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*"Family Fun Through Camping In Michigan"*

## 2013 Campout Announcements

- ✓ Great Lakes Regional Campout, July 7-11, 2013; Illinois State Fairgrounds Springfield IL
- ✓ 53<sup>RD</sup> Campvention, July 14-18; Amana Colonies, Iowa
- ✓ Retiree Rally September 3-7; Church of God Campground St. Louis, MI
- ✓ State Fall September 20-22, 2013; Covenant Hills Campground Otisville, MI
- ✓ Blue Water District Mixer, September 27-29, 2013, Imlay City Fairgrounds
- ✓ Halloween Campout October 11-13; Hudsonville Fairgrounds

Registrations forms found at [www.mifcrv.org](http://www.mifcrv.org), click "camping schedule".

## Come celebrate 50 Years with Michigan's First Chapter

Michigan's first chapter, Tails-A-Wagon, will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on September 20-22, 2013, at the State Fall Campout at Covenant Hills Campground in Otisville. Chartered in 1963, Tails-A-Wagon will host the campout—the theme for the weekend is "Fall into the Fifties." So, find your '50s outfits and pack them for the event. Many charter members will be attending, so come and reminisce about times past. The hospitality room will be a great place to gather and enjoy some anniversary cake and to glance at photos from past years.

A variety of entertainment is planned throughout the weekend. Ross and Jana Dolittle will entertain in the hospitality room on Friday night. Jana (Chilson) Dolittle is a charter member of Tails-A-Wagon. On Saturday, T. J. Thomas and Kentucky Strait will be the highlight of the evening program. The Sunday morning church service will feature The Rob Mills Family.

The campout will have games for all ages. Youth activities will have a pirate theme. On Saturday, a Teen Pageant, Tea, and Ball will be held. Also, chapter projects and craft time are being planned. In addition, several vendors are scheduled to attend. After several years of not having vendors at the campouts, it will be nice to once again welcome their support. So, make sure to plan a visit to see what offerings the vendors have for sale.

The fall campout is centrally located in the state, and event organizers hope that those in Ontario, Ohio, Indiana, and other states will join Michiganders in the festivities. The campground is located near the German-themed town of Frankenmuth, famous for its chicken dinners, and the Birch Run Outlet Mall. Fall colors in the area should be beautiful at that time.

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## News from the President...

The State Spring Campout in Charlevoix is now over, and a great fun-filled weekend it was, as over 40 families attended Under the Big Top in the North. Although Saturday began with just a bit of light rain, the overall weather was seasonal and very nice. Many in attendance spoke of what a great time they had, from the fresh-baked cookies to the Saturday night Karaoke. As I sat listening to several members sharing their singing talents, I couldn't help but smile and think of the many friendships that make our organization so great.

I would like to congratulate our new youth royalty; Teenie King Mark Graves, Teenie Queen Alexa Jentzen, Prince Luke Kurburski, and Princess Maddison Graves.

The State Fall Campout is being hosted by Tails-A-Wagon at Covenant Hills Campground in Otisville. Mark your calendar as the hosts are planning a fabulous fall weekend.

Being a part of this great organization for over 40 years, it is an honor and a privilege to serve the membership of Michigan as MSA President, and I thank each and every one of you.

Dave Mull, MSA President



### 2013-2014 Youth Royalty

L to R: Alexa Jentzen, Luke Kurburski, Maddison and Mark Graves

## State Director News...

What a great weekend at the 2013 MSA State Spring Campout in beautiful Charlevoix. If you were not able to join us you missed a fantastic weekend! There were many activities that kept us very active and the facility was lovely. Thank you to the Kurburski and Mull families, the hard-working committee chairs and volunteers for an absolutely wonderful weekend!

Congratulations to our 2013 Youth Royalty and all the participants in the youth pageant...we enjoyed watching all the fun and talent of our young members.

We had the honor and privilege to present chapter anniversary awards to the following chapters: Chapter 77—Tip of the Mitt, 10 years; Chapter 316—Traverse Bay Travelers, 15 years; Chapter 235—Lay-Zee-Hayseeds, 40 years; Chapter 233—Pioneers, 40 years; Chapter 88—Early Risers, 45 years; and Chapter 1—Tails-A-Wagon, 50 years. Congratulations to all of you for your support and dedication to Family Campers and RVers© in Michigan. Tails-A-Wagon members were also presented with a plaque from the membership of the Michigan State Association.

