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2011 Campout Announcements

- Great Lakes Regional September 1-5, 2011, Lazy River Resort & Campground, Pioneer, Ohio
- Retiree Rally September 5-10, 2011, St. Louis
- 2011 State Fall Campout September 16-18, 2011, Gladwin County Fairgrounds
- Blue Water Mixer September 23-25, 2011, Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds
- Halloween Campout October 7-9, 2011, Hudsonville Fairgrounds

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

Autumn Harvest - Gathering Together

2011 State Fall Campout September 16-18, 2011

The MSA Board and Friends are pleased to announce our State Fall Campout will be held September 16-18, 2011 at the Gladwin County Fairgrounds. Early arrivals begin Wednesday September 14.

Some of our activities are soup pot supper Friday. Please bring enough non-creamed canned soup for your family. It will be added to the pot and be enjoyed by everyone. Pulled pork sandwiches will be provided for supper Saturday. Please bring the rest of your family's supper and let's eat together. Let's hope for great weather.

A "Thank You" breakfast will be provided Sunday by the MSA board. We will serve either pancakes, French toast or possibly both! Please bring the remainder of the breakfast for your family.

There will be a cash Bingo game Friday evening; two cards for a quarter per game with all coins paid to the winner of each game.

Planned is a DASAT (aka DAT) seminar and a computer workshop. There may be more so stay tuned!!!!

We are looking at hiring great professional entertainment for our Saturday evening program. We will also be crowning a new Teen Queen and King.

As of this writing there are still some committees that can use your help; parking, adult games, youth activities, stage help. If you would like to get involved please contact me or any board member. If you volunteer you will not be alone. There will always be someone to assist you. That is just what we do.

The MSA board has really come together for this campout. Being a "rookie" at campout planning I am amazed at all the ideas and help received. If you ask for help you will get it. I see this first hand; the more people involved in the planning, the better the product. Again I am amazed.

I look forward to seeing you at State Fall in Gladwin. Tell your chapter about it, bring a friend. There is always room. Until we meet again. Be Safe. Volunteer- Please!!!!

Jim Duplanty, MSA President

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What a "welcome home" our snow birds received this past month...a mixed bag of heavy rains, destructive tornados and snow to the mountainous west. Well we are glad you are back with us. I enjoy seeing the friends as they return with stories of their wintering in the warmer climates. State Spring campout was held in beautiful Bellevue. The campgrounds were fantastic and so was the weather. They allowed the board to hold a Friday evening meeting which went over very well. Thank you for accommodating my needs that weekend.

The state fall is being hosted by the board this year. I am happy to announce there is an agreement with Gladwin County Fairgrounds for the weekend of September 16-18, 2011. I am the chairperson for the campout and since I am a "rookie" After just a few emails and phone calls things began falling together and we are off to a great start. That's what I enjoy about this organization. Just raise your hand and ask for help and many people will be there to give you all the help you need. I am not surprised by this just overwhelmed by the response. All I could say is WOW. I believe this will turn out to be a great campout.....just stay tuned and see what happens. Send me an email if you want to help somewhere. The more the merrier.

If you are making the trek to South Carolina for Campvention I hope you have a safe and fun trip. The cost of fuel has forced many of us to change our plans and stay a little closer to home. Shorter trips and longer stays seem to be the way of life for my family this summer. Either way we will have a lot of fun and enjoy our time together. For those going to Campvention, have fun.

As you already know, Chuck

and Sue Carlson will be leaving the post of State Directors and Marianne Samardich will leave as Assistant State Director. They have given a tremendous amount of time and effort to their positions. They will get a well-deserved extended vacation from the inner workings of MSA to enjoy themselves from the sidelines. They may step back a little but we will never let them fade away. Their expertise will always be needed. Please extend a "Thank You" to them when you get a chance. We really appreciated their time spent to help run the organization. I assure you the new directors will be as exciting. Come to the state campouts and meetings to see what MSA is all about. Get involved and let your voice be heard.

