

CAMPING TODAY®

June 2017



Campvention 2017

You don't want to miss some of these sights to see near Lima, Ohio or all of the activities that are happening at Campvention!

All Aboard!!

Hope for Wounded Warriors / Warrior's Wish are offering severely wounded combat veterans the opportunity to camp again with their families.....**Page 12**

Do you know how to avoid poisonous snakes and how to respond to bites? Dr. William Banner offers advice....**Page 16**



These are those made on Recreation.gov

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From the President - Shari Weber



Only one more month until campvention! I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Lima. The Great Lakes has planned a great week for us. Lima has some great trails for walking or biking so be sure to bring bikes and walking shoes.

INTERNATIONAL BAND

I have inside information on the band since I live with the International Band Director. The band will be trying new things this year. If you play an instrument please bring it with you to campvention. Craig has planned band practice and the jam session at the same time. The two groups will play together. The "concert" will be a little different also. The band/jam folks will play some songs for you with a railroad theme. Then they will do some sing-a-long with familiar tunes. The concert will be a little different with audience participation adding to the fun.

FACEBOOK FOR FAMILY CAMPERS

Yes, indeed we have a facebook page promoting our camping organization. Please share your pictures of camppouts and events going on in your area. Scott Serbousek, VP Planning & Development manages the site so you can contact him with questions or submissions. To find our page, just do a search on Family Campers. There will be two choices. The one you want has our logo on it. Go to the facebook page and click on the like button. Then give us a rating. This page is another outside handshake for showing people about our camping club.

Until the next campfire, Shari



Campvention 2017 Site



Camping Area



Restrooms and Showers



Special Needs Parking



Campvention 2017

Allen County Fairgrounds
Lima, Ohio

July 9-15, 2017

FCRV Campvention 2017 Train

By Barb Turner, Publicity Chair

‘All aboard!’ The FCRV Campvention 2017 Train will be pulling into the Lima, Ohio railroad depot, aka the Allen County Fairgrounds, on July 9th for a fun-filled week of activities for all ages. The Campvention chairs, co-chairs, and team members have finalized their areas. They anticipate your arrival.

Amenities - 30-amp service with water access. Dump stations are on the grounds. There will also be a honey wagon for a fee. Friday July 7 & Saturday July 8 will be the early days at \$25 per night. Early day arrivals will receive information on self-guided tours of the area as well as activities available in the area (museums, parks, etc.) Camping will be ‘hobby-state/province.’ There are two brick showers/restrooms. As added info, you can see Walmart from the grounds!!

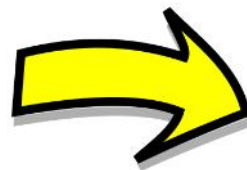
Like to eat out! You’ll have LOTS of choices. Also be sure to patronize the local hamburger joint – Kewpee Hamburgers. Takes you back. Its founder, Samuel V. Blair, claims to be the first to use the flat bun and developed the ‘deluxe’ hamburger. The Lima Kewpee locations have locally raised beef delivered daily to each Kewpee restaurant. The [Kewpee Restaurant](#) in downtown Lima, Ohio is considered an historic site. For our convenience, one of the Kewpee restaurants is across I-75 from the campvention site.

A quick review - Campvention will begin with the non-denominational church service on Sunday July 9 at 6:00 p.m. with the Opening Ceremony beginning at 7:30 p.m.. ‘Meet & Greet’ Hospitality provided by

the host Great Lakes Region will follow. An ‘Ice Breaker’ (personal treasure hunt) game will be provided with a drawing for prizes. Campvention activities will begin Monday morning July 10. The General Membership meeting will be Tuesday, July 11 in the evening at 6:00 p.m.. The parade will be Friday morning, July 14, with the Closing Ceremony being Friday evening. The grounds will be vacated by noon on Saturday July 15.

So, get ‘On Board’, Family Campers & RVers members and guests! Destination, Lima, Ohio! Choo, choo, choo.....

Campvention Registration Deadline



Extended to

JUNE 20TH

**So don't miss the fun
at Campvention!!**

Even if you don't register we still want you
to join us! So Come On Down!!

Campvention Online Registration



**You can now register for Campvention
2017 with an online registration form
on the fcrv.org website.**



Red Hat Luncheon

Co-chairmen Ruth White and Jo Elyn Hersom welcome all the ladies to the Red Hat Luncheon on Thursday at noon. (You do not have to be a member of the Red Hat Society to attend.) We will have a catered meal of chicken, dipping sauce, potato salad, green beans, cole slaw, biscuit w/butter, strawberry shortcake and a drink. We have home-made party favors with candy for everyone and lots of door prizes. Our speaker is Shannon Munn. Some of you may remember her as the speaker in 2004. She showed us what ladies in the Victorian era wore. This time she will speak on trains. Her grandfather worked for the Baltimore Ohio Railroad. Please sign up and purchase your ticket for \$12.00 at Central Registration on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. Looking forward to seeing you then wearing your red hat.



HARD HAT LUNCH

The men's "Hard Hat" lunch will be held on Thursday, July 13, at noon – the same day as the ladies' "Red Hat" lunch – featuring a catered chicken dinner followed by a presentation from Scott Trostel, well-known railroad historian, writer, and speaker. Tickets for the event are \$12, and will be available at Central Registration on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Join your fellow mates for an afternoon of fun, food, and friendship!



Campvention Newsletter Contest

Registration and information for the Chapter and State/Provincial Newsletter Contest was sent to all State and Provincial Directors in early February. Just a reminder: entries need to be to Melvin Coy (melvinc@juno.com), Newsletter Contest Coordinator, before June 10 for judging.

GOLF CART RENTAL FORM

Found elsewhere in this issue.

DEADLINE JUNE 15TH



Site Decorating Competition



On Site Competition - This year's theme is "Bring your trains to Lima!" So put on your conductor caps; start working on your site decorating and bring your trains to Lima!

Mike and Rhonda O'Neal



Aluminum Tabs Info

The proceeds from the collection of aluminum tabs at the 2017 Campvention in Lima, OH will go to the Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Ohio in Toledo. Be sure to save all of your aluminum tabs and bring them to Campvention for collection on Monday and Tuesday. If you don't want to cart your tabs to Ohio, then you can take them to a local recycler and turn in the monetary value at Campvention. If you have a record of the weight of the tabs, then your state or province will get credit for that amount. For those of you who turn in bottles and cans to get a deposit returned, or who turn in cans to a recycler, consider donating some of these proceeds to this worthwhile charity. There will also be a monetary donation container at Campvention at the collection site; any donation large or small will be gratefully accepted. Last year, the donation to Ronald McDonald House was only \$133. I'm sure that this year we can do much better!

Brian Fuller and Beverly Schettenhelm, Aluminum Tab Chairs



Veterans Info for Campvention

The Veterans will be holding a raffle at Campvention in Lima in July. So far we have a set of Cornhole Boards with POW/MIA on them plus 2 other items. If you would like to donate items to raffle, please send a picture and description to fcrv-veterans@outlook.com. Thank you for your service and hope to see you in Lima! Ronald F. Bralley, FCRV Veterans Committee Chair, 727-251-0909; James L. Bralley, FCRV Veterans Committee Co-Chair



Register Now
“FINAL NOTICE”
Individuals & Chapters!
“ALL ABOARD”
FOR THE
MARKETPLACE
Register Now!!

Interested in raising money for your Chapter by selling your Chapter projects or for yourself to sell your own craft/hobby items or other merchandise, now is the time to get your plans in order and register for the ‘Marketplace’ when you attend Campvention 2017 at Lima, Ohio in July 9-15.

There will be no fee charge for Chapters BUT there will be a \$15.00 fee charge for individuals for an 8 foot table for your wares. If a second table is needed, an additional \$10.00 is required (two table limit). The registration form is posted in this issue on the FCRV Camping Today website and will also appear in the following months issues.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JUNE 23, 2017. Checks, enclosed with registration, made payable to: **FCRV Campvention 2017** with ‘Project Sales’ written on the memo line.

Further questions/information you can e-mail: dentec957@att.net Mail the forms to: Duane & Ruth Keegan 957 N. Lois Ave. Addison, IL 60101-1237

So “ALL ABOARD” register now for
MARKETPLACE!

Duane & Ruth Keegan, Project Sales Chair

Registration form found elsewhere in this issue.

CAMPVENTION DOOR PRIZES
FINAL CALL !!



This will be the FINAL NOTICE for anyone wanting to donate a door prize for Campvention, a table will be at Central Registration to leave your donation when you arrive and check in. Door prizes will be drawn on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and can be claimed between the hours of 10:00 AM till 12:00 noon. The location for the claiming of the prizes will be posted on the Campvention bulletin boards.

