new Board of Directors is comprised of: President—Dan Austin, Vice President—Jim Joyal, Treasurer—Bill Person, Secretary—April Cederburg, and Board Members—Larry Cann, Sherry Cole, and Don Bowell. We look forward to having these folks on the board for the coming year.



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We would also like to thank the out-going board for their fine service: Outgoing President—Don Boswell, Outgoing Vice President—Ed Brunner, Outgoing Treasurer—Marcelo Noguera, and Outgoing Board Members—Wayne Champlin and Dave Dutton. We appreciate your time, energy, and guidance over the past year.

Upcoming campouts will be:

- April—Trinidad Lake State Park, Trinidad, Colorado
- May—Spring Fling and Kimball, Nebraska
- June—Pueblo Lake State Park new Pueblo and Jackson Lake near Wiggins

We're looking forward to getting out and camping in some new places, riding ATVs, taking in beautiful scenery, having some good food, great friends, and fantastic times.

We are looking at a new volunteer opportunity to help the Teen Reach Adventure Camp (TRAC). This camp serves abused teens who have been removed from their home environment due to abuse and they are now in foster care. There are currently 1900 camps in the US for foster children ages 6-12, but limited camps for teenagers. Teens are chosen by the State to attend the camp and attendance is free of charge to the teens and their families. We will be having at least one garage sale in 2014 to benefit TRAC, which will be held in April or May.

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A hug can soothe a small child's pain, and bring a rainbow after rain. The hug – there's just no doubt it, we scarcely could survive without it. A hug delights and warms and charms. It must be why God gave us arms.

Hugs are great for fathers and mothers, sweet for sisters, swell for brothers. And chances are some favorite aunts love them more than potted plants.

Kittens crave them. Puppies love them. Heads of state are not above them. A hug can break the language barrier and makes the dulllest day merrier. No need to fret about the store of 'em. The more you give, the more there are of 'em.

So stretch those arms without delay and give someone a hug today!

"FCRVers are one BIG FAMILY and just maybe "A HUG" should be in our Bylaws"



HI-COUNTRY CAMPERS 2013 IN REVIEW



Year 2013 found the Hi-Country Campers enjoying the out of doors, camping, friendship and food.

The year started with a chili cook off at the home of the Limmel's with prizes. Being February is still cold we held our meeting at

the home of the Pugh's. March and April saw us at Cinzetti's Restaurant then pot luck dinner at the Keefe's. May started the camping with Spring Fling followed by a trip to Arrowhead in Buena Vista. Several made

the trip to Amana, IA for National. We then had outings at River-view, Elk Creek Meadows followed by State Wide. Camping was completed by trips to Boyd Lake and Lakeside KOA, Fort Collins. The group

made dog food donations for the flood victims. The season was completed with dinner at the White Fence Farm and a Christmas Party at Tia Maria Mexican Restaurant. We are looking forward to another great year.



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Soon the folks that have volunteered to be committee Chairman will be contacting members to staff their committee's. Some committees need only one or two people, others may require several.

