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2010 Campout Announcements

- Southeast District Mixer April 23-25, 2010
- 2010 State Spring Campout???
- Northern District Mixer June 11-13, 2010
- Mid-State Mixer August 20-22, 2010
- 2010 State Fall Campout???
- Retiree Rally September 6-11, 2010
- Blue Water Mixer October 1-3, 2010
- Halloween Campout at Hudsonville Fairgrounds October 1-3, 2010

Some dates are tentative or not finalized.

Campout registration forms when available can be found at www.mifcrv.org, click "camping schedule".

2009-10 Michigan Royalty



Teen Queen: Taylor McClelland
Teen King: David Lynch



1st Runner Up: Brittany Huryn

2nd Runner Up: Natalie Bono

3rd Runner Up: Leanne Crookedacre

Teen Queen's Court:
Patty Malecki, Courtney Mull,
Sydney Helsel, Jessica Duffy



Retiree King & Queen:
Pete & Samie-Jo Schaub

Teen King Court: Dallas Hartman, Jacob Duplanty
(unfortunately no picture is available.)

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Hello Michigan,

Wow! It seems as just yesterday we were waiting for State Spring and now we just put State Fall Campout behind us. State Fall was a fun time for me. I was excited to see so many young folk giving their all for the Teen Queen and King title. What was really great was watching them having fun. I love the sounds of our youth laughing and playing. It was surely another campout to remember. Thank you to the Retirees for the excellent campout.

The new board will be coming together soon to discuss MSA issues. Please attend the meetings if at all possible because we really need your involvement. Speaking of involvement, please entertain the idea of hosting either the 2010 State Spring or Fall Campout. As you may have noticed at this past Fall Campout, volunteers are everywhere. I am sure you will get all the help you need. Come on!! You can do it!!

As our "snowbird" friends leave for warmer climates, the rest of us winterize our rigs and put them to rest for the winter. We can now reflect on our past camping season and dream of the next. I am grateful to all of you who have worked so hard to make MSA successful. We have a "core" of campers who attend every Spring and Fall campout religiously. You are the ones who always volunteer somewhere and most of the times do the same job year after year. To you I say "Thank You" you are most appreciated.

If you are getting ready to travel to the warmer climates please be safe and maybe take it a little slower than last year. I look forward to seeing you in the spring around the campfire. Read about us in the Michigander and call us often. Until then, take care.

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Retiree Rally 2009

The Retirees of Michigan held a very successful Rally in St. Louis, Mich. It was our 10th Anniversary. We had a sloppy-jo dinner on Tuesday. Our Cooks were Pete & Samie-Jo and their crew who served us. On Wednesday we had our Anniversary Party which included a chocolate bar. Everyone seemed to enjoy it. On Thursday we had a chicken dinner which was cooked by Theresa and Bill Wiles and their crew. On Friday for lunch we had chicken & dumplings. There were lots of games during the week. On Friday we crowned our new Michigan Retiree King & Queen Pete & Samie-Jo Schaub. Congratulations from all the Retirees present. On Saturday we had a pancake breakfast for everyone before they left. Thank you Fran & Bill for your help plus all the other people who stepped up to help...it was appreciated.

Bob and Nancy Linder

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T-Shirts w/pocket	2X, 3X, 4X	\$13.00	_____	_____
Polo Shirts	S – XL	\$13.00	_____	_____
Polo Shirts	2X, 3X, 4X	\$15.00	_____	_____
Polo Shirts w/ pocket	S- XL	\$14.50	_____	_____
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Saturday, October 24
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Burton Police Station
4090 Manor Drive
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Approx. 4 miles South of I-69

Everyone Welcome!

Teen Pageant 2009

Just a short note to thank everyone who worked on the Fall Teen King/Queen Pageant, Tea, Queen's Ball...it was a huge success thanks to all of you!

With so many contestants, the pageant took a bit longer but it was wonderful to have eight girls and three guys running. We haven't seen that in a very long time!

Thank you all for making it a great success.

Samie-Jo Schaub, Pageant Coordinator/Pageant Chairperson

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We would like to thank the retirees for choosing us as Michigan Retiree King/Queen. We are looking forward to representing Michigan at the international King/Queen Retiree Rally in South Carolina in March 2010.

We are going to try are hardest to bring home the international title of FCRV King/Queen.