Unclaimed prizes after Thursday July 12th will be drawn following the close of the Friday night entertainment program along with major door prizes.

Questions or comments may be directed to: dentec957@att.net

Duane & Ruth Keegan (IL) & Chuck Carlsen (MI),
Co-Chairperson

RV Service at
Campvention



Wayne RV Service will be a vendor at Campvention 2017 in Lima, OH and has indicated that if you have repairs that you would like completed at Campvention, he would be happy to do that. You will need to contact him as to the repairs you need done so he can bring parts, etc. that he may need. The contact information for Wayne is....

Wayne’s RV Service
 6535 N 775 W Shipshewana IN 46565
 260-463-6549 waynerv@kuntrynet.com

Food Bank



Harold Braley will be in charge of the Food Bank for the 2017 Campvention.

Please remember to bring your donation of non-perishable food or cash for the food bank. The food and money will go to the West Ohio Food Bank in Lima, Ohio. We can use help during the Campvention at the booth. Contact Harold at hbraley@outlook.com.



BOOK EXCHANGE



Bring your books to exchange in the Adult Center at Campvention.





Mardi Gras Parade

The Teen Pageant and Ball schedules have changed with all activities taking place



on Wednesday. The pageant will take place during the day with only the crowning of the Teen Queen and King at night with the Ball immediately following. This year the crowning will take place on the stage and then a Mardi Gras parade is planned to the Teen Center where all Campvention attendees are welcome to enjoy a hospitality and part of the Ball. We would like to invite you to dress for the Mardi Gras theme and/or decorate your golf cart for the parade. Dress code for the Ball is please no denim. There will be no other entertainment for the evening and we hope everyone will enjoy the Mardi Gras party.

Support our Commercial Campgrounds on your way to Campvention



As you're driving across the country to and from Lima, OH this summer, please take the time to support our commercial campgrounds both in the Great Lakes Region and across the US.

In Illinois, there are three great campgrounds with convenient locations along interstates – Okaw Valley on I-70, Double J on I-55 and Geneseo Campground off I-80. If you're coming from the north, you might want to stop and explore the area around Jefferson County Fair Park in Wisconsin. Once you've hit Ohio, do some exploring in Loudenville at Mohican Reservation Campgrounds and Canoeing.

These campgrounds and others support FCRV with a commercial campground membership and some of them may offer a 10% discount if you mention FCRV. Let's support our commercial campgrounds so they know supporting FCRV is a worthwhile cause.

For a complete list of commercial campgrounds go www.fcrv.org and hover over the Commercial dropdown menu; then select Campgrounds.



Adult Activities Center

Anyone coming to Campvention is asked to bring their beanbag baseball & cornhole boards to the Adult Center. Tournaments are planned in each at the Adult Activities Center. The building is large enough & secure you could leave them there all week if you want to do so. There will be sign-up sheets in Central Registration for both. We will have a 'Meet & Greet' after the opening ceremonies Sunday with Railroad Trivia. We will have Mexican Train (bring your dominos) on Monday & Hand & Foot on Tuesday afternoons. There will be a Euchre Tournament Thursday at 2:30 after the Hard/Red Hat Luncheons. We will need a couple of volunteers to help with the Euchre Tournament. If there is enough interest, we would like to go bowling one evening after the entertainment. Betty Rabold & Arlene Emrick, Chairs

Volunteers Needed



VOLUNTEERS ---- 2017 Campvention is looking for volunteers! At Central registration there will be areas needing volunteers - STOP, LOOK and GIVE a little of your time to help! Great way to meet and make new friends! ALL Aboard for Help, Fun and Friendship!

Melvin Coy

Campvention Photographer Seeks Photographers



Photographers - Ron Standiford from Indiana is our photographer for 2017 Campvention! Anyone who can lend a hand with taking pictures at different events would be appreciated! Contact him through Facebook or sign up at campvention! More people, less stress! Thanks from Ron.

First Aid Volunteers Needed



First Aid- Anyone that knows first aid, CPR; are 1st responders, nurses and CNAs, who would like to volunteer to help with FIRST AID are welcomed. Either mention on volunteer line on registration or sign up when you come to campvention. The more help, the shorter time to be worked! Thanks in advance!

Delbert Powell - dlpowell54@aol.com



Youth Center Volunteers Needed

Hello everyone! I am still in need of volunteers to help with the youth registration and activities. I have activities, games and crafts planned already or you could do your own. Please bring youth door prizes. Also, we plan to trick or treat on Monday night with the teens. We will make something fun to wear with the supplies we have on hand for this.

Please bring a few bags of candy to pass out for the youth and teens.

Look forward to seeing all the youth in Lima!

Jeannie Woods, Chair



Welcome All First Timers

Make sure you have sent in your Pre-Registration form; don't miss the chance to come aboard the train to Lima, OH, July 9-15, 2017. Marla & Matt will be on hand to explain the fun-filled week. See them at Central Registration.



Volunteers Needed To Sell National FCRV Insignia

A few volunteers are needed to sell National FCRV insignia in commercial area. Anyone willing to volunteer for a couple of hours Sunday, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday please contact Linda Hennie (glr4fcrv@aol.com). Great way to sit and "people watch" as you talk to people while selling insignia.



Attention Musicians

Remember to bring your instruments to Campvention in Lima in July. We will try to get "Working on the Railroad"; we do not want to be left at the station. "This Train" may get rave reviews if we fail to perform up to our terrific magnificence. Yet it might be "The night they drove old Dixie Down" with a guitar accompaniment backed by drums if you leave your instrument at home. Our famous international director might just lead us in a "Hoot Hoot Hootenanny"; so guitars and banjos and fiddles will be welcomed. So grab your baggage and case and hop on board the nearest train to National Campvention in Lima, Ohio and that's not "Chattanooga Choo Choo" me home either. If you have any questions send me an e-mail and let me know what you will be bringing. (camp@geneseocampground.com)

Let's have a Hoot on Wednesday night (all you jam session people come to the "Band Practice" for "The train they call the City of New Orleans")!

Craig Weber



Different Type of Parade

This year we are having the type of parade like they had last year, "Reverse Parade". This is where the "floats" are stationary displays in a building and the audience walks around to see them. So, it means you don't have to worry about decorating a truck or having a wagon to make a float. This should make it easier to construct a display beforehand and just reconstruct it when you get ready for the parade. The registration deadline was June 1st, but I'm sure there isn't a problem to submit it now. *The information and registration form is elsewhere in this issue.*

2017 FCRV CAMPVENTION Teen Center Volunteers Needed

There was a previous notice about a trick or treat activity for the teens and youth on Monday evening. **That activity has been cancelled.**

We are looking for volunteers to organize an activity for the Teens during the day or evening at Campvention in Lima, OH. It could be a craft or games that would last approximately one hour. It

could be something easy as serving them root beer floats or doing an egg toss. Thank you and see you at Lima!!!!

Attention All Teens

Teens must carry a valid FCRV Teen Card with them at all times. If you do not have a valid Teen Card, bring the following with you to Teen registration: recent picture, proof of your age or your parent/guardian or state/provincial director to verify your age and membership status.

Dress code reminder for Teen Ball

Girls: Dresses, evening gowns, pantsuits, skirts (mid-thigh length), NO DENIM and dress shoes or newer/clean tied athletic shoes.

Boys: Suits, tuxedos, sports jackets, dress shirts and ties, NO DENIM, dress shoes, dress boots or newer/clean tied athletic shoes.

Adults: NO DENIM for anyone attending the Teen Ball

Michigan is having a Halloween themed dance on Monday evening at the teen center. Please bring a costume. Costumes are optional but always more fun!! Also please bring a swim suit. The Teens will have an offsite activity at a local beach.



Tour Links to Visit Before Campvention



Here are links that campers may view prior to Campvention. We will have information about them at our booth for those interested in visiting them. They are from YouTube.

<https://youtu.be/aGtjRwrSv1Y> Neil Armstrong Museum

<https://youtu.be/iC4OMABzZZY> Train Ride in Lima, Ohio

<https://youtu.be/7OtDII1Gdo4> Promotional for Lima, Ohio (8 months ago)

<https://youtu.be/AQ7qkH0dGww> Wright Patterson AFB

<https://youtu.be/uSV46LiWT10> Airstream Tour

Stan and Fran Vozar, Tours Chairmen



Campvention Self-guided Tours and More!



