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STATE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

SHIRLEY KENDLE



I don't know about you, but Jeff and I are looking forward to warmer weather. We are both tired of cold temps and snow.

We all know that Spring is just around the corner and warmer days will be here soon. Everyone knows what that means.....time to get the rigs out of bed and ready for another camping season. Chapters should have already finished their 2023 camping schedules and forwarded a copy to me. If you have not sent me a copy of your chapter schedule yet, please do so as soon as possible.

Saturday, February 4th is the General Membership and Planning Meeting. I hope many of you are planning to attend. There will be breakout sessions for Field Directors and chapter officers and a presentation on how to post chapter updates on the FCRV National website among other things.

Stay safe and keep warm.

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2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Jan 7 (Saturday)	Colorado Retiree Luncheon	Cinzzetti's, 281 W 104th Ave, Northglenn
Feb 4 - (9:00 am)	General Membership & Planning Meeting	Christ Episcopal Church, 2950 S. University Blvd, Denver
Mar 28 - Apr 2	National Retiree Rally	National Peanut Festival Fairground, Dothan, AL
May 18 - 21	Colorado Spring Fling	Morgan County Fairgrounds, Brush, CO
Jun 5 - 8	Colorado Retiree Rally	Riverview RV Park, Loveland, CO
Jul 9 - 14	Campvention 2023	Wayne County Fairgrounds & Expo Center, Richmond, IN
Sep 10 - 14	Southern Colorado Retiree Rally	Pueblo South KOA, Colorado City, CO
Sep 14 - 17	Colorado Fall Campout	Pueblo South KOA, Colorado City, CO

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FIRESIDE EMBERS CUT OFF DATES

Jan - Feb	Dec 15th
Mar - Apr	Feb 15th
May - Jun	Apr 15th
Jul - Aug	Jun 15th
Sep - Oct	Aug 15th
Nov - Dec	Oct 15th

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Recipes not published will be saved for future issues.
Recipes must be typed.*

Article 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.

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SCANNED INTO THE WORD DOCUMENT OR EMAIL
include your CHAPTER NAME & YOUR NAME)
DO NOT SUBMIT MORE THAN 6 PICTURES PER
ARTICLE. IF MORE THAN 6 PICTURES ARE SUBMITTED
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AND PLANNING MEETING