Pete and Samie-Jo Schaub



Evening Program song dedication to our Retiree Royalty

Campvention 2010

VIP Area

We are Ed & Juanita, Chairpersons for V.I.P. Hospitality for the 2010 Campvention. Our Co-Chairpersons are Gordon & Judell Payne. Hospitality will occur every day of Campvention.

Our plans are to provide both regular and decaffeinated coffee, hot tea, iced tea, lemonade and iced water. We will also need non-dairy creamer, sugar and sweetener, and cold and hot cups. We would like to serve cookies, brownies, crackers or any other type of snack food. All of this is only possible with your help and donations.

It has been a tradition to give our guests a small gift each day. If your chapter, State Association, or individuals would like to make a donation, it would be greatly appreciated. It was our pleasure to host the 2004 hospitality and every state in our Great Lakes Region gave so much and our V.I.P.'s appreciated it. We know we can do it again, and possibly even better!

Please contact us with any suggestions or to let us know what you are donating. Our address is 9420 Clio Road, Clio, MI. 48420; email ehollar@gfh.org; home phone 810.686.0432; cell phone 810.730.7670.

Thank You--Juanita Woolworth, Ed Hollar

Publicity

Camping Today or website information for Campvention 2010 is to be sent to Barb Turner, Publicity Chair.

In planning ahead, information for the January issue of Camping Today is due November 10; March issue information is due January 10; and the May issue information is due March 10. The May issue will be the last issue for Campvention information.

Anything can be posted to the FCRV Website at any time.

Tom Reed, a freelance writer who wrote articles on places to see before and after Campvention has been contacted. He is going to do that again for Campvention 2010. He is preparing an article on South Bend for the November issue. If anyone would like to send an article about places to visit, please forward them to Barb ASAP.

Please do not hesitate to contact Barb at turnerfcrv@yahoo.com. Cell phone: 813-713-5771.

Volunteers

Volunteering is a great way to meet people and have a great time at Campvention.

You may sign up at the Information booth at Campvention or contact the Volunteer Chairpersons:

- Don/Hope Colpaert, 30997 Boewe Dr., Warren 48092
Phone: 586.573.7578, Email: hopecolpaert@yahoo.com
- Frank/Kay Newman, 2148 Price Rd., Kimball 48074
Kay's Phone: 810.987.9465; Frank's Phone: 810.987.4154

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available and you may choose the time and place where you want to help.

Swap/Trade Items

At the 2010 Campvention, since it is the 50th Anniversary, we are going to bring back activities that used to be favorites at Campventions in the past. One of them is the swap/trade items. Do you remember those? These were small items either handmade or purchased that were usually representative of the person's state/province or area. Usually a string with a safety pin or a safety pin was attached to the item so that it could be put on your vest or hat. Also, there was the name of the person and where they were from and sometimes the name of their chapter attached to the item on a label or piece of paper.

At Campvention you then traded with others and it was a great way to meet people and sometimes make a new friend. You may have seen pictures of some of the members that would have hats full of swaps and they always wore them at Campvention. They enjoyed showing off what they had collected over the years. So, put your thinking caps on and come up with a swap/trade item that you would like to bring to Campvention so we can bring back one of the fun activities of past Campventions and you can meet some new friends!

News from Chuck and Sue...

It's hard to believe that another camping season has come to an end. But here we are winterizing our units and wishing our snowbirds safe journeys as they head to warmer climates. There is a form (see below) to change your temporary address with the national office so you will continue to receive *Camping Today* and any other correspondence from FCRV.

A heartfelt thank you to Bob and Nancy Linder and the Michigan retirees for hosting the 2009 Fall campout. Everything seemed to run smoothly and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. We are so grateful to those who volunteer to organize these campouts and appreciate the many hours of planning that go into each event. Our statewide campouts give us an opportunity to visit with friends throughout the state and a chance to meet new ones. It's easy to get caught up in the many activities that we forget to thank those who made the weekend possible. We'd like to offer a special thanks to those who baked and served cookies and beverages for hospitality; the folks who worked registration; the many workers who decorated the stage and building in preparation for an excellent pageant and teen dance; and those who provided the pancake breakfast and church service Sunday morning. We congratulate Taylor McClelland as Teen Queen knowing she will represent Michigan confidently when we host Campvention in 2010. We also congratulate our new Teen King, David Lynch. Our 2009 Teen Queen, Sarah Duplanty, remains on our teen royalty lineup as Miss FCRV 2nd Runner-up. Sarah made Michigan very proud in Sedalia!

