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Tentative 2012 Campout Announcements

- Southeast District April 27-29, 2012; Springfield Oaks/4H County Fairgrounds
- 2012 State Spring Campout, May 18-20, 2012; Springfield Oaks/4H County Fairgrounds
- Great Lakes Regional, Memorial Weekend
- Northern District June 8-10, 2012; Gladwin County Fairgrounds
- Campvention 2012, July 13-20, 2012, Blyth, Ontario
- Retiree Rally September 4-8, 2012, St. Louis
- 2012 State Fall Campout ???
- Blue Water Mixer September 28-30, 2012, Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds
- Halloween Campout October 5-7, 2012, Hudsonville Fairgrounds

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

Spring Into Camping With Family And Friends 2012 State Spring Campout May 18-20, 2012

We would like to invite everyone to the state spring campout at Springfield Oaks/4H County Fairgrounds in Davisburg May 18-20, 2012. The theme is all about our young members and they sure have stepped up to the plate. We are excited for the opportunity to mentor them! Please read on to learn some of the activities provided for the weekend...

On Friday night sloppy joes will be provided and served by our state and assistant state directors. Please bring the rest of your family's supper and join us. Bingo and a friendly game of Texas Hold'em are scheduled for Friday night.

Hot dogs and chips will be available by our teen association...please support this activity.

During the weekend there will be horse shoes and washer toss. There will be a DASAT Program, youth games, project sales and hospitality. The Youth Pageant will be Saturday morning. On Saturday night the Mess Miss Michigan contest will be hosted by the teens.

Sunday morning a pancake breakfast will be provided followed by the Praise Gang Puppeteers church service.

We hope you plan to join us for a weekend of fun with your FCRV family.

Bob and Nancy Linder on behalf of the young members of MSA

MSA Delegates Meeting

Saturday, February 25, 2012 10:00 AM

Burton Police Station

4090 Manor Drive, Burton, MI 48506

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Greetings Michigan,

The New Year is upon us as we begin to look toward the camping season. The state spring campout has a host and we are seeking a host for the state fall campout. The board is hopeful the most recent decisions made at the November delegate meeting will inspire chapters to host. The success of a state campout is not on one person's shoulders. After doing my very first ever campout I can tell you I was very pleased with the amount of friends who asked "what can I do to help?" I was most thankful to have them ask. This generosity is extended to everyone hosting a campout. All you have to do is ask and someone will help. That I guarantee. It is also a great way to meet new friends or learn the name of someone you have seen at other campouts.

Let me take this opportunity to welcome our new state directors John and Linda English.

At the November delegates meeting I learned we also have new assistant state directors as well. We welcome Pete and Samie-Jo Schaub and look forward to working with them also. They are dedicated to our organization and I have learned a lot from all of them. Their years of experience are truly an asset to us.

Let's hope this winter gets over soon and we can get on with that thing we call camping. I always enjoy the time spent talking at the campfire or at the coffee pot in hospitality. I hope everyone has a safe and healthy winter. If you are still north please drive safe. If you are south enjoy the weather and come home safely. Until we meet at the next campout I wish you well.

God Bless
Jim Duplanty

Dear MSA Chapters and Members at Large,

In March FCRV will begin offering electronic voting for the election of our national trustees. We have made this decision for several reasons:

- more convenient – no worries about mail forwarding or requesting absentee ballots
- more cost effective
- less chance of ballots being lost
- quick and accurate results

The FCRV national office is trying to gather e-mail addresses from our members so e-vote instructions can be forwarded in time to participate in the March election. If you have not already done so, please send an e-mail to fcrvnat@verizon.net confirming the e-mail address to send your e-ballot.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you.

Sue Carlsen, National Corresponding Secretary
carlsens@tampabay.rr.com

FCRV/MSA
Current Membership: 442

State Director's Update...

