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# Colorado Assistant State Directors 

## Get to Know Jeff and Shirley Kendle



The Kendles began their camping adventurers in a tent over 25 years ago. Soon after roughing it they graduated to a tent trailer; however with 4 children they soon found out they needed more room and upgraded to a fifth wheel. Their first experience with group camping came in 1992 when they joined National Campers and Hikers Association and became a member of the Front Range Loco-Motives. They did not know what they were in for, but had a fantastic time camping with their group. Jeff and Shirley still reminisce about all the fun they had with 10 other families and 30 kids in the chapter. Even though the members of the defunct group Front Range Loco-Motives no longer camp together, they still are friends. In fact many of the kids still talk and see each other. Who knew that a group of strangers would become such good friends and family.

In 2009, Jeff and Shirley decided to give Family Campers and RVers another go. As members of the Gadabouts they held numerous positions within the chapter to include Field Directors. After six years with the Gadabouts they decided, along with other members of the Gadabouts, to form another chapter - The Aspen Adventurers-and once again the Kendles are enjoying camping with their group.

Since joining FCRV, Jeff and Shirley have been actively involved wherever they could help. For 4 years Jeff helped layout parking at Spring Fling with Northern Lights and the Gadabouts and Shirley helped the Northern Lights with the garage sale. They also became Field Directors for the Gadabouts and when Colorado was tasked with National Campvention in Gillette, WY, the Kendles were appointed as the Registration Chairperson. Then to their surprise In September of 2015 they were asked to be the Assistant State Directors by Ron and Shalah Costello. Jeff and Shirley still wonder how that happened! They know that they are going to have a tough time filling Bill and Joann Eckman's shoes - Bill and Joann both contributed so much to FCRV. Bill and Joann gave the Kendles a lot of pointers when they talked about the position at Statewide in September 2015 and know the position will be demanding at times.

Jeff and Shirley are both retired. Jeff joined the Army in 1963; his last assignment was 1SG of the Dental Activity at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center and he retired in 1986 after serving 23 years. He went on to work for the Department of the Army at Fitzsimons for 11 years. Upon closure of Fitzsimons Jeff transferred to the Corps of Engineers at Chatfield Reservoir as the Administrative Officer for 9 years. After working for the government in one capacity or another Jeff officially retired in Aug 2008 with hopes of camping more often. Shirley began her federal career at Fitzsimons. When Fitzsimons was announced for closure she became a member of the Base Realignment and Closure Team. After 28 years at Fitzsimons, Shirley transferred to the Internal Revenue Service in 2000. After holding various positions from Program/Management Analyst to Security Manager she retired from the Federal government in 2010.

Besides camping, Jeff and Shirley enjoy traveling, bowling, and spending time with family and friends. Shirley also enjoys spending time in her craft room making cards and crafts.

As Jeff and Shirley begin their next adventure as the Colorado Assistant State Directors, they want to be able to help increase membership, especially by recruiting younger families, retain current members and assist Ron and Shalah and Colorado FCRV chapters in any way that they can.

Editor's Note: The wrong advertisement for Competition Recreational, Inc. was regrettably published in the prior issue of "The Embers". We sincerely apologize for any confusion or inconvenience. Please see the correct ad on pages 3 and 20 of this issue.
Aprinda Cederplin

## FIRESIDE EMBERS-3



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# From the Mind of the Buffalo 

By Angel Ireson<br>Publicity and Information Director

As many of you know, when you go to Yellowstone National Park you will see buffalo. You will also see signs all over the place telling you to give all the wildlife plenty of room so they don't feel crowded. I got to thinking about the tourists from the buffalo's side.

There is a herd of buffalo up on the hill just off the main road and it is early morning, say around 6am. Rock is the leader of this particular herd and says "OK everyone, time to rise and shine!" Hey Boulder, you are still looking a bit scruffy. You
 need to find a tree or overhanging rock and finish cleaning off all of last year's winter fur. We have to look our best for all the tourists about to show up."

Buff says, "Tourists are interesting to watch. They park anywhere and stop traffic just to look at us. It is funny to see them hang out of car windows or roofs and in some places trying to climb up steep hills. They sure look funny. Not only that, have you seen some of the big, long things they hang around their necks? They put them on top of big sticks and point those things at us. Not sure why but it seems to be a contest to see who has the biggest of those things." Then the buffalo settle in for breakfast and a morning sun
bath. All the while watching the crazy tourists.
Later in the afternoon Brownie, another of the herd, alerted Rock to a couple of tourists who broke off from their herd and had started up the hill toward Rock's group. They kept walking up hill toward the buffalo's personal space. Rock decided they had come close enough and started walking down the hill toward them. The tourists kept coming. Rock called on Boulder, Buff and Brownie to come down behind him. The tourists keep climbing. Rock looks at the tourists and says "Sheesh, these guys are stupid".