The first weekend of October found Al and Betty Carl setting up a booth at the RV show in Novi. Once again, we thank the volunteers who donated their time promoting FCRV to show attendees. We are grateful to MARVAC for the space they provide us so we can present our organization to camping enthusiasts. If you would like to volunteer to work at an RV show, we have three more coming up soon – Lansing, Flint, and another one in Novi.

The national organization's 2009-2010 budget is based on gaining 350 new members nationally. Since Michigan has historically represented 10% of the national membership, our challenge in 2010 is to attract 35 new members. Why not invite your co-workers and neighbors to a chapter activity this winter. Just sharing your camping stories and photos with your friends can make them eager to participate. That's how we learned about NCHA many years ago.

Have you visited the FCRV website lately? You will find friendship cards available to download and print. What an excellent way to tell a fellow camper about our organization. If you want to create your own personalized card, there is a link to Avery where you can download free software to your pc. The website contains directions on how to use the software.

Also on the website, you will find *Camping Today* online. The online publication is in addition to the paper issue. The *Camping Today* magazine is published and mailed bi-monthly. The issue dates are: January, March, May, July, September, and November.

A few updates on Campvention 2010... Host chapters are needed to assist with parking. Several of our chapters did this in 2004 and found the experience very rewarding. Basically, you will welcome the units as they arrive in your area; assist with set-up if necessary; and familiarize them with the layout of the fairground. If your chapter is interested, please contact Bill & Theresa Wiles at loepertz@hotmail.com. Committees still in need of a chairperson are: Commercial, Building Setup, Conservation/Wildlife, Flea Market/Craft Sales. If you would like more information about any of these committees, please contact Vickie Roop at FCRVChair2010@aol.com. Please be sure and register for Campvention by Feb 1 for a chance to win a 19" flat screen television.

Please remember to send us the names of your chapter officers. We require this information for our files. Furthermore, we want to publish an accurate list of chapter presidents in the next issue of the *Michigander*. You can send this to us by e-mail to MIFCRV@tampabay.rr.com or mail to 1982 Birch Street, Hubbard Lake, MI 49747.

During the harvest season we give thanks for the camping family that has so enriched our lives, particularly our dedicated field staff. Wherever our journey finds us during the winter months, may we all continue to be blessed with an abundance of good health and good friends.

Snowbird Temporary Change of Address

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Kathy Hartwig Monroe County Homemaker of the Year

When Kathy Hartwig wears the tiara and sash that identifies her as the 2008 Monroe County Homemaker of the Year, folks often stop to ask her if she can bake a pie. "I don't like pie. I don't bake pies," she tells them. "I'll do you a cake and a cookie, but don't ask me to make pie." Once she has established that she doesn't make pies, Hartwig is happy to tell them all the things she can do — and what they can, too — to win the Homemaker title.

"After I tell them, I hear people say, 'I should apply for that,' " says Hartwig, a former nurse's aide. "And a lot of little girls love to see the tiaras."

Hartwig, 51, hangs her 2008 Homemaker sash on her bedroom vanity mirror, alongside the sash from the Relay for Life cancer research fund-raisers she organizes to honor the struggle her daughter Marci McIntosh, now 27, had as a teen with Hodgkin's lymphoma.

To qualify for the Homemaker title at last year's Monroe County fair, Hartwig entered woodworking, sewing, baking, canning and gardening contests. Her volunteer and community work was also impressive. Hartwig spends Wednesday nights at a soup kitchen she helped start at Flat Rock's First Congregational United Church of Christ.

"A homemaker years ago was someone who stands behind the stove and cooks all day," says Hartwig. "I'm proud to be a homemaker because of my overall achievements, not that I can just bake or can."



News from Mid-State

We hope you enjoyed your summer of camping. We didn't get to camp as much as we would have liked but enjoyed what we did. The Mid-State Field Staff are busy working on next year's Mid-State Mixer. We haven't finalized it as of the date of this article but are trying to get it set up at Hillsdale County Fairgrounds on August 27, 28, and 29, 2010. We make it the fourth weekend in August because of the races that Michigan International Speedway on the third weekend.

We will also be working at the MSU Family Camper and RV Show in January. We will be able to give you the exact dates at the November MSA meeting.

We hope all of the snowbirds have a good trip this winter and arrive back in Michigan safely in the spring. We wish everyone good holidays and a warm cozy winter.