Date: February 4, 2023

Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

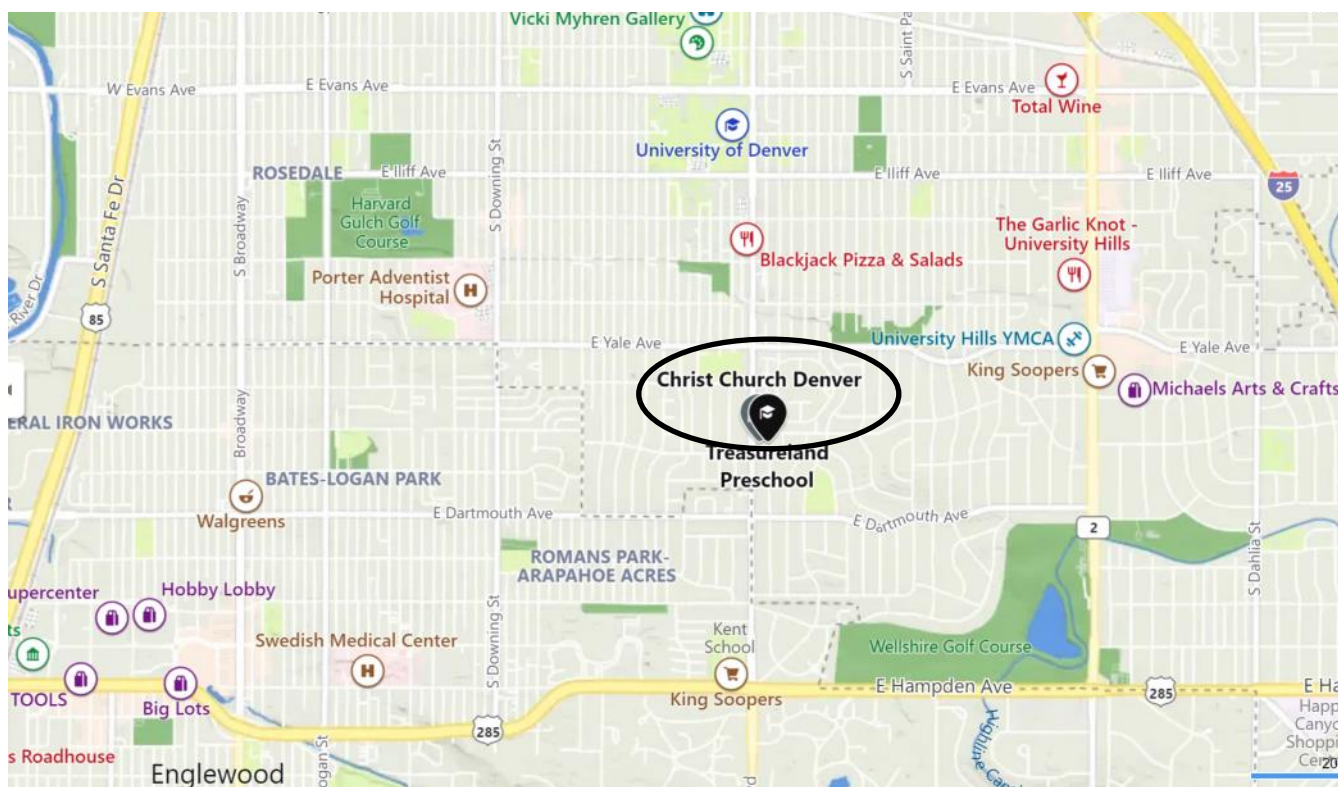
Place: Christ Episcopal Church, 2950 S. University Blvd, Denver

Nearly all of the chapters have completed their elections by this time, so it's time to share those responsibilities with new officers.

- Break out sessions
- Spring Fling Planning
- Fall State Campout Planning
- Colorado Updates
- National Updates

Please come with ideas for a Spring Fling and the Fall State Campout. Also encourage your chapter to volunteer and sign up for some of the activities.

Recommend you bring a sack lunch as we have the room for a limited amount of time and will have a lot of information to cover and discuss. Coffee and ice tea will be furnished.





Colorado FCRV is in need of VOLUNTEERS

The “HELP (Volunteer) WANTED” sign is still out there
We desperately need volunteers for the following positions.

Colorado State Director
Colorado Teen Director & Assistant Teen Director
Colorado Youth Director/Pre-Teen Director
Historian
State Secretary
Conservation Director
State Chaplain

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NATIONAL NEWS

FCRV HANK NATHAN SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY: 2023

By: Deborah Swanson

Who Can Apply: Any FCRV member, or their dependent* children planning to enroll, or currently enrolled, in an undergraduate, graduate, or trade school, may apply for an FCRV scholarship. An applicant must be a member for at least 18 full calendar months before application, and in good standing.

**Dependent children of members applying under their parent/guardian's membership must be a dependent thereof for the year of the scholarship award, and be eligible as an income tax deduction.*

How to Apply: Applications for 2023 will be available on Scholarship America's website @ <http://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/ncha/> Applications will only be accepted online at the above address. The application **MUST** include the FCRV member holder's name, membership number, postal mailing address, and, most importantly, an email address at which the applicant can be contacted. Pay special attention to the entire website and follow the directions closely as you will only have one opportunity to complete the application. Scholarship America will not contact you to make any corrections. Do not assume that it is the same as last year as it may have been changed.

Applications must include the following:

1. A current, complete transcript of grades. Grade reports are not accepted. Transcripts must display student name, school name, grades, and credit hours for each course, and term in which course was taken.
2. Two online recommendation forms, **one from an FCRV member, (can be a trustee, regional director, state director, district director, or any member who is not related).** **AND, one from a school official, or your immediate supervisor if you are working.** Your application will not be complete unless all required materials are submitted electronically, and you will not be considered for a scholarship.