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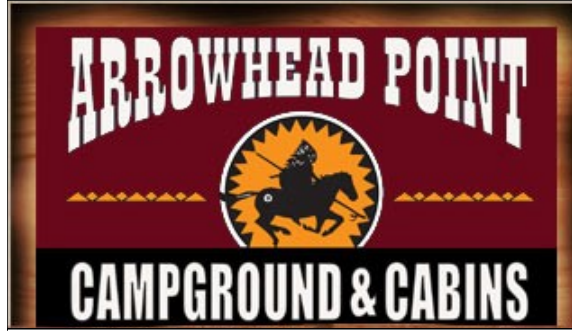
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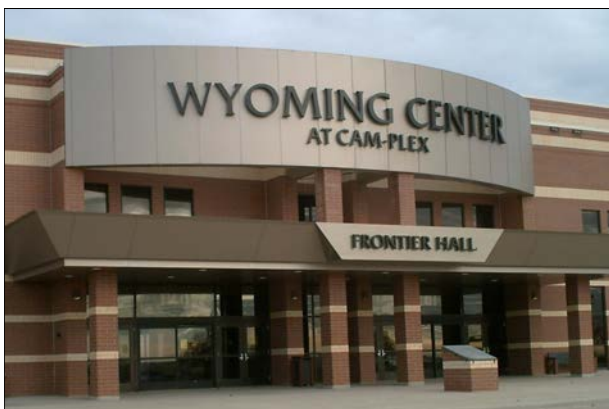
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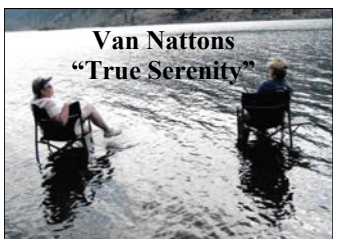
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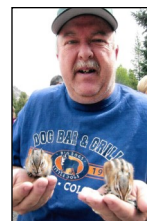
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LEGISLATIVE NEWS

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Everything is quiet on the Legislative front with no action being initiated in the great bee hive of activity under the new Golden dome regarding camping ,etc.

HOWEVER - The Parks Board has quietly eliminated the Life Time Park Pass effective 1 Mar 14. If you currently have a Life Time Parks Pass, it will still be good but as of 1 Mar 14 you cannot purchase a new one.

For some reason, All Good Things come to an end.

7 things not to do at a campground

The other obvious stuff

I love to camp with my wife and two little boys, ages 3 and 5. I'd say that 75-80 percent of the campers we've encountered over the years have been good people who understand the need to be considerate while sleeping with fellow travelers in the great outdoors. But it only takes one dud to ruin your camping experience.

A bad camping trip can make the pleasures of home seem awfully enticing. A great one can remind you of how magical camping can be--given the right circumstances and neighbors.

I prefer to camp at state and national parks because the tent sites tend to be cheaper and more spacious than private campgrounds, where you can sometimes feel like you are stacked on top of your fellow campers. But if you don't plan far ahead, getting a coveted site at a state or national park on a summer weekend can be extremely difficult.

No matter where you pop your tent, here are seven things not to do at a campground.

1. Check-in late at night. What's it like to be near someone who decides to check in late at night? Last summer, on a rainy night at a state park in Vermont, we heard noises very close to our tent after midnight. We were alarmed because it was a Monday night and the place had totally cleared out after the weekend, with just one family left in our vicinity. Our paranoia grew when a bright, blinding light illuminated our tent. When we had checked in, a park ranger had mentioned that there had been some bear sightings and we feared that the rangers were tracking a bear near our campsite. Eventually, we fell asleep without further incident. The next morning, we found out that the noises we heard were late arriving campers who used their high beams, pointed right into our tent, as they set up their tent in the rain. Some campgrounds police arrival times, but many don't. There is no graceful way to set up camp in the middle of the night, so please, just don't do it.

2. Get drunk. For every one person who becomes quiet and introspective when intoxicated, there are a dozen who get loud and obnoxious. If you stay reasonably coherent, you'll be less likely to annoy your neighbors.

3. Bring a yappy dog. No one thinks that their dog is annoying, but we all know that some pets are better off left home. The only thing worse than a camper who stands by idly as their dog barks at passersby, squirrels or for no reason at all, is one who leaves their dog or dogs chained up, unattended at their campsite while they go off for the day. If you have a dog that likes to bark, buy them a citronella collar or leave them at home.

4. Ignore quiet hours rules. This is the most important and often ignored camping etiquette rule in the book. Nearly every campground has rules prohibiting noise late at night and early in the morning, but most places also don't have the staff to enforce them. At a Campgrounds of America campground near St. Joseph, Michigan, in July, we wound up next to a trio of women who woke us up at 5 a.m. (4 a.m. in our time zone) with loud chatter, right outside our tent, slamming their car door repeatedly, and allowing their dog to bark incessantly. When I got dressed and walked out in the darkness to confront them, they made no apologies. "We have a race to get to," one said, as though that justified waking others up in the pre-dawn hours on a Sunday morning.