This year's state director award was presented to Keith and Mitzi Woolworth. For the first time ever Keith was speechless!!! Keith grew up in FCRV and he and Mitzi continue to do many things for our association behind the scenes with many of us unaware of their involvement. They are Valley District Directors and Keith was recently appointed the

Communication Director for MSA. We thank them for all their hard work and dedication.

Congratulations and best wishes to our 2013 graduates. As a reminder to them, FCRV offers a free honorary membership to 20-year-olds who live with their parents, are single, and enrolled in a college, technical school or serving in the military. You may request this membership by providing us each year until the age of 24 your name, birthdate, parent's name and address. We also suggest you take advantage of scholarships offered through FCRV and MSA. Contact us for assistance.

Campvention pre-registration will end soon...please consider attending and experiencing FCRV on a national level! Michigan will host a hospitality, there will be a float and noise parade for our royalty and the Michigan get-together. We need lots of help and know we will also enjoy our week together in Iowa. We are so proud Brittany Huryn is representing Michigan in the national teen pageant with escort Shawn Crookedacre...please let them know Michigan is there to support them.

Please put the 2013 MSA State Fall Campout on your calendar. Chapter 1 is hosting for their 50th anniversary celebration and have lots of things planned for us.

Enjoy this camping season and please take advantage of the Cadet Membership Contest to help grow MSA...once a Cadet experiences camping the FCRV way, they will be hooked! John & Linda English, Michigan State Directors

### From the Editor...

Forward your chapter newsletter to share your chapter activities with all members.

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### Cadet Membership Contest

April 1-September 30, 2013 submit 3 cadet memberships to receive a \$5 merchandise voucher. You can receive up to \$30 in merchandise vouchers. One prize winner per region will win a \$100 gift card. One grand prize winner will be named at Campvention 2014. For more information review the details on the FCRV Website. [www.fcrv.org](http://www.fcrv.org)



## Spring Campout Wrap Up...

We hope that everyone that attended had an excellent time and for those that did not attend you were missed. We had homemade cookies all weekend and for those that registered early they received a dozen cookies just for them. The Church of God Campground in Charlevoix provided a wonderful venue for easy accessibility for everyone. Thursday was a beautiful day with many arriving early to enjoy the weather and early bird activities. On Friday many enjoyed a trip to Friske's Orchard with a wagon ride and lunch, many then ventured off to enjoy the area. On Friday evening we had candy bar bingo, youth activities, youth pageant practice, and just enjoying each other's company by the campfire.

Saturday brought a great program on Cushman's by Paul Jones and crafts with JoDee Pruden. All of the young contestants did a super job with the pageant. We had a hot dog lunch provided by the teens. In the afternoon we had family games and horseshoes. In the evening we had a camp wide potluck with lots of yummy food. The evening awards and program on Native American culture followed. Then everyone enjoyed carnival games and karaoke.

Sunday we served pancakes with real maple syrup followed by church with the "Praise Gang Puppets".

I want to say it was a great campout and thank everyone for making it so memorable.

Anne Kurburski, Campout Co-Chair



Having fun at family games at Spring campout.

Liz, Emily, and Katie Kurburski performing a Highland dance.



## Come celebrate 50 Years with Michigan's First Chapter Continued...

All sites have full hookups. Fees include: \$25 activity fee; \$12 a night camping fee (Friday and Saturday); and \$15 a night fee for early arrivals (Thursday). To register, please use the form found at [www.mifcrv.org](http://www.mifcrv.org). The deadline is September 13, 2013. Registration form and fees are to be sent to Mitzi Woolworth, 8752 South New Lothrop Rd., Durand, MI 48429.

Cabins are available for rent for those who prefer not to camp. Also, catered meals are offered for a fee. Registration for cabins and

meals must be made in advance. Please contact Covenant Hills at 810-631-4531 or [www.covenanthills.org](http://www.covenanthills.org). The campground features a wide variety of amenities, including hiking trails, bicycle trails, a playground, basketball and volleyball courts, a game room and an ice cream parlor.

Come and celebrate with Tails-A-Wagon and make this a year to remember. See you in September.

Nancy Edgar, Tails-A-Wagon charter member

Linda English singing karaoke Saturday night



Shawn Crookedacre getting into the spirit.



**"Clowning Around" at the Spring Campout...**



Bottom Left: Our pageant stage hands Samie-Jo Schaub and Jane Thornton

Bottom Right: Foster Kurburski passing out goodies.





## With Deepest Sympathy



**Sandy Bauman** passed away April 7, 2013. She was a member of the Torchlighter chapter. A second generation NCHA/FCRV and a Blue Water Field staff member. Sandy was avid about conservation and wild life.