The Michigan Field Staff enjoyed their annual Octoberfest the last weekend in October at the Best Western Birch Run. The facility was lovely and we would like to thank Hope Malecki for making the arrangements. We had a private room for the day Saturday and the field staff voted to return there next year. We would like to thank Jane Thornton for helping us with the fun activities...ask any field staff about the hats they wore and the team building competition! We would like to thank the field staff who attended and participated in the annual workshop and meeting and look forward to Octoberfest 2012. This annual weekend is open to all FCRV members who wish to attend. Please let us know if you are interested. The dates are October 26-28, 2012 with the meeting/workshop held on Saturday October 27. The workshop focused on team building and the field staff participated in two activities. We would like to thank everyone for being good sports and participating. We also talked about the importance of communication, collaboration, and trust incorporating listening which leads to successful leadership. We will continue reinforcing these skills as we work together.

We would like to welcome our newest field staff, Terry and Regina Jentzen and Ed and Donna Huryn. Both families will be supporting the Southeast District.

The Mid-State District has merged with the Mid-West District. Dave and Heidi Mull are the district directors.

The Macomb District has merged with the Southeast District. Doug Riley Jr. is the district director.

The 2012 Regional Campout will be held May 24-28, 2012 at the Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court Street, Elkhorn, WI; close to the WI/IL state line. We hope you can attend.

According to the FCRV Field Staff Structure, field staff is required to sign an annual commitment. Field staff are appointed and released by the state director. State directors and assistant state directors are automatically field staff only while serving in these positions. National program directors are automatically field staff as long as they serve in their positions. Thanks to field staff for adhering to the annual commitment and we look forward to working with you.

There are openings for National Program Directors for the following programs: CAMP (aka SPC), Historian and National Insignia. If you are interested in serving as director of any of these programs, please let us know.

The Michigan Website has been updated and some changes have been made. Please visit our website at www.MIFCRV.org and let us know what you think.

In this issue of The Michigander, the MSA Board has launched a survey to help plan for FCRV in Michigan in the future. The survey is also posted on our website. Please take the time to respond to the survey and let us know your ideas and suggestions. Surveys must be completed and returned by February 3, 2012.

It is time to send us your 2012 camping schedule and officers. Your chapter president will be published in the April issue of The Michigander. We would also ask that you send us your chapter's membership list.

We are excited to announce the appointment of a Young Adult Program Director...Terry and Regina Jentzen and Mark and Melody Graves will be the directors. They will be planning programs at our state campouts for the young adults in our organization.

Sue Carlsen was appointed the DASAT (aka DAT) Director and has also agreed to keep our Michigan Campout Manual updated. We are excited that she and Chuck will remain active in Michigan.

We look forward to seeing you at the MSA meeting next month and also wish our snowbirds a safe return in the spring. Our 2012 camping season cannot come soon enough for us!

Happy New Year!

John & Linda English, Michigan State Directors

Are you, your chapter or your district interested in ordering the new "Come Camp With Us" banner? If there is enough interest, John/Linda English will contact the Iowa chapter who sells them to inquire about a quantity purchase discount for Michigan. Please email them TODAY at MIFCRV@gmail.com.



If you are 20 years old you may qualify for a free FCRV membership. Please contact John & Linda English for further details.
 John 248.877.9775
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statedirectors@mifcrv.org

Historian Scrapbook Contest

Purpose: To recognize the outstanding Adult and Teen chapters from each state/province, for their contributions, participation and dedication in/to FCRV; also to record their chapter's history through various forms of media for other members and future members to enjoy.

Chapters participating (includes all chapters) must have good standing in FCRV, and who have won first place in a state/provincial or overseas scrapbook competition. The scrapbook's history period will be for one calendar year, January 1-December 31. For example, July 2009 Campvention Contest scrapbook activities will be dated January 1-December 31, 2008 inclusive. State/provincial contests will be held at the Spring Campouts.

Rules:

1. Only one Adult Chapter History Scrapbook and/or one Teen Chapter History Scrapbook per state/province will be allowed.
2. Scrapbook size will be no larger than 20"x24"x8".
3. Page 1 (the actual first page – not the inside cover) must include the following: Chapter name, National Charter number and date chartered (plus parent chapter name and national number for Teen Chapters); chapter patch or emblem and colors; state/provincial or regional director stamp and/or signature in the lower right hand corner to certify the scrapbook entry.
4. If any of the previously mentioned requirements are missing, a ten point reduction to the final score will be imposed. Twenty-five points will be deducted if the state/provincial/regional director stamp and/or signature is missing from the lower right hand corner of the actual first page.