Buff calls out, "Hey can we toss one up into a tree like Bouncer did a few years ago? That was really cool to watch! He got stuck up there upside down."
"Sorry Buff but they have stopped coming up and are finally going back down."
"Darn, we never get to have any fun and when we do people get all upset. Never mind that they are practically in our face!"

The Park Rangers lucked out again and peace continues to reign.

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| Sep $26^{\text {th }}-30^{\text {th }}$ | N/A | Southern Colorado Retiree Rally | Pueblo South Colorado City KOA <br> I-25 @ Exit 74 - South of Pueblo |
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Submitted by MaryAnn Glover

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## FIRESIDE EMBERS-7

## Columbines

The Columbines met for the July outing at RockyTop RV Park and Motel in Woodland Park. Many thanks to Mike and Judy Valdez for being the Wagonmasters! Friday evening the group gathered at the Buckalew's campsite. Some folks ordered from the Chuckwagon Dinner wagon while others brought their own.


Saturday the group gathered at the campsite Recreation Room and had a potluck lunch. The group then went out on a little field trip to visit a local shop and some then drove into Woodland Park to see the town. Afterwards many returned to the campsite Recreation Room for a "leftover" potluck dinner and then more games into the evening.

Thanks to the Chamberlains, Petersons, Wichmans, Jacobsons, Buckalews, Keaneys and Onnens for coming up and making a memorable weekend for all.

July $9^{\text {th }}$ the Columbines got together and celebrated AI and Carolyn Vigil's $50^{\text {th }}$ Wedding anniversary. It was absolutely wonderful for the two of you to open your beautiful home up for the celebration. It was fun meeting retired Columbines and seeing current Columbines.
The "BBQ" as Al put it, was yummy yummy in our tummy tummy!
Congratulations and here's to the next 25!


Current Members


Retired Members

June's outting was up at Central City KOA. Awesome but too short of a weekend! 18 people: Al and Carolyn Vigil, Sandy-Paul Chamberlin, Frances and Ron Hakanson, Sandy Popelka Onnen and daughter, Darwin and Sharon Baxter, Judy and Michael Valdez, Audrey and Wes Wichman, Earl and Carol Peterson, Scott and Pam got together for a fun filled weekend at the KOA Central City. Thanks to AI and Carolyn Vigil for being the Wagonmasters! Friday night we gathered at the Wagonmaster Vigils for visiting.

Saturday morning we gathered for a beautiful morning breakfast pot luck. As usual, yummy food and a nice variety was done. We


Johnny Z's
caught a shuttle van and went into Central City, walked around saw many spirit vendors. Some of us gambled a bit. We met at Johnny Z's for lunch and they were able to seat all 18 of us at the table! Most of us had prime rib! After lunch we walked over to Century Casino, where a few of us saved a little room for their delicious ice cream. We then shuttled back to the campground. Some of us met up at the community room and played hand and foot until they were ready to lock the doors.

Sunday, some of us got our walks in around the campground. Then it was time to say goodbye till next month.


Little Visitor

Next month for the Columbines is Estes Park!

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## Ghapper Mews

## Colorado Eagles

Monday, June $13^{\text {th }}$ found 13 members of the Eagles Chapter plus three guests checking in at Fishing Bridge Campground in Yellowstone National Park. After everyone got their rigs settled we left for the West Thumb Geyer Basin. The walk was $1 \frac{1}{2}$ miles with lots of steam vents, mud pots and pools of different shades of blue. Some of the colors were hard to see as the air temperature was cool and that made for steam clouds on the water. When the breezes would blow, the warm air coming across the pools felt nice. It sure fogs up your glasses so you have to wait for them to clear before you start walking again. After the walk we went to Yellowstone Lake Lodge. This is the oldest hotel in Yellowstone and is on the National Registry of Historic places. Between 1891 and 1917 you could take a ship from the West Thumb of Yellowstone Lake to the dock in front of the Hotel. There are no phones or TVs in the rooms and it has a huge sun room that looks like you have gone back in time. After lunch/supper some of us went to Hayden Valley where we were treated to an up close and personal viewing of a herd of buffalo. We pulled into a grove of trees and the buffalo came over and walked around us. There were Moms with young ones and Dads. The babies were fun to watch as they chased each other and did their stiff legged jumping. Found out that the stiff legged jumping has a name, it is called stotting or pronking.

Tuesday found most of us at Old Faithful. It rained on and off a good part of the day so that meant that the gift shops got lots of traffic. When it was close to time for it to erupt we put the hoods up on our rain gear and went outside to watch and wait. While waiting we also got some hail. Fortunately, it was only pea size and did not last long. There is a long walking path around the Old Faithful area that some of the group took later in the week but it was just too rainy today. We hopped back into the cars and visited the Firehole Geyser area. The geysers there were more active than those around Old Faithful but they are not as predictable. Dinner that night was at Old Faithful Lodge which is an amazing place to see. It was built in 1903 using logs and stone from the area.