**Russell Yager** passed away May 27, 2013. He was a member of Chapter 76 Metro Merry Campers. Most remember Russ as the tall guy with the big white cowboy hat.



Good luck to Teen Royalty Brittany Huryn and Shawn Crookedacre at Campvention. Everyone will be rooting for you.



### Southeast District Mixer

Top Left: Youth showing their horses to the Judges.  
Top Right: Alexa Jentzen wearing Bob Linder's alligator hat  
Bottom Left: Campers making stick horses for the competition.  
Bottom Right: Campers presenting their horses to the judges.





## 2013 MSA State Spring Campout



Brittany Huryn, Emily, Liz, and Katie Kurburski singing karaoke



Michigan Royalty



Alexa Jentzen's interview with Emcee Pete Schaub



Youth Pageant contestants L/R; Peter Kurburski, Luke Kurburski, Acacia Pallas, Maddison Graves, Meagan Pallas, Alexa Jentzen



Chapter 1 receiving a plaque for their 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary from State Directors John and Linda English



## 2013 Northern District Campout Hawaiian Style



Jim and Sue Gilbert  
getting into the spirit



Northern District  
certificate winners with  
their District Directors



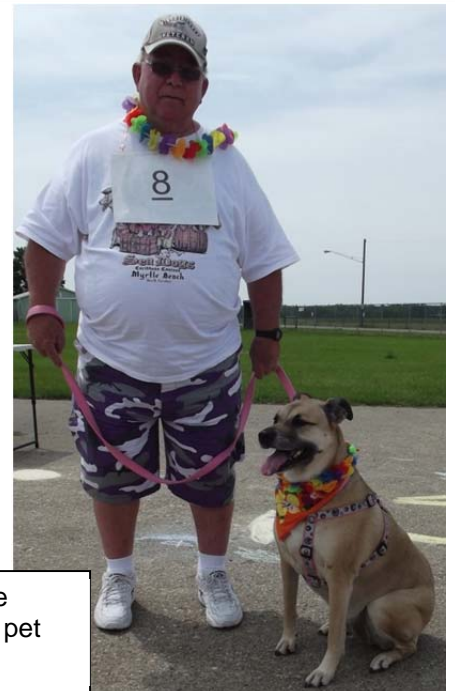
Playing family games



Luke Kurburski ready for the  
stuffed pet parade



Luke Kurburski got creative and made  
his own game for family game  
participants



Floyd McClelland and Kadie  
waiting to be judged for the pet  
parade



## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The spring campout is now just a wonderful memory and I must admit we had a great time "clowning around" in Charlevoix!! Thank you campout committees!

Spring campout was also the closing weekend for scholarship applications. I am happy to report that I received 5 applications this year! That is great!! This is a wonderful opportunity for members to receive help with their college expenses. The applications will be judged over the summer and awards will be presented at the fall 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](mailto:scholarship@mifcrv.org). Also Scholarship application forms are available on the MSA website. See you at the fall campout!

Jane Thornton, Scholarship Director

## Etiquette for Dog Owners

Taken in part from the Humane Society...

As pet owners, we have a responsibility to manage our pets and ensure good behavior.

1. Always leash your dog. Adhere to leash laws as everyone is not comfortable around dogs.
2. Prevent barking. Redirect your dog who barks. Allowing your dog to bark appears inconsiderate, careless, and frightening.
3. Be aware of other peoples' space. Keep your leashed dog close to you and stay alert. Your leash should be slack but short enough to prevent your dog from contacting or jumping on passers-by.
4. Be aware of other peoples' feelings. If your dog does something that upsets someone else apologize and take measures to prevent the situation from re-occurring.
5. Scoop your poop! Few things sour dog-to-human relations more than poop left where others can step in it. Keep an excess of bags with you at all times. Cleaning up every time will set a good example for others and promote an image of dog owners as caring, responsible citizens.

## 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>

River Ridge RV Resort

22265 8 Mile Rd.

Stanwood, MI 49346

(877)287-4837

[www.michcampgrounds.com/riverridgervresort](http://www.michcampgrounds.com/riverridgervresort)

E-Mail: [Rick@riverridgeresort.com](mailto:Rick@riverridgeresort.com)

## 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).

## POLICY-TWENTY YEAR OLD HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

1. Any single child of an FCRV member in good standing, may at the age of 20, request of the State/Provincial Director that his/her name be placed on the 20 year old honorary membership list. The name, address, and birth date of the 20 year old will be provided to the national office through the State/Provincial Directors.
2. FCRV will extend the membership of a single child through the age of 24 if that individual is in the military or a student in college or technical school. This extension ceases upon leaving college, release from the military, marriage, or lack of application to the State/Provincial Director each year for a membership extension. At the end of the extension period the member must pay for a renewal at the going rate.