Summer is in full bloom and we begin to venture outdoors to enjoy recreational activities. If your enjoyment requires the use of safety equipment I highly recommend you use them. It is very easy to say it is too hot to wear your bicycle helmet or to wear shorts instead of long pants while motorcycle riding. This reality came true on a personal level recently when my neighbor and great friend went for a long bike ride without his helmet. It appears a motorist got too close and the vehicle mirror struck the rider in the head at 45mph. My neighbor now suffers from a closed head injury. Complete recovery may be a year away but even that is unknown. Take the extra time to use the proper safety equipment. It may mean the difference between an active summer, a very quiet one, or worse.

Enjoy your summer but please do it a little slower than last year. Get involved and volunteer. See you around the coffee pot or the campfire.

Jim

NEWS FROM CHUCK...

The 2011 camping season got off to a great start with "Springtime in the Country" in Bellevue. Our hosts, Tom & Sharon Westerhouse and Pete & Samie-Jo Schaub, and their many helpers planned a fun-filled weekend around their theme. Thankfully, the weather also cooperated. In my role as State Director, I take great pride in recognizing chapter anniversaries each Spring. This year was no exception. Charter members were on hand from several chapters to receive their certificates proudly wearing their chapter vests covered with patches of the many events they had attended over the years. A list of all the chapters celebrating their anniversaries this year can be found on page 5. I just want to take this opportunity to thank all of our chapters for staying together all these years and supporting Family Campers and the Michigan State Association. It is because of our chapters that we continue to bring in young families today.

Which brings me to our youth — congratulations to each of the contestants and best wishes to our new youth royalty for a camping season filled with fun!

Best of luck to our 2011 graduates as you begin the next chapter of your life. A reminder that FCRV offers a free honorary membership to 20-year-olds who still live with their parents, are single, enrolled in college or technical school, or serving in the military. This free membership must be requested by the State Director each year until you turn 25. Please send me an e-mail with the following information: your name and date of birth; parents' name and address; whether you're in school or the military. My e-

mail address is MIFCRV@tampabay.rr.com.

Some last-minute Campvention updates: Michigan will participate in the Great Lakes Regional Hospitality on Sunday. The Malecki's will bring the Michigan banner and will host the Michigan Get-Together under it. The day, time, and place will be posted when we get there. Ed and Alisa McClelland will chair the Michigan float for the parade on Thursday, which will be on grounds. We are still working out the details for the Noise Parade, but you can be sure Michigan will do something for our royalty! This is an exciting year for Michigan with our own Taylor McClelland reigning as Miss FCRV. We are also proud to have Brittany Huryn representing our state in this year's pageant. We are just thrilled to have two exceptionally talented young women on stage from Michigan. Our Teen King, Dallas Hartman, will also be on stage escorting our Queen. We are pleased to announce that the award-winning Ledge Loafers scrapbook will once again be entered in the national historian contest.

I would like to add that Sue and I are grateful to all of you who are travelling to South Carolina, this summer to attend Campvention. We realize the distance combined with the cost of fuel has made this a difficult choice for many, but we assure you that the fun, friendship, and memories will be worth it.

There's still time to register for the Great Lakes Regional campout over Labor Day weekend in Pioneer, Ohio. The hosts are Dave and Linda Hennie, who are replacing Vickie Roop as Regional Director. Michigan has the largest membership in our region, so

please; let's show our spirit at this event. The theme is, "Celebrate the Good Life in Family Campers" and there's no doubt that's exactly what's in store for those of us planning to attend.

I hope you are visiting the FCRV website often. You will notice the "Come Camp With Us" banner is prominently displayed. Michigan was given a complimentary banner which is available for use at your district or chapter campouts. We are hoping to have additional banners available in the near future so that all chapters who want one can have their own. Meanwhile, if you would like to display the banner we have, please let me know and I will make arrangements to get it to you. Also on the website is the June issue of Camping Today. Please be sure and read the online issue of our national publication as it contains a lot of information regarding upcoming events as well as some interesting articles about camping with pets and "Living Frugally on the Road."