Yours in Camping, Tim and Fay Schroeder, Mid-State District Directors

Introducing John & Deb Duffy...

The FCRV Board of Trustees has appointed John & Deb Duffy, members of Chapter One, to replace Chuck and Sue Carlsen as Michigan State Directors, effective September 2010. Deb is president of Tails-A-Wagon and has coordinated the RV Dealer Chapter for the past three years. The Duffy family joined FCRV in 2001. They have hosted chapter campouts and volunteered at state campouts and at Campventions. The Duffy's have two teenage children, Jessica, secretary of the MSTA, and Shane. In addition to their FCRV activities, both John & Deb have served in leadership roles in several community organizations including the Knights of Columbus, the American Red Cross, Girl Scouts of America, and the Grand Ledge PTO. The Duffy's enthusiasm, knowledge, and friendly attitude will serve them well in their new position. We know you will give John and Deb the same level of support and encouragement you have given Chuck & Sue.

2010 RV Shows

January 21-24

Family RV Show
MSU Pavillion
4301 Farm Lane
E. Lansing 48824
FCRV Contact:
Tim & Fay Schroeder
fschroeder4200@yahoo.com

February 4-7, 2010

MARVAC 34TH Annual Flint Camper & RV Show
Perani Arena & Event Center
3501 Lapeer Road
Flint 48503
FCRV Contact:
Keith & Mitzi Woolworth
mew0930@aol.com

February 10-14

MARVAC 44th Annual Detroit Camper & RV Show
Rock Financial Showplace
46100 Grand River
Novi 48374
FCRV Contact:
Doug Riley driley73@comcast.net



The MARVAC Fall Detroit Camper & RV Show September 30-October 4, 2009
Michigan King Teen David Lynch (member at large) with Tony & Marianne Samardich, Asst. State Director / Chapter #1 Tails-a-Wagon at FCRV booth

Jonsey and Family of the Year Awards 2009

At the state fall campout in St. Louis two awards were presented. The Jonsey Award was given to Taylor Mc Clelland and the Family of the Year Award was given to Mark and Teresa Scamehorn. Congratulations to this years award winners.

Jamie and Kaylene VanWagner,
Awards Chairpersons

2009 Scholarship Winners

Kirstin VanWagner is the winner of our first place "A" Scholarship. She played softball and basketball and was yearbook editor at her high school. She was also basketball and football manager.

Kirstin is a member of the Showboat Wheelers, Chapter 112. She has been very active in FCRV activities including MSTA Election Committee, teen sports, and won the "Jonsey Award" Teen of the Year in 2007.

She is attending Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota for a bachelor's degree in elementary education as well as early childhood education.

Sarah Duplanty is the winner of our second place "A" Scholarship. Her passion for 15 years has been dance. She was a varsity dance team member and varsity cheerleader at the high school. She also was a member of the National Honor Society.

Sarah is a member of Tails-A-Wagon, Chapter 1. She has participated in many FCRV activities including being MSTA Secretary and Vice President. She was Michigan Teen Queen twice and was crowned Miss FCRV Fourth Runner Up and Second Runner Up.

She is attending Grand Valley State University with a major in health professionals. After receiving her bachelor's degree, she would like to go on to be a physician assistant.

Thanks to Cindy Carlsen for getting the judges. They were all teachers for Mason Public Schools: Marilee House, Lisa Harless and Melissa Netzel.

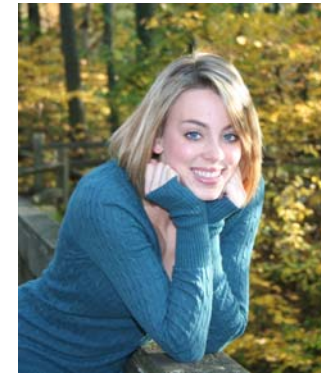
We want to thank Arrowhead Travelers, Chapter 258 for their donation to the Scholarship Fund.