Stipend: Annual Scholarships are awarded carrying a stipend ranging from \$250 to \$2,000. The Schuh award of \$2500 is given to students who study the fields of wildlife or conservation. Part-time, and trade school, students will receive one-half of the granted amount. Scholarships are for one year. Recipients may reapply for a scholarship each year they meet the eligibility requirements.

Selection of Scholarship Recipients: Applicants are scored, and ranked, by Scholarship America who then recommends the ranking to the FCRV Scholarship Board. The Board then confirms the ranking and the award. The Board of Directors present the awards at, or after, the Annual General Meeting held at that year's Campvention,

NATIONAL NEWS

FCRV HANK NATHAN SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY: 2023 (cont.)

Eligibility Requirements

1. Parents, or guardians, must be a member of FCRV for 18 full calendar months or longer.
2. Applicants must be enrolled, or accepted, into an undergraduate, graduate, or trade school course of study in an accredited two-to-four year college, university, or trade school. Part-time students must carry a minimum of six credits and full-time a minimum of twelve credits.
3. Applicants currently enrolled in college are given equal consideration with incoming freshmen students.

Scholarship Considerations:

1. High school graduates will have their class ranking scored by Scholarship America.
2. College students should have **at least a 2.3 grade point average** on a 4.0 point scale.
3. Consideration is taken for maturity, leadership, related activities, and goal of the candidate as related to the objectives of FCRV.
4. Special consideration is given to applicants majoring in fields related to conservation, ecology, or outdoor activities, although all other fields are considered.

This is a competitive Scholarship therefore the lowest ranked applicant may not receive an award.

Recommendations For National Awards

By: Beth Standiford Recording & Corresponding Officer

Campvention will once again be the time for the presentation of awards to persons who have been selected to receive them for their service or other contributions to FCRV, camping, conservation, etc. In some cases, they may be awarded at another time or place. You, in the Field, are the best qualified to suggest and nominate the people who should be honored. We request only that you be judicious in your choice of nominations. Please, recommend only those persons who have made unusual contributions to FCRV, camping, conservation or others that fall in line with our specific programs.

A list of all previous recipients of Plaques and Citations is posted at FCRV.org. The list is in alphabetical order so that names can be checked quickly. **Please take the time to check and see if the individuals you are nominating have already been presented with an award. A couple or individual may be considered for an additional Citation if the circumstances warrant. Plaques are only awarded once.**

CHAPTER NEWS

WEEKEND WARRIORS

The Weekend Warriors held their December Christmas Outing at Panino's Italian Restaurant in Colorado Springs...Great food, great time, and great people. We have a great group and lots of fun.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to our FCRV Family.



CHAPTER NEWS

RAMBL'N REC'S

Rick & Diane



October saw the Rambl'n Rec's getting together at the School House Kitchen and Libations in Arvada, CO. This is a cool 1882 schoolhouse turned into a bistro & saloon boasting 1000+ whiskey brands and nostalgic charm. Many thanks to Ken and Karen Fleming for setting this up. The food was awesome!!

Rick and Diane Stockton have moved to Missouri to be closer to family and grandkids. They have always been such wonderful ambassadors of the club and the organization. We

wish them the best of luck and we are going to miss them sooooo much!

Another BIG announcement was that Ken and Karen Fleming have decided to step down as Field Directors.

They have done this for so many years that Karen couldn't even remember when they started. Thank you so very, very, very much Karen and Ken. You're leaving some very big shoes to fill.



Ken & Karen

November luncheon/meeting was at the Golden Corral in Aurora, CO. Thank you Bob and Brenda Rivard for organizing this month's event. The 2023 camping and luncheon schedule was completed and it looks like it's going to be a really fun venue for the upcoming year, I can't wait!

Our December Christmas gathering was at the Red Lobster in Littleton, CO. Many thanks to Art and Judy Colton for organizing this. We usually don't have a meeting at our Christmas gatherings, however, Ken Fleming did announce that Barbara Newsome was going to assume the duties as Field Director for the Rambl'n Recs.