The Cadet Program has been extended for another year. The purpose of this program is to give prospective members an opportunity to try us out for one year without paying the national dues. We trust that you will select people who you believe will like what they see and renew their membership at the end of the free year. Do not be overly concerned about the emphasis on mentoring. You do not have to mentor alone. Once you introduce your cadet member to your chapter or bring them to a statewide event, your camping family will be glad to help. Remember, it's the sense of belonging that makes us special and has kept our members together all these years. If you

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News from Chuck
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need a new certificate, simply notify the national office. You may reach them by e-mail at FCRVnat@verizon.net or by phone at 716-668-6242.

In closing, I would like to thank Tony and JoDee Pruden for accepting the position of Mid-State District Director. The Pruden's are replacing Tim and Fay Schroeder who resigned in December after 18 years of dedicated service.

Please check the newsletter and the Michigan website for dates and locations of the upcoming district campouts and try to work them into your camping schedule.

Happy Camping! Chuck

Member News

Bob and Nancy Linder's motorhome was totally destroyed by a fire. Because they are full-timers, they lost everything but thankfully they were not in their unit at the time of the fire.

It was nice to see them in their new motorhome at the state spring campout.

Talk to Bob and Nancy about their experience and make sure your unit is fully protected by insurance including contents.

Scholarship Report

The window for turning in scholarship applications has closed for this year and I am sad to say I received only two applications. I was hoping more students would take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. There might not always be a lot of money awarded and whether it goes towards class tuition or if it buys just one text book, every college student will tell you, every little bit helps! So please think about applying next year.

The applications will be turned over to the judges soon and the winners will be announced at the Fall Campout.

I would like to thank the following for their much appreciated donations to the Scholarship Fund: Still-A-Goin' Chapter 184 in memory of Daisy Sulek and Travel Kats Chapter 173 and Mrs. Miller in memory of Glen Miller.

For questions or applications: Jane Thornton, Scholarship Director, 2084 Madsen Rd., Saginaw, MI 48601 Ph. 989-777-5958

E-mail: raythor2@aol.com. Also Scholarship application forms are available on the MSA website.



Four generations of FCRV--Chuck & Sue,
Julian, Natalie, Cindy

Campvention 2011

July 8-15, 2011

Latson, SC

<http://www.fcrv.org/campvent/2011/campvent11.php>

Campvention 2012

July 13-20, 2012

Blyth, Ontario

Theme – Path to Friendship

Passport or pass card needed to reenter USA.

Will only accept US funds for registration at 2011 Campvention; after that will only accept Canadian Money Order.

FCRV Current Membership: 5208

FCRV/MSA Current Membership: 423

2011 Chapter Anniversary Awards



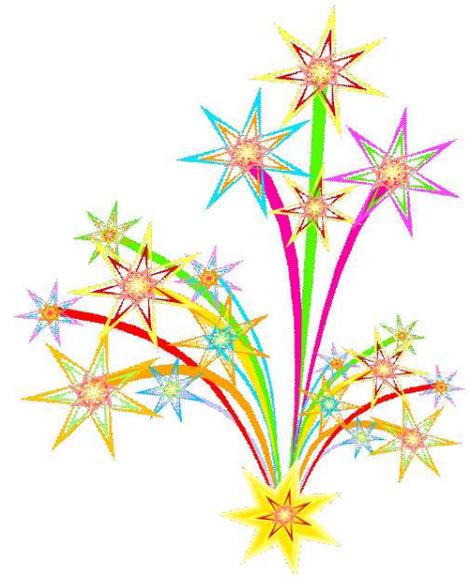
45 years - Forest Dwellers



45 years - Ledge Loafers



45 years - Timber Town Travelers



40 years - Travel Kats



40 years--Still A Goin

Spring Time in the Country

We sure had spring in the country for our spring campout. We were getting really worried with all the rain we had prior to the campout but everything turned out pretty well. Out of 45 units, we only had to use a tractor to park two. Everybody got out OK on Sunday. The weather changed on Saturday and we had a nice-sunny day. The kids had their own building and enjoyed the many activities that were planned for them by Deanna English.