There are numerous places to visit in the Lima area from Railroad parks, museums, factory tours, canal locks, antique shops and shopping malls. The Tour booth will be set up with the Information table in Central Registration and will be moved later near the main office and Commercial area. Be sure to stop over to collect more information, get directions, and advice on places to see and experience. There will also be an opportunity for a special guided tour at the Allen County Museum with experienced historical characters one morning. The private event as well as the time and day is in the planning stages. There will be a signup sheet and/or tickets sold at the tour booth.

Here's a partial list of area attractions:

- ♦ Allen County Museum. Lots to see including the 1925 Shay Locomotive
- ♦ Lima Firefighters Memorial Museum
- ♦ Lincoln Park Railway Exhibit
- ♦ MacDonnell House Victorian Mansion
- ♦ Veterans Freedom Flag Monument
- ♦ Tilton Farm
- ♦ Neil Armstrong Air and Space Museum
- ♦ Wright Patterson US Air Force Museum
- ♦ Bicycle Museum of America
- ♦ Airstream tours
- ♦ Kitchenaid tours
- ♦ Harrod Railroad Park
- ♦ Harrod Veterans Memorial Park
- ♦ Delphos Canal Commission Museum
- ♦ The Delphos Museum of Postal History
- ♦ The Children's Discovery Center and Children's Garden
- ♦ Parks, swimming
- ♦ Antiques
- ♦ Shopping malls.
- ♦ Walmart - right next to Fairgrounds

Stan and Fran Vozar, Tour Chairmen,
fvozar@yahoo.com, stanvozar@gmail.com
 Bill and Jane Thrasher, Co-Chairmen,
b.thrasher@sbcglobal.net

Drop us an email if you want any info before we see you at Campvention.

WILDLIFE CONTESTS

Amateur Photo Contest

Joanie Stone, National Wildlife Director

Get those cameras ready and plan to enter the Wildlife Amateur Photo Contest at National Campvention this year! Show your talent for photography, and help provide a look at the beautiful sights of your outdoor travels! Members constantly tell us how much they enjoy looking at the photos submitted for the contest and all the areas of our country!

The rules of the contest are as follows:

- Only Amateur Photos
- No domesticated animals (i.e. dogs, cats, birds, pets.)
- Pictures must be of wildlife in their natural habitat not in a zoo. (Wildlife in a reserve will be acceptable)
- Photos must be taken within the last year (July 2016 – June 2017)

Please follow these instructions for submitting your photos:

- Photos must be no smaller than a standard 4" x 6" photo and no larger than an 8"x10".
- Photos must be on regular photo paper.
- There is a limit of two photos per individual.


On the back of the picture print:

- Your name
- When and where the picture was taken
- Age group for submission.
- If the photo is entered in the two youth group categories, please state the age of the photographer.

Age Groups and Prizes	
Youth Ages 7 – 13	\$15 first prize
Youth Ages 14 - 19	\$20 first prize
Adult Ages 20 and over	\$25 for first prize

Second and third place in each age group will receive coupons for FCRV merchandise.

Pictures will be displayed and judged in the Wildlife National Booth. Pictures need to be signed in by Tuesday noon at the Wildlife Booth. Pictures will be returned to their owners following the show.



Build-A-Bird House Contest

Take a Walk on the Wild Side

Joanie Stone, National Wildlife Director

Looking for a fun Chapter or Family Project? Are you a Craftsperson?

Enter the Build-A-Birdhouse contest this year at National!




The Build-A-Birdhouse contest has two categories this year:

- A bird house that could actually be used by birds in your yard.
- A bird house that you would use in your home or at your campsite as a decoration.

The following rules apply to both categories:

- The bird house must be made and not purchased.
- It can be a chapter, family or individual project.
- When you submit your bird house please indicate the following:
- Category you are entering
- Your name
- Adult or child project

Walk on the Wild Side with Wildlife, and enter your bird house! Bring your entry to the Wildlife Booth at National in the Commercial Building by Tuesday at noon. You may have your feeder back after the contest.

2017 Entertainment



MONDAY - The Marlins



TUESDAY - The Bulldogs



WEDNESDAY -
Teen Queen & King
Coronation



FRIDAY - Gunslinger



THURSDAY -
The King and
the Man in Black



WISHES COME TRUE FOR DESERVING VETERANS THANKS TO HOPE FOR THE WARRIORS

Army veterans receive A Warrior's Wish of pull-behind travel trailers



Left Photo: *Ashleigh Aungst of Hope For The Warriors with A Warrior's Wish recipient and Army veteran Tristan Brown and family.*

Right Photo: *A Warrior's Wish recipient and Army veteran Bryant Jacobs and family.*

SPRINGFIELD, Va.— Army veterans Tristan Brown and Bryant Jacobs share a love for the outdoors, but due to injuries sustained in combat, tent camping was no longer an option for either. Now, thanks to [Hope For The Warriors®](#) and its [A Warrior's Wish®](#) program, camping is a reality again with their new pull-behind travel trailers.

Hope For The Warriors is a national nonprofit dedicated to restoring a sense of self, family and hope to service members, their families, and families of the fallen. Its first established program, A Warrior's Wish, honors the goals and desires of severely wounded service members, veterans, and their families.

Each veteran will benefit from the more accommodating environments, allowing them the freedom to enjoy camping with their families once again.

"Thanks to Hope For The Warriors, this trailer is going to change my family's lives," said Utah-based, A Warrior's Wish recipient Jacobs. "This trailer means that we don't have to sit around all summer dreaming of going camping and weighing the pros and cons of camping in a tent. Being an amputee, it's sometimes difficult to see the outdoors as an option for any period of time. It's really important to keep my residual limb clean and a trailer is really the best option to do that."

In addition to using the travel trailer for family vacations, both veterans intend to pay it forward by taking other veterans camping.

"I'm thankful to now have the opportunity to help other veterans by leaving all their chaos and troubles away, even if for just a weekend," said North Carolina-based, A Warrior's Wish recipient Brown. "I am more at peace in the wilderness, allowing me to clear my mind. The flexibility the travel trailer provides will help with the daily, never-ending memories of war that haunt me when I am trapped inside my home."

"While serving in the military, many service members make unimaginable lifelong sacrifices," said [Robin Kelleher](#), president and CEO of Hope For The Warriors. "We're excited that these travel trailers will bring some solace and relaxation to both veterans. The A Warrior's Wish program is the small way we, at Hope For The Warriors, can help military members and their families move along with their civilian lives while thanking them for their incredible service to our country."

In 2017, 12 wishes will be granted through Hope For The Warriors. The wishes fulfill a desire for a better quality of life or support a quest for gratifying endeavors for those who have sustained severe physical and psychological wounds in the line of duty.

Since the program's inception, A Warrior's Wish has granted 165 wishes.

Donations are still being accepted to sponsor both wishes. For sponsorship and volunteer opportunities for the A Warrior's Wish program, contact Chrystal Keilers at ckeilers@hopeforthewarriors.org or (832) 776-9379.

To apply for a wish, visit <http://www.hopeforthewarriors.org/story/19331538/a-warriors-wish> and register online.

For more photos please visit: <http://bit.ly/2pCh5nX>.

For more information on Hope For The Warriors and A Warrior's Wish, visit hopeforthewarriors.org, [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

About Hope For The Warriors:

Founded in 2006, Hope For The Warriors is a national nonprofit dedicated to restoring a sense of self, family and hope for post 9/11 veterans, service members and military families. Since its inception, Hope For The Warriors has served more than 13,000 through a variety of support programs focused on transition, health and wellness, peer engagement and connections to community resources. The nonprofit's first program, A Warrior's Wish, has granted 165 wishes to fulfill a desire for a better quality of life or support a quest for gratifying endeavors. In addition, Run For The Warriors has captured the hearts of more than 22,000 since 2010. For more information, visit hopeforthewarriors.org, [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).



Director's Desk



We are Don and Marjory Bates, Regional Directors for the Southeast Region, Region 6. Our Region covers the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. At last count, we had 375 FCRV members in our region. Some of these members are lifetime members who are no longer

able to camp and this means our active members are staying really busy attending and hosting chapter, state and regional campouts as well as campventions and retiree rallies. We are very proud of all our members in Southeast Region and really appreciate our members who support FCRV by becoming lifetime members.

You too can become an FCRV Lifetime member! About three months prior to the expiration of your membership, you will receive a notice from the FCRV office letting you know your cost to become a Lifetime member. Just contact the FCRV office if you have questions and Pat will assist you.

Our Regional Campout is scheduled for June 22-25, 2017 at Fort Chiswell RV Park, Wytheville, Virginia. We invite all of you to come and enjoy the fun

and fellowship with us there. Virginia State Directors Bill and Margaret Alderman can answer any questions you have on this campout. A Travalong will be leaving from Fort Chiswell enjoying many historic sites on the way to the 2017 Campvention in Lima, Ohio.