Submitted by Barbara Newsome

CHAPTER NEWS

TRAILBLAZERS



Trailblazers October Campout Lakeside KOA Fort Collins, CO October 3-6, 2022



Our October campout was held in Fort Collins, Co, at Lakeside KOA. A BIG thank you to Donn and Josee Cairns, Sue and Larry Menke, and Mike Smith and Roseann Golobic for hosting this campout! We had perfect fall weather for all our outdoor activities and an indoor room for our meals and evening activities.

Don Nord brought along his Kubb game. We had a perfect area in which to play the game. He was very patient in teaching us the rules. Those of us who played had a great time. We also held our Annual Tortilla Toss. Congratulations to Don Nord for winning with a distance well over 60 feet. He now has the trophy until the next Toss!

Our hosts fixed several soups for our potluck lunch. A perfect lunch for a fall day. Sides and desserts were provided by everyone else. No one went away hungry!

Have you every tried to draw a jack o'lantern on a paper plate thats on top of your head? We did! Our hosts collected our drawings when we finished and then we had to see if we could pick ours out. We had some really interesting jack o'lanterns!



We also played a card game that one of our hosts, Donn, remembered playing as a child. We each brought 20 nickels. Everyone drew a single card. You then held the card up to your forehead (without looking). You then had to bet one of your nickels or fold based only on what you saw everyone else had for a card. It was a lot of fun!

We had a wonderful last campout of the season! We're already looking forward to next year's campouts!

Our winter luncheons and meetings are back at Golden Corral in Colorado Springs. We were able to meet there in November. We are all happy that they have reopened. They have a large room where we can all gather, visit, and of course, eat!



The Trailblazers would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! We hope that 2023 will be a year filled with many new camping adventures for everyone! Travel safe!

Submitted by Cathy Vegvary

CHAPTER NEWS

WOODLAND WOOKIES



The December Fun was held The Flying W Christmas At The Ranch! Great Chuckwagon Meal and Music. From The Woodland Wookies Happy Camping For Our New Year 2023!! Happy Trails Always...

Flying W Wranglers Singing was so Wonderful



CHAPTER NEWS

The Woodland Wookies for the rest of the Summer Campouts have had a great time Kayaking in Wonderful Lakes ! Jefferson , Tarryall plus DeWeese, along with River Floating on tubes too!! The Camping season for Atving is always ongoing! We have enjoyed our Wagon Masters' surprising us with "Banana splits" night and a "Waffles" Morning, plus a " Happy to see you Friday" Charcuterie Board Spread!! Pretty Nice for us Wookie Dry Campers! Happy, happy, happy.. Lovin our FCRV !



Easy Oreo Truffles

Ingredients

2 (8 ounce) packages semisweet baking chocolate
 16 ounces cream-filled chocolate sandwich cookies (such as Oreo®), divided
 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened



Directions

Step 1

Melt chocolate in a saucepan over low heat, stirring occasionally, 4 to 6 minutes.

Step 2

While the chocolate is melting, place 9 cream-filled sandwich cookies in a food processor and blend until finely crushed. Transfer crumbs to a bowl and reserve for decorating.

Step 3

Add remaining cookies to the food processor and blend until finely crushed. Transfer crumbs to a large bowl and stir in cream cheese; mix until well-blended. Roll mixture into 42 balls, about 1-inch in diameter.

Step 4

Place each ball in melted chocolate and use two forks to roll it until fully coated. Lift the ball with both forks and allow excess chocolate to drip off. Place coated truffle on a wax paper-lined baking sheet and sprinkle with reserved cookie crumbs to decorate. Repeat to make remaining truffles.

Step 5

Refrigerate truffles until firm, at least 1 hour. Keep in the refrigerator until just before serving.

Sweetheart Valentine Punch

YIELD 24 Cups

- 64 ounces strawberry lemonade (Simply Lemonade brand will work)
- 1 liter of lemon-lime soda like Sprite
- 1 pint of raspberry sherbet



1. Make sure that all your ingredients are chilled before making your punch. Pour the strawberry lemonade and the lemon-lime soda into a punch bowl.
2. Top it with the pint of raspberry sherbet and serve to guests in punch glasses.