Saturday morning Paul Jones set up the adult games and Chapter 88 won most of them. The teens had hotdogs and chips at lunch for everyone. This was their project for the weekend. There were a lot of families on the patio enjoying their lunch.

Our youth pageant winners are Princess, Katie Kurburski and Prince, Luke Kurburski. Congratulations to all of our contestants; you did a fantastic job. Teenie Queen, Alexia Jentzen and Teenie King, Brandon DeVos will stay for another year as there were no contestants for the teenie pageant. They all looked sweet and we want to congratulate all of the pageant contestants. We are so proud of our young people. They are our future.

Our country hat parade was very interesting. There were hats decorated pretty, crazy, wild and funny. The winner had little farm animals glued all over it!! Some were dressed in their bib overalls and flannel shirts. It got to be pretty hot and some of us just wore a flannel shirt and crazy hat. Hats off to Pete & Samie-Jo. Pete wore his bibs & flannel shirt & straw hat and Samie-Jo wore her Minnie Pearl outfit all day and all evening. Even Tom wore his bib overalls too.

Our evening entertainment was the Yodeling Sweethearts, the Leonard's from St. Louis, Michigan. Everyone enjoyed the evening and stayed for the ice cream social.

We want to thank all of our chairpersons who made the campout enjoyable. We had lots of prizes for everyone. We thank all of you and hope you had a great time. Together as a family working and playing it felt good.

Tom & Sharon Westerhouse
Pete & Samie Jo Schaub

News From The Northern District...

The Northern District Campout proved to be an experience straight from the past remembering the roaring 20's. There were 25 rigs on site and the weather was perfect.

On Saturday campers enjoyed playing family games and much fun was had by all especially a new one called a chicken in every pot. The dime auction was also a success with many fine prizes for all to enjoy. At noon we enjoyed a sloppy joe lunch provided by the Northern District Field staff. At 5:00 PM we enjoyed a camp wide potluck (which will be back next year). The evening program found several campers dressed in their 20's costumes and there was a Charleston dance contest which was too hard to decide the winners. The evening was topped off with a delicious ice cream social.

Sunday morning started with a pancake/french toast breakfast and church service by the Praise Gang Puppeteers.

We would like to thank all the field staff and everyone else who stepped in to lend a hand to make our campout a success. Also we would like to send a special thanks to the Puppeteers for the Sunday service.

Thank you so much for attending.

We are looking forward to next year's campout and are busy planning a new theme.

Yours in Camping,
Pete & Samie-Jo



FCRV Commercial Members in Michigan

Following is a list of FCRV Commercial Members. Commercial Membership is available for dealers, RV parts and service, campgrounds, or other items of interest to campers. For more information on FCRV Commercial Membership: <http://www.fcrv.org/membership/membership.php>

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201 7th St. SW
Grand Rapids, MI 49548
(616)455-3250
E-Mail: Sales@americanrv.com

Fantastic Vent Corp.
2083 S. Almont Ave.
Imlay City, MI 48444
800-521-0298
www.fantasticvent.com

River Ridge RV Resort
22265 8 Mile Rd.
Stanwood, MI 49346
(877)287-4837
www.michcampgrounds.com/riverridgervresort
E-Mail: Rick@riverridgervresort.com



National Retiree Rally 2011
Tom & Sharon Westerhouse; Samie-Jo & Pete Schaub



Samie-Jo & Pete Schaub cutting the ribbon to signify opening ceremonies at the 2011 National Retiree Rally



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- 2"x4" Ad: \$18.00 per issue or \$67.00 per year
- 3"x4" Ad: \$25.00 per issue or \$90.00 per year
- 4"x4" Ad: \$35.00 per issue or \$120.00 per year

Note: 10% discount if advertising paid in advance for a full year (3 issues).

With a full year inside display Ad get a free listing in Commercial Directory.

Commercial Directory only rate is \$3.50 per line for full year (single column width).