It is not too early to start thinking of applying for a scholarship for next year. Also don't forget to apply for the National Scholarship. For questions/applications, please contact:

Jim and Joyce Leaman, Scholarship Directors
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"Banjo" Bob Heath passed away July 27, 2009, in Douglas, MI. He joined NCHA in 1988 and was loving companion of Mary Ellen Gluntz (former MSA Treasurer) and Teen Queen Dad to Josie Gluntz (MSA Teen Queen 1999)



Andrew Molesworth, 9/8/09, son of Chum & Gail Molesworth, Gladwinites, Chapter 17

Memories of the State Fall 2009 Campout--"Rockin Into The Future"



2009 Teen Royalty David and Taylor



Teen Queen Taylor McClelland



Doug Riley, Jr. and Sherryl Stint Lil' Darlin's (Evening Entertainer)



McClelland Family



Pageant Contestants Dallas, Brittany, Sydney at the Tea



Lil' Darlin's Mick Stint as Jimmy Durante



Lynch Family



Pageant Contestants Brittany, Sydney, Jacob, Leanne at the Tea



Taylor and David with Dads



State Director Award: Don & Hope Colpaert



2008 Teen Royalty Sarah and Kyle



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"Jonsey Award"
Taylor McClelland



Family of the Year Award:
Mark & Teresa Scamehorn

VOLUNTEERS

- V - Valuable is the work you do,
- O - Outstanding is how you always come through.
- L - Loyal, sincere and full of good cheer,
- U - Untiring in your efforts throughout the year.
- N - Notable are the contributions you make,
- T - Trustworthy in every project you take.
- E - Eager to reach your every goal,
- E - Effective in the way you fulfill your role.
- R - Ready with a smile like a shining star,
- S - Special and Wonderful- that's what you are.

The 4 Ts 45th Anniversary

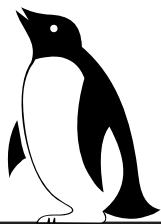
We are having a party and you are all invited to share it with us.
When: June 11, 12, & 13, 2010.
Where: Bruner Center
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It is the 4 Ts (Tent toters and trail trotters 45th Anniversary and we are celebrating with a Return to Childhood Campout Time to let yourself go and be a kid again. We promise lots of fun Easy Games; A kite flying contest you must make your own kite (no store bought), Prizes for the best dressed little boy and little girl camping.
FEE: Pre-registration: \$10.00
Camping fee: \$35.00
Send to: Dave & Sheila Turner, 1102 Indian Road, Sarnia, ON N7V 4CS
If questions, email: dave151@sympatico.ca

Conservation Awards— Campvention 2009

First Place: Elizabeth Kurburski. She received a blue ribbon and pin.
Second Place: Luke Kurburski Peter and Katie Kurburski both received participation ribbons



PENGUIN PAGE



Teen Queen
Taylor McClelland
Teen King
David Lynch

State Teen Directors
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Teen King, David Lynch

Hi, David Lynch here, your 2009-2010 Teen King. I am a "Member At Large" of FCRV. I would like to thank all involved in putting together the Michigan Fall 2009 Pageant. This type of event was new to me and I did not know what to expect. Thank you Pageant Committee for a great experience!

My reign begins...I worked awhile in the FCRV booth at the 20th Annual Fall Detroit Camper & RV Show at the Rock Financial Center in Novi; thank you Mr. Al & Mrs. Betty Carl for inviting me. While camping at Addison Oaks in Oakland County for a family weekend, I stopped to say "Hello" to the Sundowners #65. (next column)

Hope to see whoever can make it at the November MSA Meeting.

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P.S. If you want to know what 'a friend' is...ask a Michigan FCRV Teen! To me, it has been the trust in finding true friendships and teen support. David

Teen Queen and MSTA President Taylor McClelland

Hey Michigan! It's been another great camping season and I can't wait for the next one. First off I'd like to congratulate all of the contestants that participated in the fall pageant. You guys are amazing and I love you all. I can already tell that we're going to have one fun year together.

I am trying to go to as many RV shows as I can this fall and winter. I've already been to one in Novi. I had fun at the show, passed out some flyers and I'm pretty sure my mom has our new trailer picked out for the next camping season. We're all very excited.

I am very excited for Campvention in July. This year it is in Michigan, as you all know, so I hope that you can all come out to support me. Even if you can't make it I know you're all cheering me on. I will try my best to make you all proud. I'll be singing my heart for Michigan.

As President of the MSTA, I encourage everyone that will be attending the November meeting to (next column)

purchase a raffle ticket to help support the teens. I will be making the fleece blanket that we will be raffling off and I promise that it will look amazing. In closing, I hope everyone has a Happy Holiday Season and I can't wait to see everyone in November. Taylor

News from the Teen Directors

It is hard to believe that another camping season has come to an end. I hope that everyone had a great year camping. I would like to say how proud we are of Sarah Duplanty our 2008-09 Teen Queen and 2nd runner up at Campvention. She did an amazing job representing Michigan this past July. Thank you again for traveling to Missouri and making the entire state of Michigan proud of you.