Top with fun candies like conversation hearts and cute straws for the perfect drink.



Valentine's Day



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2023 Colorado's 36th Spring Fling**May 18 - 21, 2023****Morgan County Fairgrounds - Brush, CO**

Camping Fees: Families \$65 or Singles \$55 At the gate: Families \$70 or Singles \$60
 After you park, sign-in at the information table in the main building.

Camping fees are for 3 nights and includes a \$25.00 Registration fee

DAY ONLY: \$5.00 per family. *When you arrive, please register at the information table in the main building and pay your daily fee.*

This is **DRY Camping**—Water is available, dump station available at the park next to the fairgrounds.

Two families attending Spring Fling and camping in one unit and/or campsite.

The **1st family** **MUST** submit a registration form & pay the camping fee which includes the \$25.00 registration fee.

The **2nd family** **MUST** submit a registration form & pay the registration fee of **\$25.00**.

Deadline to pre-register is May 2, 2023

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____ Chapter: _____

Handicap only [☐] Electric only [☐] Reason for requiring handicap and/or electricity _____

	Youth		Pre-Teens	Teens	
	0-5	6-8	9-12	13-15	16-19
Female					
Male					

of Adults

Anyone plugging into the electrical outlets **MUST** have an electric cord with a size 12 or preferably size 10 wire.

There are limited electric hookups for those with a medical need for electricity.

Handicap spaces will provide a closer

Thursday Social Hour - Bring a snack to share (ice tea will be furnished) location to activities.

Friday Dinner Potluck - Bring a main dish and a dish to share.

Camping Fees Enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Colorado Chapters of FCRV

Mail to:

Shirley Kendle

2278 Dogwood Circle, Erie, CO 80516

(CAMPING FEES ARE REFUNDABLE ONLY IN CASE OF MEDICAL/FAMILY EMERGENCY
 REGISTRATION FEE IS NOT REFUNDABLE)

Saturday - Enjoy Chapter Potlucks or visit your favorite restaurant in town.

Gates will open on Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

For Specific Directions to Morgan County Fairgrounds go to the Colorado FCRV Website (Colorado FCRV.com)
 Go northeast on I-76 out of Denver, take exit 90A and turn right on Colorado. Go south on Colorado to the dead end (two granaries are at the end of the street) and turn right, go one block to the next stop sign, turn left on Clayton St., go left over the railroad tracks, turn right on Ellsworth, go a couple of blocks and turn left into the Fairgrounds.



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861 Salisbury Rd
Richmond, IN



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 fees cover July 9-14 (6 nights)

Early Bird Days: July 7 & 8, 2023 @ \$30/night (pay upon arrival – cash/check)

Registrations are needed by: June 1, 2023

There will be room for you if you decide to come at the last minute.
 Just bring this registration with you. We want everyone to come see us!!!

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____ **Spouse/Guest:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **ST/PRV:** ____ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone #: _____ **e-mail:** _____

Is this your first Campvention? Yes ____ No ____ Send my confirmation letter in PDF: Yes ____ No ____

Number of people in your unit:

Of Adults: ____ Teens: ____ Youth 9 – 12 ____ Youth 5 – 8 ____ Young Adults ____ Total number of people in Unit: ____

Please list the names and ages of all Teens and Youth:

Name	Age	Name	Age

CAMPVENTION PARKING:

The gates will be open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Special Needs Information:

Check if you are requesting a special needs site: ____ There will be no special needs sites available at the gate.

REGISTRATION:

Everyone must complete a registration form including second families and camp passes. Submit payment with the registration form. All funds should be US currency of checks or money orders. **NO CREDIT CARDS.**

	<u>Registration</u>	<u>At Gate</u>
One Family in the Unit	\$335.00	\$365.00
Extra Family in the Unit (separate pay)	\$150.00	\$165.00
Week Drive-in Pass (July 11-16)	\$175.00	\$190.00
Walk-in Camp Pass (per day)	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00

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Please note length of camping rig behind type:

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General Membership & Chapter Officer Meeting

Feb 4th, 2023 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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