Content of Scrapbook: It should cover all chapter activities and accomplishments during the year including but not limited to events like: community projects, parade floats, campouts, banquets, special programs, special projects, activities in National programs (Conservation, Campers Activity Moving Program (CAMP), Disaster and Safety Awareness Training (DASAT), Wildlife Refuge, Legislation, family activities (teen, youth, young adult, adult, retiree) discounts, insignia, etc.).

Historian Scrapbook Suggestions:

1. Newsletters; program booklets; captioned photographs of groups, singles, special events, parties, etc.; human interests and candid snapshots; newspaper clippings with dates and persons identified.
2. Certificates and awards.
3. Chapter publicity for community activities and any FCRV related outside interests concerning members.
4. If trophies or plaques have been awarded to chapter for outstanding events, photograph and place in scrapbook.

IMPORTANT: Check the program book at the Spring Campout for the time and place to turn in your book.

Help Wanted

CAMP, Chaplin, Commercial, Historian, National Insignia and Michigander Editor. Members needed to fill vacant program director positions.

If you would like more information about the Michigander Editor position, please contact Linda English.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please contact Jim Duplanty.

Correspondence from
Sue Carlsen ...

It's time to elect national trustees once again and my name will be on the ballot for the position of Recording/ Corresponding Officer. This is a new title combining the two secretary positions; thereby reducing the Board of Trustees by one member and increasing the work of the lucky candidate – me. Initially, as some of you may know, I did not intend to seek this nomination. Having been out of the workforce for six years, my transcription skills are not what they once were. Sandy Kendall, who has held the position of Recording Officer for ten years and done an outstanding job, will be a hard act to follow. In addition to taking minutes at meetings (the Trustees also hold several conference calls throughout the year) I will also be responsible for maintaining the manuals and sending correspondence when requested. But avoidance of work was not the underlying cause of my reluctance to commit to another two years as a Trustee. I had a lot of uncertainty regarding my ability to figure out the direction that FCRV needs to take in order to survive in a changing world. While we can all argue the causes and effects of declining membership, the Trustees are responsible for making whatever adjustments are necessary to keep our organization a viable entity in the marketplace. Because most of us joined NCHA/FCRV for social reasons, we may not always think about the cost of doing business. But, in order to provide the member services we offer, we must do business with others – campgrounds, insurance companies, vendors, to name a few. When these costs go up

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Nominations for the Family of the Year and the Jonsey Award are due by June 1.

To nominate someone for Family of the Year, send a letter, listing the family name, chapter name, involvement in FCRV, community involvement, and anything else that you may feel is relevant.

To nominate a teen for the Jonsey award, send a letter including the teen name, chapter name, involvement in FCRV, school involvement, community involvement, and anything else that you may feel is relevant.

Please mail your nominations to Jamie and Kaylene VanWagner, 502 Andres St., Chesaning, MI 48616, or e-mail them to awards@mifcrv.org. Thank you.

Jamie and Kaylene
VanWagner, Awards Committee

Scholarship Report

There is not a lot to report this time of year. I would like to thank the past and present Field Staff of the Mid-State District for their very generous donation to the Scholarship Fund. It is appreciated very much!

It's not too early to start planning to submit your application for next year. Applications will be accepted up until the Spring Campout. For questions or applications contact: Jane Thornton, Scholarship Director, 2084 Madsen Rd., Saginaw, MI 48601 Ph. 989-777-5958 E-mail: scholarship@mifcrv.org. Also Scholarship application forms are available on the MSA website.

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>

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

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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@riverridgeresort.com

Undeliverable email:
johns@cfs-mi.com
janichols2007@comcast.net

Advertising Rates

- 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



Hello Michigan,

I hope that your holiday season was an enjoyable one. Make sure you get outside and play in the snow so that you can enjoy the winter months. !!! It's a little early to start thinking about camping, but it's not too early to think about State Spring. The pageants at State Spring are for our younger members of FCRV. Boys and girls between the ages 3-6 may participate in the Teenie King and Teenie Queen pageants. Boys and girls between the ages 7-12 may participate in the Prince and Princess pageants. This is a deadline is March 31.