Wednesday it was still raining off and on but eventually the sun shone! Hiked the Norris Geyser Basin. One favorite is the "Vixen" geyser because it just kept erupting! We also saw the Porkchop Geyser where a 23 -year-old man left the boardwalk, walked about 250 feet and fell through the crust and disappeared. On the way back to camp we saw a group of cars pulled over. We realized that 2 people were walking toward a herd of buffalo so we stopped in the closest pull-off to see what, if anything, was going to happen. Well, they kept walking closer until one of the larger bulls decided they were close enough and started down toward them. The crazy people kept on going. Now we see that 4 of the other bulls have joined the first one in a " $V$ " formation and are getting closer to these people. The image of what could happen was not good. Finally, the people seemed to realize that this was not a good idea and turned back. Next was a walk around The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, a picnic lunch and back to camp for some of us. Others went to find more things to see and/or hike. There was a Ranger Talk being given that night but the mosquitos were so bad everyone passed.

Thursday was a Ranger guided tour of the Mud Volcano. Next was Artist's Point and the waterfall. It is possibly the most photographed waterfall in the park. On the way to Artist's Point we saw 4 elk and they were considerate enough to wait for us on the way out so we could see them again. Some of us did a late lunch at the Canyon Diner; it is done in a 50's Theme.

Friday was the North Loop which took us to Mammoth Hot Spring and Fort Yellowstone. Some of the old buildings are still there, Officers Quarters mostly but the larger Bachelor Quarters is now the Visitor Center and Museum. The large Post Office Building was completed in 1938 and is also on the National Historic Registry. We had another picnic lunch on the grass around these buildings. There were about 5 elk just lounging next to one of the buildings and more just wandering the town. Several of the group got pictures of some baby owls nesting in one of the trees there. After lunch some of us wandered down about 4 block to get ice cream. What a nice way to end a picnic. Dinner that night was at the Yellowstone Lake Hotel. There was mix-up with the reservations (it was to be Saturday) so only 7 of us were able to go. Bummer.

Saturday was a guided tour of Lake Yellowstone by boat. It was nice and very informative. The rest of the day everyone did their own thing - either packing for leaving tomorrow or seeing places we had not gotten to.

Sunday was check out with some of the group going home and others headed for the Grand Tetons.

## FIRESIDE EMBERS-9

## Ghappiep Mews

## Aspen Adventures

One more month before camping season begins. We can't wait. But until then we decided to let the
 Aspen Adventurers little campers decide what they wanted to do. They must have been hungry when we asked them because they decided they wanted to go to breakfast. So we went to Masters Restaurant at the Colorado National Golf Course in Vista Ridge. On Sunday they have an all you can eat breakfast with so many choices you have a hard time deciding what you want to eat. The kids did not have any trouble, though, because they tried everything - we might be in trouble when we have our breakfast potlucks, because they can eat!

Our April campout was at Chatfield State Park. We were fortunate enough to go between snow storms - for once Mother Nature heard us. We had five families in attend-
 ance, we enjoyed the weather, walks, throwing the baseball around, making Camping Is posters and sitting around the campfire. Although the reservoir was still cold, David, Terri, Eli, Rachel and Sarah decided to brave the water and go paddle boarding and kayaking. A big thank you to David and Terri for introducing us to Amish Haystacks for our Saturday potluck. Needless to say, everyone was stuffed but we still had room for cake.

Since our May outing was the same weekend as Spring Fling, the chapter decided that would be our outing for the month. Again all five families attended. As a chapter we played bean bag baseball and took first place. You could also find us on the CAMP walk, playing Polish Poker and bingo. Shaun gave Karaoke a shot while others found the dance floor the place to be. Like many other chapters having potlucks on Saturday, we all retreated to the Kendle's 5th wheel for our potluck dinner. We were able to fit the twelve of us, all of the food, and chairs into the 5th wheel and even had room for a few more.


In June we went to Western Ridge Resort near Livermore, Co. We had the whole campground to ourselves. Cheryl, the owner, like always was more than hospitable. Friday evening some of us ventured to the restaurant and enjoyed the pizza. Cheryl makes the best pizza, plus we didn't have any dishes or clean up. We welcomed new prospective members Elizabeth, Robert, and their two boys, Ethan and Evan. It was great that they were able to join us and we look forward to them camping with us again in September. It was great to see all of the kids playing and running around together. No one was left out of the fun. The kids had a great time swimming and playing on the tire swings. Like always, it's amazing to see
 how much food comes out for breakfast and dinner. There is always so many choices - no one ever goes away hungry. After a weekend full of fun, food, and laughs, it was time to say good-bye until our next adventure.