Youth Corner



2011 Youth Royalty - Brandon DeVos, Alexa Jentzen, Katie Kurburski, Luke Kurburski

Youth Royalty
Princess
Katie Kurburski
Prince
Luke Kurburski
Teenie Queen
Alexa Jentzen
Teenie King
Brandon DeVos
State Youth Director
Brenda Duplanty
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Flint, MI 48506
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eunicedup@comcast.net

"Camping Is" poster winner in Michigan is Meagan Pallas. Meagan's poster will be entered in the 2011 National Campvention contest...good luck Meagan!



Deanna English, Youth Activities Chair with Scavenger Hunt winners Michaela Graves and Acacia Pallas

With Deepest Sympathy

Daisy Sulek, April 14, 2011.
Daisy and her husband Ralph who proceeded her in death joined NCHA in 1968 and were one of the founding families of the Early Risers, Chapter 88. Later in life they joined Chapter 184 Still a Goin' retirees and were even elected Retiree King and Queen. Three of their five children were NCHA/FCRV members at one time or another and four of their eleven grandchildren ran for Teenie Kings and Teen Queens while growing up. Their daughter, Beth Sulek-LaHousse is still a member of Early Risers.



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- Have your own address card with www.fcrv.org on it.
- Put up your chapter's banner when camping.
- FCRV will be providing "Come Camp With Us" banners to state / provincial directors.
- Place articles in your local papers, radio or TV news about something good your chapter or an individual member has done. Include the name of a contact person.
- Invite the media to a special event such as a park clean up or wildlife project.
- Explain that FCRV is a non-profit family camping organization with local chapters across the U.S. and Canada and refer to the web site.
- Mention our annual Campvention and Retiree Rally.
- Come up with your own creative ideas to promote Family Campers & RVers.
- Don't forget to be part of the friendliest people in the world.



The winner of the Country Hat Parade, Paula Dennis

**Teen Pageant Registration
Deadline August 1
Resume must accompany registration form**

Please print or type:

Name: _____ Birthday _____
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Address: _____ Phone (____) ____-_____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Chapter Name: _____ Chapter Number: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date _____

Email Address: _____ Talent _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Confirmation will be sent to candidates within ten (10) days after close of registration.

Teen Pageant Rules

1. Both Michigan and National rules apply. In case of conflict between state and National rules, National rules shall prevail.

2. Parents or guardians of contestants must be current members of FCRV, unless contestant is an FCRV member on her own.

A. Names of contestants must be sent to State Director for membership verification 3 weeks prior to pageant.

3. Contestants must be between 13-19 years of age and shall not reach their 20th birthday before the date of National competition.

4. Contestants must complete the official registration form and submit it to the designated person, named on the registration form, by the date shown. A resume must also be sent with the registration form. Pageant Chairperson will send names of all contestants to State Teen Directors for eligibility verification.

5. Contestants must be single and never have been married.

6. In the event the Michigan FCRV Teen King Queen is unable to fulfill his/her duties or marries during their reign, the first runner-up shall assume the title and be designated to fulfill these duties for the remainder of the reign.

7. In the event the Michigan FCRV Teen Queen cannot attend the National Campvention, in which she is to

compete, she shall forfeit her title and the first runner-up shall assume the title and compete.

8. Contestants will be judged at:

- A. The Interview.
- B. The Pageant.

9. Contestants will be judged on:

- A. Interview (Queen)/Personality & Resume (King).
- B. Adeptness during Skill (King) Talent (Queen)
- C. Poise & Confidence.
- D. Escorting Teen Queen contestants during Evening Gown portion (King)/ Evening Gown (Queen).
- E. Prepared Question.
- F. There shall be NO swimsuit competition.

10. Queen Contestant Talent shall be:

- A. Any presentation that can be demonstrated on stage, such as,
 - 1. performing arts
 - 2. non-performing arts
- B. Limited to three (3) minutes. There shall be:
 - 1. One (1) additional minute allowed without penalty.
 - 2. A deduction from the total talent score of five (5) points for each fifteen (15) seconds beyond four (4) minutes.

3. Acts considered safe to the people involved and the property in the area. **THERE IS TO BE NO FIRE BATON ACTS OR OTHER SIMILAR ACTS.**

- C. If you are playing an instrument, you must provide your own

instrument and music stand.