# PENGUIN PAGE



Hi everyone! I hope you all are enjoying this amazing Michigan weather although it changes every minute. I look forward to the numerous campouts and national! I am excited to say that I am graduating June 2nd with honors after a long but amazing 12 years. Can't wait to see you around a campfire soon! Much love,  
**Brittany Huryn, Michigan Teen Queen**

**Teen Royalty**  
**2012-13 Teen Queen**  
 Brittany Huryn  
**2012-13 Teen King**  
 Shawn Crookedacre  
**State Teen Directors**  
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Hi, I have attended several campouts this year. Thank you so much for a great time at the Southeast District mixer. I placed 1st in the horse race it was fun. I won it by a nose. I attended the spring campout and the Northern District Mixer and had a lot of fun. Please attend national to support Brittany if you can make the trip. Go Blue!!!  
 See you camping!!!  
**Shawn Crookedacre, Michigan Teen King**

## Teen Pageant Registration deadline: August 1

Please print or type:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Mo. Day Year  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Number: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Talent \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The MSA sound equipment can no longer play cassette tapes. Please bring two-good copies if using a CD!

**Resume must accompany registration form.**

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

**Mail registration to:** Samie-Jo Schaub, Pageant Coordinator, 9355 E. Lakeview Hills Rd., Traverse City, MI 49684.  
 Phone: 231.642.7735. Email: [pageant@mifcrv.org](mailto:pageant@mifcrv.org)



## Teen Pageant Rules

### Registration deadline is August 1.

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 independently.
  - 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 pageant coordinator 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 or 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.
    - D. The MSA sound equipment can no longer play cassette tapes.
    - E. If music is on CD, please bring 2 good copies.
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: [pageant@mifcrv.org](mailto:pageant@mifcrv.org)





Camping season is upon us. Hopefully you have already had the opportunity to go camping. It was great to see everyone at State Spring. Charlevoix was an awesome location! Many took advantage of not having to haul rigs north by staying in the dorms. Not something I would like to do every campout, but a welcomed change for once in a while. That is part of the beauty of our organization. Many different people or groups have the opportunity to host a campout and expose the rest of us to the beauty that waits to be seen in their corner of Michigan. I know we anticipate returning to Charlevoix in the future as well as any other spot in Michigan that members would like to take us.

Anne Kurburski, Spring Campout Co-Chair, not only helped with planning the campout, but she and

her crew did a fantastic job entertaining the youth. The kids enjoyed the fun activities that were planned for them. "Thank you" to Mrs. Kurburski for all of her and her crew's hours of time involved for our Michigan youth! Thank you, too, for taking up the next MSA Youth Director position.

I'd like to congratulate our new royalty for 2013. Everyone did a wonderful job! Teenie Queen is Alexa Jentzen. Teenie King is Markie Graves. Princess is Maddison Graves and her court includes Acacia Pallas and Meagan Pallas. Prince is Peter Kurburski and his court is Luke Kurburski. Congratulations!! Please remember to invite them to your campouts. People love to see them and they love to see members, too!

Congratulations to the winners of the Camping Is Contest as well. Posters are judged according to age groups and everyone did a fantastic job.

Whether you are camping or just playing in the sun, remember to HAVE FUN and BE SAFE!!

Brenda Duplanty, Michigan Youth Director



Princess, Maddison Graves



Prince, Luke Kurburski

Hi Michigan Campers,

My name is Alexa Jentzen and I'm the Teenie Queen for 2013-2014. I'm 6 years old. I am finishing 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

I am looking forward to summer vacation. I plan on riding my bike. I just learned to ride without training wheels, and playing with my friends. I am playing 4 pitch softball. I hope to be in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade with either my ball team or with the Girl Scouts.

I hope to make it to as many campouts as possible. You can email my mom at

[teeniequeen@mifcrv.org](mailto:teeniequeen@mifcrv.org)

I love you guys,

Alexa Jentzen, Michigan Teenie Queen



Teenie Queen, Alexa Jentzen



Teenie King, Mark Graves

### Youth Royalty

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Maddison Graves

#### Prince

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