Have you marked your calendars?
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## FIRESIDE EMBERS-10

## Chaptier News

## Timberliners

Our April campout was at Strasburg KOA...and we lucked out with lovely weather just a week before the BIG SNOW. We had ten rigs and lots of enthusiasm for the start of our camping season. A highlight, besides all the EATING we managed to do, was a visit to the Comanche Crossing Museum. Unknown to us, Strasburg claims to be the location for the real joining of the rails to complete a true transcontinental railroad on August 15, 1870. Not Promontory Point, Utah, on May 10, 1869, you may ask? At that time, the railroad extended only as far west as Sacramento, California, and passengers had to travel on to San Francisco via stagecoach. Also, there was no bridge across the Missouri River and passengers and freight had to be ferried across the river there. The first railroad bridge across the Missouri River was completed on May 12, 1869...and rails from Sacramento to the Pacific Coast also weren't completed until after the laying of the Golden Spike. The museum contains all kinds of artifacts, which, although considered to be "historic," were items most of the Timberliners remember!

We all kept busy, with a dinner out on Friday night, the museum visit on Saturday, our formal meeting followed by a yummy potluck dinner. The evening was spent playing games, and we ended the campout with breakfast on Sunday morning.


## ROCKY EXPLORERS

The Rocky Explorers have been so busy, we missed the last Embers! Nah, not really, however, we have been very busy.

April was a busy month and included a Rockies baseball game. Their first win of the season! We had great seats slightly left of home plate. Thanks to Fara and David Born for organizing that outing. In May we had our first campout at the Strasburg KOA. Many thanks to Doug and Cheryl Forry for hosting. We had a burrito themed breakfast pot luck and a Dutch Oven pot luck meal for dinner.

Valerie Park hosted a campout at Cottonwood Lake dispersed camping. Cottonwood Lake is a beautiful area, the Lake - no motors but canoes, kayaks and paddle boards are allowed, fishing is outstanding! There are places to hike, ride 4wheelers/ATVs and there is a hot spring! We had pot luck breakfast and dinner. We used pie irons for our favorite dessert ingredients and had a good time around the campfire.

Roger \& Deb Hardy arranged a weekend for the Steamboat Hot Air Balloon rodeo. We stayed at the Steamboat Springs KOA. We got up very early to catch a shuttle available to the launch site for the balloons. It was an amazing sight! We later had a potluck dinner and too much food! (Not surprising for the Rocky Explorers.)

The club is looking forward to a few more campouts and also Statewide! Stay tuned...

Submitted by Cindy Kotary


## FIRESIDE EMBERS-11

## Chop

## Rolling Springs



Camping in May brought us together in sunny La Junta, Co. Friday evening we found a gem of a restaurant in Rocky Ford by the name of Christine's and enjoyed fine dining. We celebrated springtime and flowers with everyone going home with flower seeds for their yards and a silk flower bouquet after our Saturday morning meeting. Later several families ventured in to town for antique and thrift shopping. While others headed to check out Bent's Old Fort and some stayed around camp to relax. We also celebrated May with a Mexican themed meal on Saturday evening. We had a great time and a big thank you to the new owners of the La Junta KOA.

What could be better than Camping in La Veta in beautiful warm weather! Saturday after business, we enjoyed walking to town for Ice Cream and shopping. Then our afternoon was spent playing games. We played lawn darts, Operation, coin find, bow and arrow shooting in a bucket and bocce
 ball. Prizes were awarded to the top three couples. Next came the cheese ball throwing. It was a big mess and loads of fun and laughter! Congratulations to the Grand Prize winners Dan and Martha. In the evening we feasted on a wonderful one
 pot soup and sides, while we visited with a 92 year old WWII veteran. Let us never forget our veterans and their sacrifices. We collected donations of clothing, books, movies, etc. and presented them to the McClandish Veterans home in Walsenburg.

Camping and bugs go together, but not the way you think. We enjoyed a wonderful weekend at Golden Eagle Ranch campground and May Natural History Museum. The May Museum offers a very large collections of Butterflies, Beetles and other invertebrates. A very interesting place to visit while you are camping in Colorado Springs just look for the Giant Beetle on Hwy 115.

Submitted by Candy Furnish


## FIRESIDE EMBERS-12

## Ghapher News

## ROADRUNNERS



It's been an eventful 2016 camping season so far! The group traveled to Colorado City KOA in May, where they enjoyed a great time with wind and all! Erv and Alice Zimmer were the hosts of this event.

The Red Feather Lakes area was the destination for our June outing, which was well attended by 23 members. After playing cross country croquet on a very tough course (under picnic tables, over rocks, through tall grass and up extremely steep hills), designed by a few Roadrunner men, the group relaxed for dinner at the Western Ridge restaurant where they were entertained by a great western band. The hosts for this event were Gene and Cathy Porter.