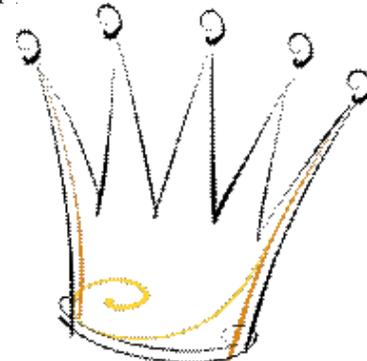
11. King Contestant Skill shall be:

- A. Any skills assigned by the committee.
- B. Developed to cover a wide range of simple tests:
 - 1. Agility
 - 2. Brain teasing
 - 3. Challenging
 - 4. Allow handicapped to participate
 - 5. Limited in time, as determined by the committee.

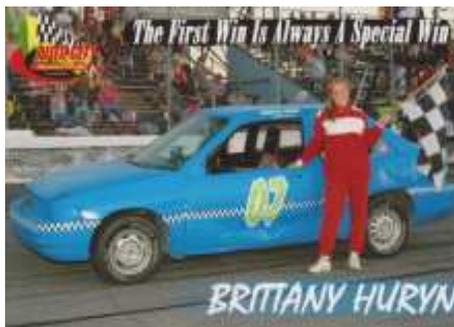
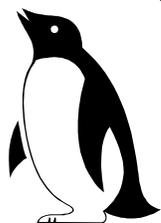
12. King Contestants will be judged in:

- A. Suit, tie, and dress shoes during:
 - 1. Question
 - 2. Poise as they escort the Teen Queen candidates.
- B. Appropriate casual clothing during the skills segment.

Mail entry form to:
Samie-Jo Schaub
9355 E. Lakeview Hills Road
Traverse City, MI 49684
Phone: 231.642.7735
Email: petsam6@cs.com



PENGUIN PAGE



2010-11 Teen Queen
Brittany Huryn

2010-11 Teen King
Dallas Hartman

State Teen Directors
Ed & Alisa McClelland
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Lansing, MI 48910
517.485.1487 Home
517.614.3289 Cell
alisamcclelland@yahoo.com

Brittany, the members of Michigan FCRV wish you the best as you participant in the National Teen Queen Pageant and hope you enjoy the experience and have fun too!

Dallas, have fun escorting Brittany and with the pageant.

Taylor, enjoy yourself at Campvention...Michigan is proud to have you as our national queen!



Taylor entertaining us at the Spring Campout



Brittany entertaining us at the Spring Campout



Autumn Harvest – Gathering Together

MSA State Fall Campout – September 16-18, 2011

Gladwin Fairground

401 S. State Street, Gladwin, MI 48624

Fair Office Phone (989) 426-2311



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2011 MSA State Fall Campout

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Regina Jentzen

11343 Church St.

Mount Morris MI 48458

(989)233-6658 cell phone

poohracerette14@aol.com

Activities

Soup pot Friday dinner; Friday evening activity; pulled pork sandwiches Saturday dinner; teen pageant; youth activities; family games; professional entertainment; computer seminar; DASAT (aka DAT!); Sunday morning breakfast; Praise Gang Puppeteers; hospitality; chapter/project sales; and lots more!

Area attractions: Soaring Eagle Casino; Farmer's Market Saturday in town

Pre-registration/Activity Fee (nonrefundable) \$25.00

Camping Fee per night \$10.00

Friday Gate Registration + Fri/Sat Camping Fee \$50.00

Early arrivals welcomed beginning Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Registration Deadline: September 9, 2011

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Chapter Name: _____ Chapter #: _____

Type of Unit: _____ Size of Unit: _____ Slide Out(s): _____

No. in Family: Adults _____ Teens: _____ Dbl Digits: _____ Youth: _____

____ Handicap parking— we understand we will not be parked with our chapter. We have a valid state handicapped certificate, license, or doctor's certificate.

Please list names and ages of youth.

Questions: Jim Duplanty: 810-922-6372 or trapperjfd@comcast.net