Make plans to attend the 2017 Campvention in Lima. We hope to see you there.

The Southeast Region will be hosting the 2018 Campvention and will be providing details in Lima.

Milestones



David and Larry Demonet (The Twins) receiving a 50 year FCRV award at the Missouri State Meeting/Camp Out.

HOW TO GET RID OF STINK BUGS

Outdoors - rub your screen door with a dryer sheet, the more pungent the better. Hang a damp towel over a lawn chair or railing. They will stick to the towel then you can get rid of them. If you squish a few stink bugs the others will detect it and flee the area.

Indoors - spray with soapy solution. Fill a gallon or half gallon container one fourth full of water mixed with 1 tsp liquid soap or detergent. In a spray bottle put 2 cups of hot water, 1 cup white vinegar, half cup of dish soap.

From PA State Assn. Newsletter.

Letter from Miss FCRV 2016 Emily Kurburski

Hello Fellow Campers,

It is my distinct pleasure to write to you all amid my reigning year! It has been the best year of my involvement with FCRV. These past few months have brought some amazing experiences that I want to share with you all before I give up my title. I want to share with you a little bit about what I have been up to the past few months, both inside of FCRV and outside this wonderful organization.



Emily with Florida FCRV members

Before the summer finished up, I completed my first Co-Op term with Bronson Healthcare as a Data Visualization/Analytics Developer and then headed to Kettering University in Flint for my first semester of college.

As soon as I was crowned, I had the fortunate opportunity to attend several campouts across the United States and Canada. My first campout as queen was

the Great Lakes Regional Campout in Michigan! There were lots of games and laughs to be had with campers from all over the Region. Over Labor Day Weekend, I visited Ontario for their fall campout where I participated in their fun Halloween themed weekend as well as watched the crowning of their new youth and teen royalty. Soon after, I ventured down to Illinois for their fall campout and had an enjoyable time with all their programs and activities. I then spent a weekend with my wonderful camping family in Michigan where I gave up my title as the Michigan Teen Queen.

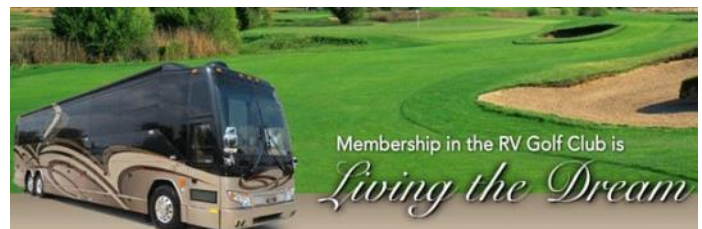
As the weather began to change in Michigan, I decided a trip to the warm and sunny Florida would be included in my time as queen. Amongst the palm trees and warm weather, I spent a fun-filled weekend enjoying lots of food and games!

I completed my first term at school and was off to another term at my co-op! The winter season flew by and I am eager to begin camping this season!

I want to thank the entire organization for all your support in my year as your queen! I look forward to my last few months as queen and thank all those who have invited me to their campouts and gatherings! It has been such an exciting and enjoyable year and I look forward to the next few months as well as years within this great organization.

With Much Appreciation,
Emily Kurburski
Miss FCRV 2016

Free RV Parking Golf Resorts, Resort Hotels and RV Re-



sorts All Across North America Partner With RV Golf Club

Here's one of those creative inventions born out of necessity.

Jim Vernes, an RV owner and avid golfer, created a refreshing alternative for overnight RV parking, while traveling full time with his wife Julie. Jim was looking for a way to avoid congested RV parks so he turned to the beauty, serenity and convenience of parking at golf courses.

He embarked on a mission to partner with golf clubs all across the country and "Boom", RV Golf Club now guarantees free overnight RV parking at 429 Golf Courses and Resort Hotels as well as free two-night stays at upscale RV Resorts throughout the US and Canada. Both golfers and non-golfers alike are enjoying the RV Golf Club membership benefits of the charmed life that exists inside those gates.

"This is a whole new beautiful world, never before available to RV'ers. It adds more Style to their RV Lifestyle." - they get to enjoy the comfort and convenience of their RV while being treated like a member of these great Golf Courses, Resort Hotels and RV resorts - they enjoy the convenience of being able to walk to golfing, dining, shopping and spa treatments in an uncrowded, classy, private setting."



said Jim.

Cost of the membership is \$99 annually or \$237 for 3-years and includes FREE RV parking, plus "Members" discounts on green fees, food & beverages, golf shop merchandise and other services provided by most of the golf course and restaurant owners and operators.

If you operate a Golf Course, Resort Hotel or RV Resort you should [SIGN UP NOW](#) while it's free. RV Owners who wish more information please visit www.RVgolfclub.com

Illinois Teen Queen



Hello everyone, I would like to introduce myself. I am Beth O'Neal and I am Queen for Illinois. I am 19yrs old and am studying to become a Vet Tech. I want to thank Illinois for the opportunity to represent them and to FCRV for giving me this opportunity to participate in such a memorable event. I am looking so forward to Campvention and seeing all my friends from all over the US and Canada. That is what I love about this organization. I love camping with my family and friends, we always have a great time. I have met so many people just through our chapter and hope to meet more people in the future. My plans for this summer are to get my certification in lifeguarding, to continue to train my dog, Elvis and continue as a Volunteer Firefighter to give back to my community. See you at Campvention in Lima, OH!

Sincerely,

Beth O'Neal



FCRV Activities

Indiana FCRV joined in with Jennings County United Way Day of Caring

Members of Indiana FCRV joined in with Jennings County United Way Day of Caring and primed and painted the historic one room school house in Muskatatuk, North Vernon, Indiana.



Photos By
Marilyn Rausch





Are you ready to kick-off the outdoor recreation season? We sure are and we have some important information to share. First, be aware that some locations received more snow and rain than normal, which could delay seasonal openings. Make sure to check in with local offices as your reservation date approaches or prior to visiting a first-come, first-serve site.

Second, many reservation fees on Recreation.gov increased, or will be increasing in the next few weeks. These increases are variable depending on the type of reservation and are a result of an increased cost of providing online, call center and field location services. Most of the increases range from .05 cents to \$1.00 and may be reflected when making camping, cabin or day-use reservations on Recreation.gov; in some cases you will see that increase right away, in others, it may take some time for the change to occur. The lottery and permit locations will experience an increase of up to \$4.00 or more, which more accurately reflects the cost of implementing these more complex recreation opportunities. The last time we raised our reservation fees was more than 10 years ago.

Enjoy your outdoor adventures!

Janelle Smith
Recreation.gov | USDA Forest Service

Tips for Preventing and Treating Venomous Snakebites

By William Banner, MD, PhD, President, American Association
of Poison Control Centers

When gearing up to enjoy warmer weather and to partake in outdoor adventures, many people take typical safety measures: sunblock to prevent sun damage, a first-aid kit for cuts and bruises, flight-or-fight response for the often-feared bear encounter. But while these larger animals have captured the public imagination for wildlife dangers, in many parts of the country, smaller and more difficult-to-spot critters pose a serious threat: venomous snakes.

Of the different types of snakes across the U.S., the most common venomous snakes are North Ameri-

can Pit Vipers like rattlesnakes, water moccasins and copperheads. Around 8,000 venomous snakebites occur each year in the U.S. As the weather gets warmer, snakes become more active and make snakebites more common, with four out of five cases occurring between April and September. Before heading outside, make sure you know how to avoid and respond to a snakebite to reduce the chance of serious, permanent injury.

Prevention

Learning to dress properly for outdoor activities can prevent a great outdoor experience from turning unpleasant or even deadly. As many bites occur below the knee, leg protection is key. Heavy clothing, including long pants and high boots, can help shield from snakebites.



copperhead

Whether hiking deep in the woods or relaxing in a park, you should be careful, because venomous snakes are easily camouflaged and generally defend themselves only when provoked. In particular, don't reach or step into grassy areas where snakes hide, or under bushes and logs. When exploring your surroundings, it also is critical to supervise young children. Children are more likely than adults to suffer from snake bites, because greater amounts of venom are injected in relation to their smaller body size.

Treatment

If you encounter a snake, show it the proper respect and take two giant steps backward to get out of striking range. Even if you believe the snake to be dead, be careful and do not handle it, because it may not always be easy to tell if a snake is venomous or not.

In the event that you or a companion are bitten by a snake, you should act quickly and take the bite seriously. Call 911 immediately and transport the bite victim to the emergency department as soon as possible. A physician should decide whether to administer an antivenom medication which can counter the ef-



rattlesnake



cottonmouth water moccasin

fects of a venomous snakebite. Although a bite may look harmless and the snake may not appear venomous, always seek medical help. The

longer it takes for a patient to receive treatment, the harder it is to effectively treat the bite and the more potential for long-term damage.