The fall campout was a great success. For the first time in a long time we had eleven teens running in the Fall Pageant...we were just as excited as Samie-Jo. It is nice to see the teens come out for the pageant. We are proud of each and every one of the teens that participated in the pageant. It is nice to see all of them grow up into young men and women.

The contestants that ran were Dallas Hartman, Jacob Duplanty, Jessica Duffy, Courtney Mull, Patti Malecki, and Sydney Helsel. The 2009-10 Teen King is David Lynch. Leanne Crookedacre was 3rd runner-up, Natalie Bono was 2nd runner-up and Brittany Huryn was 1st runner up and Miss Congeniality. 2009-2010 Teen Queen and Miss Talent was Taylor McClelland. Congratulations to all of the contestants. We are happy to say that Michigan will be very well represented again this year. We hope to have a great turn out at Campvention rooting on our teen queen.

At the November Meeting, the teens will be once again raffling off a homemade fleece blanket. The tickets will be sold for \$1.00 at the meeting. Please consider buying a ticket and supporting the teens. As always the teens would like to say thank you to everyone for your continued support throughout the year. Don't forget to invite your royalty to the RV shows and your campouts. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Alisa and Ed McClelland, MSTA Teen Directors

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Youth Corner

Happy Fall Michigan!!

State fall has come and gone with another great weekend for our youth. There were lots of giggles and laughs of fun from the kids. I'd like to give a big thank you to the retirees for planning the fun activities for the youth. The kids really seemed to enjoy themselves during the crafts and the hunt. It kept them busy and happy. A sad face couldn't be found. I'd also like to give a big thank you to the people who brought the door prize donations for the youth and double digit. The kids really do appreciate receiving the variety of prizes.

Congratulations to our National *Camping Is* Contest winners. Michigan youth were winners once again!! They include 1st place to Elizabeth Kurburski, 2nd place to Luke Kurburski, and Honorable Mentions to Peter Kurburski and Michaela Graves. Great job to each of you!!! Please remember that a new *Camping Is* color sheet for 2010 will be posted soon on the website for our youth up to 4 years old.

It's not too early to start thinking about the Youth Pageant at the State Spring Campout. Although this is a contest for our younger people, it's still important for them to have a good resume. The Prince and Princess resumes are judged. Have the kids think about the resume as a personal essay. A page of paragraphs filled with information the kids share about themselves. Be sure they include examples of the activities they are involved in including FCRV, school, home, church and hobbies. Please don't include any names that would identify themselves to a specific city, region or group. Entries can also be sent via email. Whether you choose the post office or the internet, be sure to send it out before the deadline. March 31 arrives sooner than you think!!

Enjoy the winter months of Michigan. Brenda Duplanty, Michigan Youth Director

Youth Royalty

Princess

Katie Kurburski

Prince

Peter Kurburski

Teenie Queen

Maddison Graves

Teenie King

Luke Kurburski

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Condensed Teenie/Youth Pageant Rules

- Parents must be FCRV members.
- Contestants must be between 3-6 (Teenie) and 7-12 (youth).
- Contestants must complete the official registration form.
- Contestants must be accompanied by a parent or appointed adult.
- All contestants will be judged on dress/dressy attire, communication and poise.
- Teenie Contestants will be judged on personality.
- Teenie parents--please submit information on child's interests, pets, activities, etc with the application form.
- Youth Contestants must prepare and write with minimal adult assistance a short resume*.
- Youth Contestants will compete in: talent/skill; interview
- Youth contestants will be judged on resume and talent/skill.

*See Campout Manual at

<http://www.mifcrv.org/campingmanual.htm> for a list of resume topics and the complete rules. It is very important to read and understand all rules relating to this pageant.

Teenie and Youth Pageant Entry Form

Name: _____ DOB: __/__/____ Phone (____) ____-____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Circle one: Teenie King Teenie Queen Prince Princess

Chapter Name: _____ Chapter #: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Email Address: _____

Mail by March 31. Confirmation will be sent within 10 days of deadline.

Youth: attach a typed resume. Teenie: attach information on interests, pets, activities, etc.

Send to: Brenda Duplanty, 5425 E. Carpenter Road, Flint, MI 48506

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