In July, nine rigs traveled to the Alamosa KOA, where 18 members boarded the Rio Grande Scenic Railway for a two hour ride up to LaVeta Pass (elevation 9400 ft .) to take in a concert surrounded by trees and under the clear blue sky. The Dr. Roberts band entertained us with their Beatles music and we traveled back in time to the sixties! The Great Sand Dunes National Park was nearby; so many people took in the dunes, as well. While we had to endure
 smoke from the nearby Hayden wildfire, we still enjoyed our own nightly campfire and fellowship. Mike and Connie Davidson hosted this event.

The group heads to Buena Vista in August (hosted by Joan Cross and Sandra McDonald) and to Palisades, in September, for a wine country tour (hosted by Norm and Cari Kellett).

Submitted by Connie Davidson


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## Colorado Cruisers



Hosts: Abe and Karleen Williams, with Ron and Heddy Servant
June 17-19, Circle the Wagons Campground, La Vita, CO
We had fabulous weather Friday and Saturday for our meet-up this month. Thirty of us came to enjoy the wonderful campground and the offerings in the quaint town of La Vita. There was even the Annual Friends of Fiber Festi-
 val on Saturday, with lots of shopping and eating opportunities.

Friday night the hosts grilled sliders for all and kept the flies at bay using a 'gynormous' screen food-tent. Ladies and lads donned Hawaiian apparel to bring the atmosphere of the islands to our evening. It was also great fun watching a lad or two wear Hawaiian 'girl tops' ;). We visited till quiet hours began, and then headed to our RVs for the night.

Saturday morning, the hosts of Circle the Wagons treated us all to a sit-down pancake breakfast! With
 full bellies, we each went our way of interest, rides into the mountains, checking out the town of La Vita, walking the Fiber Festival and some just plain relaxing. Saturday night we gathered again at the meeting hall to share our dinner. All manner of Hawaiian-type foods were splayed out to share. Even SPAM showed up, with fried pineapple slices to boot. There was smoked pork roast, ribs, Hawaiian Fried Rice, Banana Bread, Potato Salad, Black Eyed Peas, Hawaiian sweet rolls, Pineapple Upside-down Cake, Coconut Cream Pie Bars, Watermelon and Fruit Salsa with chips. We definitely needed to stretch our legs and partake of the hula-hoop games after dinner in the courtyard. We enjoyed music by our very own DJ Abe Williams, with a little dancing, too.

The next morning, Sunday, we met again to share breakfast together. Everyone brought something to share. We left with a bit of 'hurry' in us to beat the expected $104^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ later that day.

Submittted by Cheri Loyche



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## Ghapper Mews

## Rocky Mountain Maniacs

The Rocky Mountain Maniacs got off to a "rocky" start - only one RV was able to make it to Cherry Creek. It was June when we finally got together but boy did we do it special! First, nine rigs spent the weekend at Lathrop hosted by Kim \& lan then off to Santa Fe Skies, New Mexico hosted by Rosemary \& Kris.


In Santa Fe we visited Loretto Chapel, St. Francis of Asisi, Old Town, Pecos National Park, Los Alamos \& Meow Wolf. We had potluck breakfasts and dinners. Santa Fe Skis provided a couple of free rooms/spaces to play games and chat - there was lots of laughter and great food!!

July was hosted by Lissa \& Charlie at Jellystone campground in Larkspur. Saturday most of us spent the day at the Renaissance Festival - some haven't been there for decades.


Submitted by Debbie

## FIRESIDE EMBERS-15

## Chapter News

## Silver Foxes

The Silver Foxes again went to Salida to camp at the 4 Seasons Campground and enjoyed the traditional fish fry hosted by Scotty and Peggy Scott. Without a doubt this was a memorable event since it was the last fish fry at Salida. When you think of relaxation and fun, what comes to mind when you campout with your Chapter? Eating, visiting, games, site seeing, walking, and of course eating and snacking.


Nature lovers enjoy the rustic beauty and put out humming bird feeders. If you look closely, you will see one such magnificent bird. Caroline Jamison, the photographer, took the picture and for some strange reason did not stick around to check out what this snake's temperament was. She did not even remember if it was hissing loudly as they are known to do, or if the tail was vibrating when it opened its mouth. Caroline is one of our regular "walkers" who recently bought a stun gun and pepper spray. Maybe she has a new use for them????


The well attended campout had 10 couples with their various rigs camped along the elevated riverbanks. Additionally two couples took advantage of the comfortable campground cabins. What better way to relax than watching the antics of the rafters during the day and falling asleep to the soothing relaxing white water river sounds for naps and nighttime.