While you should always seek help from medical professionals for a snakebite, you too can take steps to help the victim. As snakebites can cause swelling, remove the victim's jewelry and any tight-fitting clothes, including shoes. To prevent further swelling, keep the bite area raised. Since an increased heart rate can advance the rate at which the venom spreads, make sure you calm the victim and keep him/her as still as possible.

Despite what you might expect, NSAIDS (nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, such as Advil® (ibuprofen), Motrin® (ibuprofen), Aleve® (naproxen sodium), or other anti-inflammatory medications) and remedies that are directly applied to the wound, such as cold packs or ice, tourniquets and suction, are actually harmful and can cause further damage.

By taking these steps, you can help keep you and your family safe this summer. If you have any questions, call the National Poison Control Center at (800) 222-1222. For on-the-go support, check out the SnakeBite911 App Suite (for iPhone and Android devices) for useful information about snake safety and basic Pit Viper first aid.

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MARVAC partners with Pure Michigan

OKEMOS, Mich.—The Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds (MARVAC) has teamed up with one of the most popular and successful tourism campaigns in recent history—Pure Michigan—to help explain Michigan's "Lake Effect."

"Being the top organization for camping and RVing in the state, we couldn't pass up the opportunity to partner with Pure Michigan, to praise the virtues of lakeside camping," said Darren Ing, director of MARVAC.

As a "passion partner" of Pure Michigan's Lake Effect summer campaign, MARVAC is represented on the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Pure Michigan website as a featured destination and as such, receives revolving placement on the travel planning site www.michigan.org throughout the summer travel season.

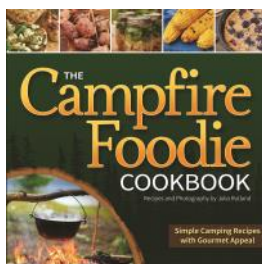
"The efforts of the Pure Michigan campaign coincided with our continuous endeavors to get travelers to explore Michigan from the comforts of an RV and to introduce families to the affordability and benefits of camping," said Ing.

The MARVAC board of directors determined the Pure Michigan partnership would be of definite value to the campgrounds and RV businesses they represent—reaping the benefits of an estimated \$1 million in advertising. The Lake Effect campaign delivers national cable, early morning broadcast and regional ads; pay-for-click campaigns on multiple social media sites and social media promotions.

MARVAC's tile leads a user to a specific MARVAC page developed to help campers and RVers find campgrounds and activities to enjoy located near water by region and by water activities.

"We are excited to have MARVAC as a partner in our Lake Effect campaign this summer," said Dave Lorenz, vice president of Travel Michigan. "Through collaborative efforts of extolling camping and RVing in Michigan, we will be able to entice more people to enjoy the natural beauty of Michigan."

The Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds (MARVAC) is a statewide, nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging growth in the recreation vehicle and private campground industries while contributing to the quality of Michigan tourism. For more information, visit MARVAC's website, www.michiganrvandcampgrounds.org. MARVAC, 2222 Association Drive, Okemos, Mich. 48864-5978; 517.349.8881.



Just in time for **The Great American Campout** and the summer camping season we are thrilled to publish ***The Campfire Foodie Cookbook*** by renowned cook, food stylist, and author **Julia Rutland**.

About the book: *The Campfire Foodie Cookbook*

showcases more than 100 tasty yet simple recipes with full-color photographs for every delicious dish. Do a bit of prep work at home, and prepare to create mouthwatering dishes that are sure to please. You'll wish every meal was cooked at a campfire.

About the author: Julia Rutland is a Northern Virginia-area food writer and recipe developer whose work appears regularly in publications and websites such as *Weight Watchers* books, *Myfitnesspal.com*, *Southern Living* magazine, *Coastal Living* magazine, and many others. She is the co-author of the *Discover Dinnertime* cookbook and contributes to many other cookbooks and websites. Julia serves on the local board of the Washington, D.C., chapter of Les Dames d'Escoffier and is a Certified Culinary Professional (CCP) with the International Association of Culinary Professionals.

The list price is \$14.95

The book can be found in any good bookstore and online from:

- Amazon <https://www.amazon.com/Campfire-Foodie-Cookbook-Camping-Recipes/dp/1591935563>

Mini Grilled Blackberry Cobbler



I always make sure I have extra Basic Baking Mix in my supplies, in case I run across a bounty of fresh berries. This recipe is very forgiving if pickings are slim or the berries don't make it back to the campsite—you end up with a more cake-like dessert. The nuttier texture of whole wheat pairs well with the berries, but use plain if you prefer.

Ingredients:

2 cups fresh or 2 (6-ounce) containers fresh blackberries or raspberries
1/2 plus 2 tablespoons sugar, divided
3 tablespoons butter
1/4 cup Whole Wheat or Basic Baking Mix
2/3 cup milk

Prep at Home:

Prepare baking mix and combine with 1/2 cup sugar; label and store in an airtight container.

At Campsite: Prepare a charcoal fire or a gas grill with lid for indirect heat. Wash berries; drain but do not pat dry (the moisture will allow the sugar to stick to the fruit). Combine berries and 2 tablespoons sugar in a bowl

or plastic bag; set aside.

Melt butter in an 8-inch cast-iron skillet. Combine baking mix with 1/2 cup sugar and milk in a bowl. Pour batter into skillet over melted butter, stirring gently to combine. Sprinkle fruit evenly on top. Grill over indirect heat, covered with grill lid, 40 minutes or until batter has risen and center is done. Let stand 5 minutes. Serve warm or chilled.

Basic Baking Mix recipe — 4 cups

Ingredients:

4 cups all-purpose flour

2 tablespoons baking powder

2 tablespoons sugar

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup vegetable shortening

Prep at Home:

Combine flour, baking powder, sugar, and salt in a food processor. Add shortening; pulse until mixture resembles coarse meal.

Note: If you don't have a food processor, combine flour, baking powder, sugar, and salt in a large bowl. Add shortening; blend with a pastry blender or fork. Mixture will be slightly lumpy. Store in an airtight container up to 3 months.

Variations:

Real Butter Baking Mix: Substitute butter for vegetable shortening. Store in an airtight container.



On A Roll: RVers Show No Signs of Slowing Down

By Christina Hennessy
Courtesy of RV Business

Millions of recreational vehicles crisscross the country each year. There are many different types of vehicles to enjoy, including motor homes, such as this Type C, which teams a standard car with a camper.

The 36-footer is just waiting for the sign, which, in this case, will be Laura Pellegrino's foot on the gas pedal.

"I've cleaned it out. I'm beginning to stock it, and now I am just itching to pull out and get out of here," she says of her motor home docked at her Stamford house.

Pellegrino works full time, so she is largely a long-weekend or a week-at-a-time kind of vacation traveler. She is waiting for retirement to hit the open road for extended trips with her RV to the Midwest and beyond, to see such places as the Grand Canyon and the Hoover Dam. In the past, she's hunkered down at Hammonasset Beach State Park in Madison and Mineral Springs in Stafford Springs and campsites in Rhode Island for shorter stays; she's gone on week-long forays to Maine, Florida, Lake George, N.Y., and Delaware, picking up friends along the way.

"People RV to do it for fun and to meet people," Pellegrino says recently by phone. "It's absolutely social. ... you can go about the day and do what you want and then at night, someone might light a fire in the fire pit and your neighbor next door brings some cake and you put on a pot of coffee and you sit around the



fire and talk. It doesn't matter where you came from, it's just a chance to meet people from all over."

If you think RVing has taken a hit because of gas prices or a growing societal trend to log one's experiences vicariously through digital media, you would be mistaken. The number of RVs on the road is the highest it has ever been, at 9 million, according to the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association.

"Growth of the industry has been pretty steady. It's an interest that has been long-held by many people, particularly as they retire," says Kevin Broom, association spokesman. "Many set out to hit the road in an RV and see the country. The desire for that lifestyle has been strong and remains so."

Shipments hit a record last year, and Broom expects it will be broken this year. Retirees may be the bread-and-butter of the RV legions, but there are plenty of others out there. The typical RVer is a bit younger, at nearly 50, according to a recent survey by the RVIA, and nearly 40 percent of RVers have children under 18 living at home.

Historians peg the dawn of RV travel to the first decade of the 20th century, 1910 to be exact, the year the first motorized campers were built for commercial sale. A tad more rustic than today's models, they still provided a home away from home as travelers pattered about a country that had yet to build a transcontinental network of paved roads. As interest grew, so did the amenities, including bathrooms, electricity, solar panels, high-end appliances and docking stations. There are huge top-of-the-line motor homes, where owners replicate a land-locked abode, while smaller versions may still provide many amenities, but in a more maneuverable package.