Please help your children develop Camping Is posters or complete the coloring sheets. The guidelines are available on the web. Bring these to State Spring.

Enjoy the time with your family.

Brenda Duplanty, Michigan Youth Director

Youth Royalty

Princess

Katie Kurburski

Prince

Luke Kurburski

Teenie Queen

Alexa Jentzen

Teenie King

Brandon DeVos

State Youth Director

Brenda Duplanty

5425 E. Carpenter Road

Flint, MI 48506

810.250.2651

youth@mifcrv.org

Condensed Teenie/Youth Pageant Rules

- Parents must be FCRV members.
 - Contestants must be between ages 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 (____) ____-____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Circle one: Teenie King Teenie Queen Prince Princess

Chapter Name: _____ Chapter #: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

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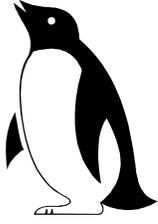
Entry Form Deadline March 31, 2012 Youth: attach a typed resume.

Teenie: attach information on interests, pets, activities, etc.

Send to: Samie-Jo Schaub, 39249 Homecrest Dr., Zephyrhills, FL 33542

Phone: 231.642.7735 Email: pageant@mifcrv.org

PENGUIN PAGE



2011-12 Teen Queen
Emily Kurburski

2011-12 Teen King
Shawn Crookedacre

State Teen Directors
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teens@mifcrv.org



My name is Emily and I am the daughter of Anne and Foster Kurburski. I am fourteen years old. I have been a part of FCRV my entire life. I live in Harbor Springs, where my hobbies include Scottish Dancing, basketball, running, and most of all, camping. I am also involved in Girl Scouts where I have earned my bronze and silver awards.

I recently flew to Houston, Texas for the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouting, being one of ten girls in Michigan to go. There I attended marketing classes, some of the teachers were from the Coca-Cola Company and many organizations that like to make a huge difference in today's world. In the evening there were guest speakers like Katie Curic and Robin Roberts. There was also lots of entertainment like Sara Bareilles. While we were there we stayed in the Magnolia Hotel, it was so nice. I also enjoyed seeing the world famous Harlem Globetrotters. I had such a blast while I was there.

I am super excited for national and can't wait to get to meet all those wonderful people that will be there. I would just like to say thanks for all the tremendous support I have gotten and I hope to see you all soon!



Hi Michigan,

Hi, my name is Shawn Crookedacre. I am your 2011-2012 Teen King. I am a Freshman at Grand Blanc High School. I have been very busy this fall playing Freshman Football.

Thank you Mid-West for inviting me to a great Halloween campout in Hudsonville, MI.

I attended the MSA meeting in November.

Invite me to your campouts. I will try to make as many as possible.

I hope you all had a good holiday. See you in 2012.

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while our revenue goes down, how do we adjust? The Trustees that I currently serve with bring a broad range of expertise to the table. And even though I don't always agree with their point of view, I respect their capacity to make the right decision. I know for a fact that each one of us also shares their perspective as a chapter member or that of a state/provincial association to bear in the choices we make. As I embark on my second term at the national level, I ask for your continued support. I welcome your ideas, questions, and criticisms and will do my best to reply. But please keep in mind that regardless of how qualified or well-meaning the seven of us Trustees may be, our marketing efforts alone will not increase membership. If FCRV is to attract and keep new members, our future is ultimately in your hands. As I have had to reconsider my attitudes, priorities, and obligations as a Trustee, I encourage each of you to make a commitment to keep your chapter alive by inviting others to join in the fun and friendship we all enjoy when we're together. In addition, I ask you to think about volunteering for one of the director positions listed on page 4 of this newsletter. Do you have some expertise that you are willing to share? I believe you do.

Sue Carlsen,
Corresponding Secretary,
FCRV

Spring into camping with Family and Friends

Hosted by the Teens and Youth .
MSA State Spring Campout 18, 19, 20, 2012
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Regina Jentzen
 1343 Church St.



Mount Morris, MI 48458

{989} 233-6658 cell phone

poohracerette14@aol.com

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