Campouts are always special when you gather around the RVs amid friends to share conversation and food. That is not to say an occasional outing to a restaurant is not on the agenda. Breakfast as usual at the Patio Pancake Place with "LINNER" at the Bounty, famous for blackberry cobbler. Peggy and Scotty chose a western theme and had the campers searching through their rigs for outfits stuffed away in the
 corners. Most wore hats to signify a "cowboy" but our usual holdout - Ed Mannerberg- showed up with his rendition of an "Willie Nelson".

Various potlucks followed with a rowdy card game call Bull $S^{* *}$ t as well as other card games occupied our 'free" time. In keeping with the western theme we played a Western Music trivia game for prizes. We even managed to participate in a member book exchange. A healthy change to the normal potlucks was a super salad potluck where salad items were the focus. Without a doubt, a repeat event.

## Next Stop Buena Vista Colorado!!!!!

Submitted by Marion Waterhouse and Eileen Carter


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 Colorado Chapters of FCRVArticle submission is for chapters, program chairmen and members who have news or interesting articles or classified ads that they would like to share with the membership. It will be included, space permitting, in the next issue.
(Please type or print information \& include your name, address and phone number)

## Statewide 2016-Elbert Fairgrounds Kiowa September 2-5, 2016

This year's theme ~


Pet Parade-let's see those Bronco colors!
Book Sale—Readers be prepared to purchase all the "good finds"
Support the 4H-Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday night
Bingo, Polish Poker and Games for everyone
Seminar on FaceBook-helpful hints for everyone


Activities for Teens, Pre-Teens and Youth

## Fun, Fun, Fun



## Reminders:

Please bring: $\quad$ Non-perishable food items for Elbert County Food Drive School supplies for Elbert County Schools
Door prizes


Bingo Prizes-adult and kids prizes $\$ 5$ items
Field Directors-2 fruit pies for Friday night dinner
Project Food and Project Sales—please contact Shalah Costello to reserve your spot

Hospitalities-Please contact Shalah Costello to get your Chapter's hospitality
 event on the schedule

## Project Food

## 2016 Colorado Fall Statewide - September 2nd - September 5th 2016 <br> Elbert County Fairgrounds - Kiowa, CO

## Theme: "Denver Broncos-Superbowl Champions"

Camping fees are for $\mathbf{3}$ nights and include a $\mathbf{\$ 1 5 . 0 0}$ Registration fee
Camping Fees: Families $\mathbf{\$ 6 0}$ or Singles $\mathbf{\$ 5 0}$ At the gate-Families $\mathbf{\$ 6 5}$ or Singles $\mathbf{\$ 5 5}$
All camping is Dry camping urless you require electricity for medical reasons. (Only camping fees are refundable in case of medicalfamily emergency)

## Two families attending Statewide and camping in one unit and/or campsite

The 1st family must submit a registration \& pay the camping fee which includes the $\mathbf{\$ 1 5 . 0 0}$ registration. The 2nd family must submit a separate registration \& pay the $\mathbf{\$ 1 5 . 0 0}$ fee.

If you are coming out for the day only, you must pay a daily fee of $\mathbf{\$ 5 . 0 0}$. The daily fee is for the whole family. When you arrive, please register at the information table in the main building and pay your daily fee. This fee is on the honor system, we are not going to chase you down to collect the $\mathbf{\$ 5 . 0 0}$. Fees and registrations are one of the most important sources of revenue that pay the expenses of Colorado FCRV. Deadline to pre-register is August 26th

| Last Name | First Name __ Spouse |  |  |
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| Address | City | State | Zip |
| Phone (___) |  |  |  |
| Type of Camper | Handicap w/Electrical [ ] | \$5.00 per night |  |
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Reason for requiring handicap and/or electricity \# of adults__ \# of youth___ \# of pre-teens___ \# of teens____

|  | Youth | Youth | Pre-teen | Teens | Teens |
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|  | $0-5$ | $6-8$ | $9-12$ | 13-15 | 16-19 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |
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(Only Camping Fees are refundable in case of Medical/Family emergency, you will be reimbursed for all except the meals $\&$ registration fee which is $\$ 15$ of above fees.)

Friday Night Chicken Dinner Sponsored by the Colorado Field Staff (state fund raiser) \# adults __ $\quad \$ 7.00=$ \# children (11 and under) __ $\times \$ 3.00=\$$ for a total of \$ Saturday Morning Breakfast Sponsored by the Silver Foxes (state fund raiser)
\# adults $\qquad$ $\times \$ 7.00=$ $\qquad$ Any family of four or more will pay only $\$ 24.00$ for a total of $\$$ $\qquad$ Meal includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, coffee and more.
Saturdav Lunch Sponsored by the Colorado FCRV Teens (teen fund raiser)
$\qquad$ Limited additional tickets may be available on Saturday for a total of \$ $\qquad$
Saturdav Night Beef Dinner (children under 3 are free) Sponsored by the Elbert County 4 H clubs. \# adults $\qquad$ $x \$ 12.00=$ $\qquad$ \# children (3-11) $\times \$ 5.00=\$$ $\qquad$ for a total of \$
Saturday night catered beef dinner includes beef with mashed potatoes \& gravy. vegetable, dinner roll, tossed salad, brownies for dessert, iced tea or lemonade. Price includes gratuity and all applicable taxes.