For those who like to tow their lodgings, there are plenty of ways to do that, including fifth wheels and other trailers, as well as campers. Prices for new vehicles range from several thousand dollars for a folding, or pop-up, camper to several million dollars for what are called Class A motor homes. The motorized RVs can be gas-guzzlers, averaging six to eight miles per

gallon, but studies have found RVers save money by not eating out or staying at hotels (even if they are paying campground fees).

For nearly 10 years, Pellegrino has been on the board of the Connecticut chapter of the Good Sam Club, the largest RV club in the world. It's an indication of the community that RVers tend to engender. Take a quick cruise online and you can find a club for your specific set of wheels (Airstream, Bouncer, Coachmen, Gulf Stream, Winnebago and others), interests (golf, nature, agri-tourism), solo travelers and families, as well new, experienced and year-round RVers. While tooling around, you also get a sense of the different types of RVs. Those who have been at it awhile suggest talking to experienced travelers before plunking down money. You can rent one, too, to see whether the lifestyle is a fit before committing to it.

A friendly disposition might be a common trait among many RV travelers, but they also cite the freedom to travel where and when they want; the chance to unplug and connect with family; travel with pets and save money. The idea of traveling to far-off places, yet feeling at home at the end of the day is a large part of the draw, says Massachusetts resident Sandie Bock, president of the Northeast Network Chapter of RVing Women, which includes Connecticut. Bock and her partner have been RVing for more than 10 years. They plan to travel to Montana later this year and stay awhile.

"At night, you can put your feet up, have a full, home-cooked dinner and relax," she says. "You feel more at home. There is this layer of comfort."

Pellegrino is hoping to make it to the Jersey shore sometime this summer with her daughter, Helen, another RVer, who is president of the Southern Connecticut Rowdy Raiders, one of about 10 chapters of the Connecticut Good Sam Club.

"I'm counting the weeks," Pellegrino says. chennessy@hearstmedia.com



RV Education 101 produces professional RV how-to instruction training videos and DVD's, books and e-books on using and maintaining your Recreation Vehicle (RV). <http://rveducation101.com/>



Starting A Vacation Savings Account? Try Saving For Vacation With 5 Vacation Fund Ideas

By Aimee

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By Aimee

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Products

Toast's iPhone 7/iPhone 7 Plus Covers are Curvaceous Replicas of their iAncestors

Real wood, customizable cover delivers both form and function

Toast has created a sophisticated cover that magnifies the iPhone 7/7 Plus' suave structure, enhancing it with the warmth of real wood and the precision of

Toast's signature laser-cut design detailing. Toast's chic and beautifully functional cover encourages customers to show their true colors by choosing from a mix-and-match array of natural wood colors and an endless array of customization options.

The iPhone 7/7 Plus cover feature the same mad-origami styling, slim profile and luscious real wood veneer of all the Toast Apple covers before it. The kit includes a sleek back-and-sides cover and a set of matching miniature button covers. Like all Toast covers, this beauty is engineered with their signature precise details, cut by lasers and is meticulously finished by hand.

Each cover has a triple hand-rubbed finish that gives the sleek wood veneer a fabulous hand feel and lustrous look. The veneers are paired with a high-quality 3M adhesive that attaches the cover directly and securely to the phone, protecting it from sand and other particulates that commonly damage devices when they become trapped inside a typical phone case.

Designers will rejoice because all Toast covers can



be personalized with custom laser engraving. Custom text, logos, designs and original artwork - from clean and simple to detailed and elaborate - can be added to make a cover

truly stand out from the rest.

The iPhone 7 starts at \$34 and the iPhone 7 Plus starts at \$39, with custom text engraving available for an extra \$5 and a matching front panel available for an extra \$10. For more information about Toast's new iPhone 7 and iPhone 7 Plus covers, other customization options and ordering visit: www.toastmade.com

The full range of incredible Toast products is also available on Toast's website: wood and leather covers for phones, tablets, laptops, and gaming consoles.

About Toast

Designer Matias Brecher launched Toast in January 2012 with the support of 300 intrepid people who backed the company's Kickstarter project. This crowd-sourced funding made it possible for Toast to purchase its first laser and begin producing iPhone covers. Since those early days in Matias' basement shop, Toast has grown to a team of twelve creative Portlanders who craft the most amazing, elegant and environmentally-friendly tech covers known to man. All Toast covers are designed and made in Portland, Oregon. As a member of One Percent for the Planet, Toast donates 1% of its annual sales to environmental non-profits.



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Groom, bathe and massage your pets with the helping hands of your children too!

Junior HandsOn Gloves are now available in kid size, encouraging families to have their children lend a helping hand in providing tender loving care for their new pets.

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AUTOMOTIVE

303® Stain Guard for Auto Fabrics protects fabric seats, carpets and floor mats from stains and repels liquids and more, including hot coffee, soda, food, pet stains and dirt and mud. Unlike other products on the market, it is non-flammable and has no harmful fumes, so it is ok to use in the confined car space.



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303® Stain Guard for Indoor Fabric provides stain repellency to indoor fabrics, including sofa cushions, pillows, chairs, tablecloths, drapes and more. It helps prevent stains caused by the messiest culprits, including food, wine, soda, juice, kids, pets and everyday dirt and mud. It is recommended by leading fabric manufacturer, Sunbrella®, to restore lost stain resistance on fabrics. Unlike other products on the market, it is non-flammable and has no harmful fumes, so it is safe to use indoors.

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can be used on a variety of hard and soft surfaces, including fabrics! Great for quick clean-ups in the house, car, on a boat, on and around patio furniture and on upholstered indoor furniture. It rinses residue free and contains no alcohol.

For information on other products visit the website: <https://www.goldeagle.com/brands/303-products>



Take Grilling to a New Level with Hi Mountain Seasonings' New Burger and Bacon Seasonings

RIVERTON, Wyo. — Hi Mountain Seasonings, the flavor leader in seasonings, has introduced six new products that will forever recast the future of fantastic flavors on the grill. Among the new inspirations for burgers and bacon this grilling season are Buffalo wing, garlic pepper, fiesta salsa, zesty western, hickory smoke, and black pepper and brown sugar.

The four new tantalizing blends of Buffalo Wing Burger, Garlic Pepper Burger, Fiesta Salsa Burger and Zesty Western Burger have been handcrafted to satisfy all of your grilling desires. The Buffalo Wing's unique mix of paprika, vinegar powder, garlic, salt, and blended spices provides an amazing flavor combination—just add Hi Mountain's Blue Cheese or Ranch Dressing to complete the buffalo-wing flavor sensation. The Garlic Pepper is the simple yet robust blend that creates a perfect pairing for succulent burgers every time. The new Fiesta Salsa seasoning blends all the flavors of salsa, including bell peppers, onions, jalapenos, garlic, onion, cilantro and other spices to create a fiesta of flavor on your taste buds. The Zesty Western features a select mix of garlic, onion, carrot, bell pepper, sugar, salt, spices and natural mesquite smoke to give it a hearty and bold flavor.

Hickory is the most popular smoking wood, but not everyone wants to smoke his or her burgers. That is why Hi Mountain Seasonings is offering its new Hickory Burger seasoning that gives your burgers that rich, full, distinctive smoke flavor without the need for a smoker.

The last but certainly not the least in the new introductions is the new Hi Mountain Seasoning Bacon

Seasoning. Adding bacon that has a perfect blend of brown sugar and black pepper truly redefines gourmet burgers. This new seasoning can be sprinkled on bacon before cooking for any meal masterpiece.



All of these seasonings are simple to use; just mix in with the meat before cooking, and let them do their magic. Each bottle will season 25 quarter-pound burgers or roughly six pounds of meat. The Bacon Seasoning can season 25 burgers or approximately 75 slices of bacon. All are currently available at your local retailer or conveniently online at www.himtnjerky.com for a suggested retail of \$6.99.

Hi Mountain's entire line of products, cooking tips, instructional videos, and recipes are also available at www.himtnjerky.com. Hi Mountain products also can be found at high-end sporting-goods stores, farm-and-ranch stores and many local grocery stores.

Located in the heart of Wyoming, Hi Mountain Seasonings was founded in 1991. It is the premier manufacturer of kits for homemade jerky and sausage. Hi Mountain Seasonings has successfully captured distinct, traditional Western flavors in its jerky cure & seasonings, Western-style seasonings, bacon cures and other products that make up the unique line of gourmet Western seasonings. For additional information, write: Hi Mountain Seasonings, 1000 College View Drive, Riverton, WY 82501; call toll-free 1-800-829-2285; or visit the company website at www.himtnjerky.com.