5. Leave behind your bar of used soap, especially if it's hairy. You might justify leaving your bar of soap thinking that someone might have forgotten to bring theirs, but I can assure you that no one wants to use your leftover soap, so please take it with you.

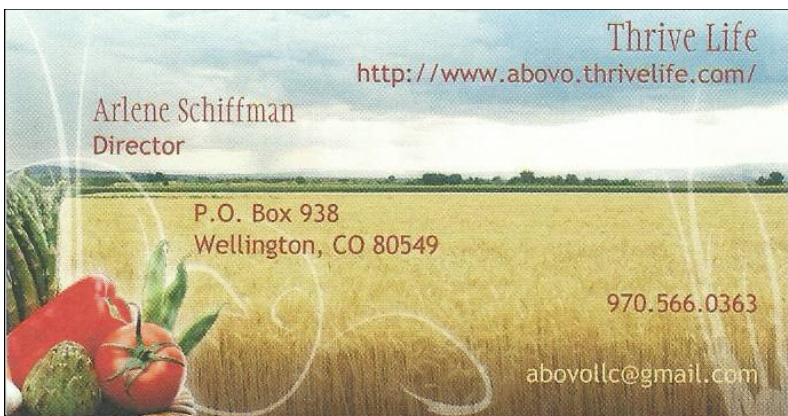
6. Bring your boom box. I don't care how good you think your taste in music is -- the truth is that no one wants to hear it except for you. Headphones are a glorious invention, but since too many campers fail to pack them, don't forget your earplugs.

7. The other obvious stuff. One would think that campers would know not to snap the branches off of trees for firewood, drive fast around the campground, litter, and leave a fire unattended, but I've seen people do all of these things. Everyone slips up occasionally but a little common courtesy goes a long way, especially in the great outdoors.

That's it for this time.

We'll See You Down The Road!

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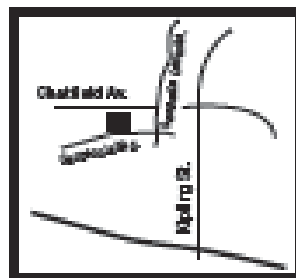
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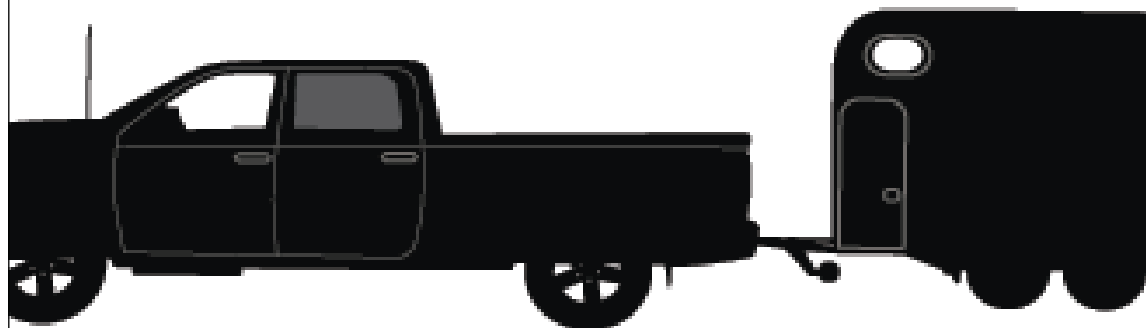
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2014 Colorado's 27th Spring Fling

May 15-18, 2014

Morgan County Fairgrounds - Brush, CO

Camping fees are for 3 nights and include a \$15.00 Registration fee

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