> GRAND TOTAL (Camping fees + Optional Meals) $\$$ Make checks payable to Colorado Chapters of FCRV Mail to: Vodean Benham, 5452 S. Camargo Rd, Littleton, CO $\mathbf{8 0 1 2 3}$

In order to camp with your chapter you must pre-register by the deadline of August 26th (must be received by August 26th) otherwise you may 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 medical need for electric. All other handicap spaces will provide a closer location to the buildings.

VERY IMPORTANT! Please include with your registration a stamped, self-addressed post card or envelope for confirmation.
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Many of our chapters are involved in very exciting outings and we would like to publish a story about them on our Colorado FCRV web site. This will provide a way for other chapters to learn more about your chapter and maybe get some great ideas for their future campouts.

## RULES:

- Your Camping Story must reflect a recent (2015 or 2016) camp outing.
- Submissions may be made by individual members, chapters or group (retiree, pre-teen, teen)
- Please identify if entry is from one person, more than one person or from a chapter. Awards will be made only to the identified submitter
- Story must contain 2 to 6 photos of activities and be no longer than one page in length (not including photos)
- Story should be about an outdoor Camping activity and tell where the location of the event took place. Campground name is always nice
- Please refrain from publishing full names, telephone numbers or email addresses
- Originality and creativity are encouraged
- You may enter more than once but you can only win one prize
- Credit will be given for early submissions. So as soon as you write your story, submit it!
- Reporter's name(s) and chapter name or group must be on the entry
- By entering the contest you agree that the story may be published on our Colorado FCRV web site
- Entries will be posted on the Colorado FCRV web BLOG as they are received
- 1st place wins $\$ 100-2$ nd place wins $\$ 50.00-3$ rd place wins $\$ 25.00$
- ALL entries become the property of Colorado FCRV
- Contest is from Spring Fling thru April 1, 2017. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at "Spring Fling" 2017. You do not need to be present to win.

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## FIRESIDE EMBERS-21

## Ghapter News



## Star Chaser Happenings

It has been a great summer so far. We went to Cripple Creek in June and camped at the Cripple Creek RV Park/Hospitality House. What a great park and the hotel was beautiful. We took the Narrow Gage Train Ride and took in all the beautiful scenery. There was a rodeo going on that weekend and it was kicked off by a parade through the middle of town. Many of us went
 to the Jail Museum and also to the Old Homestead, which was the last of Cripple Creek's
 notorious parlor houses (if you get my meaning). Thank you to our hosts John \& Carol, Dick \& Paula and Dick \& Alice for planning such a wonderful outing for us to enjoy.

In July, we went to Aspen Acres Campground in Rye Colorado. This was new location for us and it was very beautiful there. It was tucked away up in the mountains out past the Colorado City area. We had a full schedule of food and fun. There was a small café and gift shop down the road and some of us went to dinner there on Thursday night. On Friday morning
 some of us took a drive up the road a ways to see Bishop's Castle. It is a large rambling structure built out of stone and metal. People are welcome to walk through out the large structure, if you dare! It is tall with twists and turns and spiral staircases.


On Saturday night entertainment was provided by the campground. They had a country singer entertain out at the pavilion. He sang country music and played guitar. It was a lot of fun as he asked for volunteers from the audience to help him with his make-believe band. Our hosts Patty and Lucky and Jan \& Mike did a great job providing a fun weekend for us.

Now a couple of us are at the Campvention in Shawnee, Oklahoma so new adventures are in
 the making, which will be reported on in the next article. The road trip has been amazing. We have been seeing many interesting things along Route 66 and the Chisolm Trail. John and Lee and David and I have been eating our way across America and have discovered Braums Ice Cream! The best ever!

As always, happy camping and be safe until we meet again.
Submitted by Donna

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## FIRESIDE EMBERS-22

## Ghappiep Mews <br> Rolling Waves



The Rolling Waves "rolled" into one of our favorite ATV spots in July, O'Brien's Gulch. Sunshine with clouds rolling by kept the temperatures just right. Dive bombing Hummingbirds meant we all learned how to duck and walk all at the same time! Or sit very still as they did seem to think we were pretty fascinating to check out.

The Boswells arrived a few days early to make sure our favorite camping area was available as there were 8 families planning on camping. We had
 guests for the day, too, on Saturday. Don and Alice's daughter and her husband stopped by with their daughter and niece. Dave and Lisa Maurer's friend Ken and his wife rolled in to camp for the day as well. We were quite the crew!!