Thermacell Halo

Anyone who has ever been trying to enjoy a nice picnic lunch only to be attacked by Mosquitoes knows that the struggle is real. That's why **Thermacell**, an industry leader in insect repellent technology, designed HALO. This outdoor

essential creates a 15'x15' barrier to ensure consumers are protected from pesky "skeeters" and the HALO looks might impressive while doing so. It's sleek de-



sign resembles an outdoor speaker so it's not an eyesore and the grey, brown and white color options make it camouflage against most backdrops.

Halo Features:

- Creates a 15 x15 ft. backyard Mosquito Protection Zone in minutes
- Silent, virtually odor-free, no open flame
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Farewells

Alma Stuppy, 4-17-17, Spring Glen, PA, Lykens Valley Roamers.

Gerald Kay 5/2/17 Atlantic, IA. a member of the Audubon County Travelers Camping Club.

Bill Randall, 5-6-17, Bucks County PA, Spinning Wheels, past PA Retiree King.

Herman Knapp, 5-18-17, Past President of Lykens Valley Roamers.

Bryan Schreck, 23, 5-21-17, Denver, CO, Son of Bob and Kathy Schreck, Wichita, Kansas

Dick Sackett, 85, 6/4/17 Hastings, Minnesota. Winter Texans, longtime active member with wife, Belva.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

June 9 –12,2017 – Illinois June Campout

Kentuckiana Campground, Hopedale, IL. Join us for a fun weekend at Kentuckiana Kampground! There is a LOT to do at Kentuckiana Kampground so bring your friends and family. They have two stocked ponds for bank fishing (please bring your own bait and tackle), playgrounds, bocce ball-court, asphalt basketball court, shuffleboard court, paved roads for walking through primitive area in the “holler”, Bluegrass Creek 9-hole golf course is 6 miles away. On Friday June 9 join the campground for Bingo in the rec hall. Every Saturday night at 8:00 p.m. it's time for that good ole' country music with a free live stage show the entire family can tap their toes and clap their hands to. For reservations, call the Kampground office at (309) 449-3274 or (309) 840-2234 during business hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday through Saturday. Let them know you are with FCRV. Sites are full hookup and cost \$34 per night for 2 adults, children are free. There is a \$2 per night charge if you run air conditioning. Pre-registration is due by May 26 and includes 2 additional activities that require RSVP. Click [here](#) for the registration form.

June 15 - 18, 2017 - Badger State Campvention

Green County Fairground, Monroe, Wisconsin. Also on grounds this weekend is a Monroe Hot Air Balloon and Blues Festival with Glows and flights- Blues Music – Custom Car show – much more going on at the Fairgrounds. Monroe is also Home of Swiss Colony Cheese Co. Please contact Kip Cushing if you are planning on coming while en-route to National (kcushing@wi.rr.com)

June 16 -18, 2017 - Penn Camp '17

Sharp's Campground, Rt. 422,, Shelocta, PA. Breakfast Sat \$5., Taco Lunch \$3, Pot Luck Supper. Handicap sites must pre-register. Sites have light electric, water and sewer. (No air cond.) \$80 payable to Penn Camp to Sarah Carberry, 15490 Raystown Rd., James Creek, PA. Come have an Old Fashioned Penn Camp. (Reg. blank on web site www.fcrv.org)

JULY

July 1 - 5, 2017 – Southwest Regional

James E. Ward Agricultural Center, 945 Baddour Parkway E., Lebanon, TN 37087 Exit 239 I-40 East of Nashville, TN. Saturday, July 1st, Gates open at 8:00 a.m. Supper provided @ 5:00 CST Entertainment 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday, July 2nd Morning worship 9:30 a.m. Evening entertainment @ 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 3rd Open (meetings etc.) Tuesday, July 4th Wilson County will have their 4th of July festival at this location with fireworks at dark. Regional Fee due at gate upon arrival \$125.00. Contact: Mike Hardison, 615-838-2230 and hardisn@gmail.com for any question.

July 9 - 16, 2017 - 2017 FCRV Campvention

Allen County Fairgrounds, Lima, Ohio. Registration form in this issue.

July 16 – 20, 2017 - Fulltimers Post Rally

Amishville, Indiana, 844 E. 900, S. Geneva, IN 46740, 260-589-3536 - Cheryl. Info - melvinlc@juno.com

AUGUST

August 17-19, 2017- Northeast Regional Campout

Richmond, New Hampshire, Shir Roy Campground. Contact Donna Daines -directors@ctfcrv.org

SEPTEMBER

September 1 - 4, 2017 – Nova Scotia Provincial Campout

Hants County Exhibition Grounds, Windsor NS. "Proud to be Canadian celebrating 150 years" is this year's theme for the 47th Nova Scotia Provincial Campout. Come and join us as we celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary with games, theme parade, jam sessions, CAMP hikes, hospitalities, entertainment, fun and food. Registration \$5 cd, late registration (postmarked after 15 August, 2017) \$15 cd. Camping fees \$25 cd per night. Send to Robert & Cecilia Haughn, 1904 W LaHave HWY 331, Pleasantville, NS, B0R 1G0

September 22 - 24, 2017 - Blue Water Mixer Fall 2017

Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds, Imlay City, MI 48444. Activities include Bingo, Soup Kettle, Project Sales and much more. A free weekend will be drawn for those registered by Aug. 12, 2017. Basic electric available!!! Fees: \$10.00 registration fee, \$35.00 camping fee. NO Canadian checks or money orders, Please. Click here for [registration](#) form.

OCTOBER

October 6 – 8, 2017 - Michigan Halloween Campout

Hudsonville Fairgrounds, Weekend \$50, pre-registration \$25, 2nd family in unit \$25, Day pass \$17 per car, Thursday arrival \$17. Desert walk, games, costume judging, trailer decoration, pumpkin carving, trick or treating, pot luck dinner. send check payable to Halloween Campout to Cindy Westra, 501 S. Iva Rd., Merrill, MI 49637. Include # of youth, teens. Info 619-915-2293, clwestra10@att.net

“ALL ABOARD” MARKETPLACE

Table Registration Form

Please place an **X** in the box to indicate if the registration is for Chapter or Individual.
Note: There is no charge to Chapters for tables. There is a \$15 charge for Individuals who want to sell craft or other items. If a second is needed, an additional \$10 fee is required. Please remit your payment with registration form.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Chapter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual

Chapters: Please provide the following information if registering for a Chapter.

Chapter Name:	
Contact Person:	
Cell Phone Number:	
Number of tables needed (No Charge)	
Describe products to be sold:	

Individuals: Please provide the following information if registering as an individual.

Contact Person:	
Cell Phone Number:	
Number of tables needed: (\$15/ table) (\$25 for two)	
Describe products to be sold:	

Mail registration forms to: Duane & Ruth Keegan, 957 Lois Ave., Addison, IL. 60101
duanec957@aft.net

NO later then **June 23, 2017**. Individuals please sent fee with registration.
Make checks payable to: FCRV Campvention 2017 Write Project Sales on memo line.

FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers NATIONAL CAMPVENTION

Lima, Ohio 2017

APPLICATION: GOLF CART RENTAL

(Print) FIRST NAME _____ MI _____ LAST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST/PROV _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (____) _____ AGE _____ CELL PHONE (____) _____

Golf carts cost including sales tax. \$225.00 for 2 & 4 passenger. They are rented from 7/10/17 - 7/14/17. You must provide flashlight and reflectors. You must be 21 or older to rent the Golf Carts. Golf carts **MUST** be ordered **and paid for** in advance. **There will be no additional carts available at Campvention.**

NUMBER OF CARTS _____

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID IN FULL \$ _____ US CURRENCY ONLY
(checks or money orders, no cash please.)

Make checks payable to: FCRV Campvention 2017

Mail check and application to: Dwight S. Bonifield, 4235 Cherlick Cir, Zanesville, Ohio 43701-9250

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

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

YOU WILL NOT HOLD FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers, GOLF CAR COMPANY, OR ANYONE CONNECTED WITH THEM RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE IN ANY WAY.

Please sign _____ Date _____

NO APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 15, 2017

2017 PARADE GUIDELINES

Following is a list of Guidelines to follow in preparing for the reverse parade. Some guidelines vary according to location and committees.

Maximum dimensions for display area is **20x25** (approximate).

All upright portions of the display must be decorated.

Display will have neat and legible titles displayed.

Numbers supplied by the Parade Committee will be displayed in the display area. Numbers will be passed out at the meeting on Monday.