We had wonderful weather for trailing riding that weekend. 3 Dirt bikes and 11 ATVs hit the trails Saturday. While some of us stayed behind it wasn't necessarily to enjoy the peace and quiet. We were hatching the best of surprises for the pot luck that night. Two of our members had birthdays and both happened to be on the campout! So out came all the decorations - banners and lanterns and stars all to be strung between 2 RVs. And helium filled balloons of course! (Tanner could give Alvin the Chipmunk a run for his money when it comes to singing Happy Birthday in a helium voice!) It was wonderful to see the faces of those coming in from their trail ride! It's amazing what three determined women can get done in a very short amount of time!

The potluck theme that evening was All American - so hamburgers and hotdogs were cooked to go along with the birthday cake! And as is tradition with the Rolling Waves, we had a "Movie in the Mountains" night and watched "The World's Fastest Indian". It is a movie that we highly recommend to anyone!

Sunday saw some of us leaving early and some of us hanging out till after lunch. The best part about camping on National Forest Service land is that there is no check in or out time. Brian and Tanner were able to get some last minute riding in before we had to pack up and say good-bye (for now) to another fun-filled weekend with the Rolling Waves Chapter. Who knows...maybe we will run into some of you along the trail next year!


Submitted by April Cederburg


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## ROCKY RAMBLERS

Fourth of July weekend found the Rocky Ramblers at Prospector's RV in Canon City. Activities provided by the
 campground included face painting for the kids and fireworks for all. The group held a decorating contest with first, second and third place winners, enjoyed movie night featuring "Trouble With A Curve", and a leftover breakfast included spaghetti and smoked ribs made for fun memories. Some of the group went horseback riding, some parked at the local community college to watch fireworks and fun was had by all!

Submitted by Karen Clark


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## Weekend Warriors



The Weekend Warriors is a reinvented group who get together the second weekend of each month and camp at our many campgrounds, state parks, and occasional dry camping places around Colorado. We camp April through October, and having had our first 3 campouts of the year, we have taken day trips, learned how to make cup and saucer bird feeders and learned how to geo cache. Our potlucks have gotten ever so creative, with circus food being the theme of our trip to South Fork, CO: corn dogs, chili and funnel cakes, just to name a few of the delicious entrées. Next month is Gunnison. Can't wait to see what that brings.


I guess the most important part of our group is the way we pull together when there is a need. A blown fuse and dead batteries can seem overwhelming until everyone comes together to help fix the problem. We have a "family" of campers who are only too willing to pitch in.

We welcomed a new couple on their third campout, and they are a great addition to our 6 couples. Also we have a trial couple, who are a good fit so far. Can't wait to see what the 2016 camping season brings to us. Wildlife, museums, shopping, good food, and the great companionship that this club has to offer.


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## FIRESIDE EMBERS-26



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## wow!

Filling the Embers with fun articles that truly depict each chapter's personality and love of camping can be a daunting task. Illustrating the magnificent camping opportunities we share in Colorado and the surrounding states can seem impossible to accomplish. With your help, we are far surpassing our goals for sharing the fun, laughter, beauty, friendships and memories we build each time we camp.

I hope you have taken the time to read each article. There are great camping locations to add to your wish list for camping in 2017.

If you receive the Embers through mail, I hope you will ask a friend to help you view it online, if needed. The color, depth and range of the pictures really bring to life the articles. The smiles, joy and fun seem to pop out - you can almost hear the laughter in some. The beauty of Colorado is evident throughout these pictures.

Not seeing anything from your chapter? Reach out to your Chapter Field Director if you are interested in helping out as a chapter reporter. Perhaps you can share the reporting with several members from your chapter. Don't feel like it needs to be a long article. If you prefer sending the article and/or pictures through regular mail, see page 15 for more information. Field Directors-reach out to the camp out hosts and see if they are willing to put together an article. Get the youth in your chapter nvolved-they are a wealth of information and have such unique perspectives.

As Bill Eckman was fond of asking: program directors, let's hear from you. "What are your plans for the Teens, Youth, DASAT, CAMP, First Aid \& Safety, Historian, Legislative, Membership, Conservation and Retirees?" We have new members who are not familiar with your programs and would benefit from knowing more.

In the coming months let's work together, continuing to share what we all love about camping, why we go, where we go, what we look forward to in the future.

Thank you for your support ~ Aprinda Cederplin

## SPARKS PACE

Hey kids! Have a great camping story to share?
How about a funny camping picture?
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An EMBER starts from a SPARK. Like the growing spark, our younger campers are an important part of the collective Ember that is Colorado FCRV. The Sparks Page is for our young and young-at-heart. Enjoy!