Commercial advertising is not permitted in FCRV chapter or state/provincial display.

Display sponsored by local business or commercial exhibitors attending the Campvention may display their advertising with prior approval of the Parade Chairman.

Parade Marshals will be on site to answer any questions and help as needed. They will be obeyed at all times. Their instructions must be adhered to.

Disposal of display materials in proper containers will be required.

Previewing of all display areas will be done prior to the start of the reverse parade. Check program booklet for time and location. Display must be completed and ready for the previewing, as they will appear in the reverse parade timeframe which will be 1 hour with the walking/marching groups doing their routine in the first 15 minutes.

There will be a meeting on Monday, Date July 10, 2017, Time: TBA Place: TBA

2017 REVERSE PARADE INFORMATION
CAMPVENTION 2017 REVERSE PARADE REGISTRATION FORM

THEME: "I've Been Working On the Railroad"

TIME: 10 a.m. Friday July 14

2017 DISPLAY AREA REGISTRATION FORM

CATEGORY: (Please fill out a form for each entry)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Chapter Display | <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Teen Chapter Display |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. State/Provincial Display | <input type="checkbox"/> 4. State/Provincial Teen Display |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. All Teen Royalty Displays | <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Individual Family Display |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7. National Entries | |

CHAPTER NAME: _____

STATE/PROVINCE: _____

INDIVIDUAL FAMILY: _____

TYPE OF ENTRY: ☐ WALKING UNIT ☐ DISPLAY AREA (20'x24')

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Email _____ Phone # _____

One entry per form please. Return completed registration form by June 1, 2017 to:

Claude & Mary Funk
1415 Township RD. 243
Fostoria, OH 44830
mfunk@aol.com



57th Annual FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers Campvention

Hosted by Region #4

ALL ABOARD !!!

July 9-15, 2017

Allen County Fairgrounds, 2750 Harding Hwy., Lima, OH 45804

6 Nights of Camping Sunday thru Friday 5 Days of Activities

DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION JUNE 1, 2017



**There will always be room
for you at Campvention!**

If you decide to come at the last minute,
bring this registration with you.
We Want You To Come!!

Early Bird Days July 7-8 at \$25 per night. Pay for Early Days at registration in building. Cash/Check only.
Gates open at Noon on Friday, July 7. Gates open all other days at 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. After 8 PM go to overflow lot.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse/Guest First Name _____
Address _____ City _____ St/Prv _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____ First Campvention? Yes _____ No _____

*Print name of State or Province you want to be parked with, if different than home address: _____

of Adults ____ Teens ____ Youth 9-12 ____ Youth 5-8 ____ Youth 0-4 ____ Total # of people in unit ____

Please list names & ages of all teens & youth. _____

TWO OR MORE FAMILIES ATTENDING CAMPVENTION IN ONE UNIT

Each family in the same unit must complete a separate Registration Form. The additional family must pay for 6 nights at the second family rate below. Please indicate the unit owner's name: _____

FAMILIES STAYING OFF GROUNDS

You must purchase a Daily Walk/Drive-in pass and complete a registration form. Pre-paid Walk/Drive-in pass is \$20 per day. At the Gate cost is \$25 per day per family.

SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

Check yes if requesting a special needs site: YES _____

There will be no special needs sites available at the Gate. To guarantee a special needs site you must pre-register.

CAMPVENTION PARKING

All parking will be hobo by State/Province. You will be assigned a site as you arrive. 30 Amp Service with water available.

Unit Type: Tent ____ Pop-Up ____ Travel Trailer ____ Truck Camper ____ Van ____ 5th Wheel ____ Motorhome ____

Unit Length _____ ft

VENDOR BUCKS

Each family registering will receive \$10 in VENDOR BUCKS that can be used towards any purchase from a vendor in the commercial area. Vendor Bucks must be used at 2017 Campvention. Vendor Bucks have no surrender or cash value which means no cash back from vendor. VENDOR BUCKS will be given to you at registration.

COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW

Pre-registration Fees	Type of Registration	# of Days/Nights	X	\$ Amt.	At Gate Registration Fees
Campvention Fee \$285.00	6 nights 5 days of fun	6 nights			Campvention Fee \$300.00
Second Family in same unit \$135.00	Second Family in unit	6 nights			Second Family in same unit \$150.00
Pre-paid walk/drive in pass \$20/day	Walk/Drive pass	# of Days ____	X \$20		Walk/drive pass \$25/day
Total Enclosed				\$ _____	

Mail to: Dennis/Cindy James

3395 N. US Hwy 33

Decatur, IN. 46733

Have Questions call (260)223-0863 or email

2017fcvcompres@gmail.com NOTE: If you register and are unable to attend for any reason, we will automatically mail you a refund of any pre-paid fees minus \$25.00

We would like to volunteer for the following jobs: _____

Make check payable to: FCRV Campvention 2017

All funds should be in US Currency

Credit/Debit Card Payment (optional)

Visa ____ MasterCard ____ Expiration ____ CW# ____

Credit Card # _____



47th INTERNATIONAL RETIREE RALLY
NORTH FLORIDA FAIRGROUNDS
441 PAUL RUSSELL ROAD, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32301
EARLY DAYS: MARCH 16TH – MARCH 19TH
RALLY DAYS: MARCH 20TH – MARCH 25TH

FAMILY CAMPERS AND RVERS



LAST NAME: _____ FIRST: _____ SPOUSE/OTHER: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE/PROVINCE: _____ ZIP/POSTAL: _____

LAST NAME OF OTHER: _____ ADDRESS: _____ ST/PROVINCE: _____ ZIP/POSTAL: _____

PHONE# _____ OTHER: _____

WHICH ARE YOU REGISTERING FOR? CAMPING: _____ CAMP PASS: _____ IS THIS YOUR FIRST RETIREE RALLY: YES _____ NO _____

ARE YOU A VETERAN: YES _____ NO _____ NUMBER OF VETERANS IN YOUR UNIT: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ CONFIRMATION LETTER SENT IN PDF FILE: YES _____ NO _____

CONFIRMATION LETTERS WILL BE SENT BY EMAIL. IF YOU WISH IT SENT BY MAIL TO ANOTHER ADDRESS THAN THE ONE ABOVE, PLEASE PROVIDE THE ADDRESS IN THE SPACE BELOW:

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP/PROVINCE: _____

SPECIAL NEEDS PARKING:

TO BE PARKED IN SPECIAL NEEDS (HANDICAP) AREA, YOU MUST HAVE ON FILE WITH THE REGISTRAR AN UP-TO-DATE : DOCTOR'S CERTIFICATE, STATE LICENSE REGISTRATION INCLUDING HANDICAP PLATE, OR HANDICAP PLACARD. THIS AREA IS RESERVED FOR WHEELCHAIRS, WALKERS, OR THOSE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY PROBLEMS: _____

GUEST ARE WELCOME:

Guests/Non-FCRV members are welcome. They may be in their own unit or with you. Have them complete a registration form and indicate they are your guests. We strongly suggest they enter the camping area at the same time you do. We are guests or NON-FCRV members of: _____.

FEES:

EARLY BIRD PARKING (MARCH 16 – 19): FEE IS \$25 PER NIGHT WITH WATER AND ELECTRIC. EARLY BIRD FEES WILL BE COLLECTED AT TALLAHASSEE.

RALLY FEES: MARCH 20 – MARCH 25 AND LEAVE MONDAY: INCLUDES: 5 nights of camping, water, electric, Ice Cream Social, 2 evening meals, entertainment and all activities connected with the Rally.

	<u>Pre-registration (paid in advance in full)</u>	<u>At the Gate</u>
Two people in a unit:	\$225.00	\$250.00
Single person in a unit:	\$195.00	\$220.00
Camp Pass (2 people or second couple in a unit)	\$125.00	\$150.00
Camp Pass (1 person or extra person in a unit)	\$ 85.00	\$110.00

REFUND POLICY: Refunds must be requested in writing by mail or email or phone call to the

Registrar. Refunds requested before March 9, 2018 will receive the following: two people in a unit: \$200, one person in a unit: \$170.00, Camp Pass two people: \$100.00, Camp Pass single person: \$60.00.

After March 9, ONLY THE CAMPING FEE WILL BE REFUNDED. CAMP PASSES WILL RECEIVE NO REFUND.

Make checks or money order (US CURRENCY ONLY) payable to: FCRV/NCHA RETIREE RALLY 2018. NO

CREDIT CARDS. Mail registration to: Bill and Penny Ramlow, 8009 Cherry Branch DR., Ruskin, FL. 33573. You can contact them at: 305-822-6589 and 813-545-6083 or email them at pramlow@aol.com.