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## The Michigander

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2016 Campout Announcements

April 22-24 – Southeast District Mixer, Springfield Oaks Fairgrounds, Davisburg, MI

April 29, 30 & May 1 – Blue Water Spring Mini Mixer, Port Huron Twp. Park

- May 20-22 MSA State Spring Campout, Hillsdale County Fairgrounds, Hillsdale, MI
- June 10-15 Northern District Mixer, Gladwin Fairgrounds, Gladwin, MI
- July 24-29 Campvention, Shawnee Expo Center, Shawnee, Oklahoma Early Arrivals - July 21, 22, 23, 2016
- August 5-7 Regional Campout Hillsdale County Fairgrounds, Hillsdale, MI
- Sept. 14-18 MSA State Fall Campout, Church of God Campground, Charlevoix, MI
- Sept. 24-26 Blue Water District Mixer, Imlay City Fairgrounds, Imlay City, MI

(Also see registration forms on pages 11-14)

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## Awards

At the State Fall Campout in Imlay City we were please to present the Jonsey Award to Emily Kurburski.

Remember to send in your nominations for the Family of the Year and the Jonsey Award. Nominations are due by June 1st.

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 you may think 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 you feel is relevant.

Please mail your nominations to: Jamie and Kaylene VanWagner 502 Andres St. Chesaning, MI 48616 or e-mail them to jkvanw@centurytel.net.

Thank you. Jamie and Kaylene VanWagner, Awards Committee



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## News from the MSA President

Where has the camping season gone? It seems like it was just a short time ago that we began our camping season in Davisburg for the State Spring campout. Memorial Day weekend we camped with our chapter at River Ridge Campground near Breckenridge. In June we camped in Gladwin joining the Northern District for their "Place or Show" themed campout, followed by a week-long vacation *freighter watching* at Algonac State Park. Our mid-summer was spent attending many car shows throughout Michigan; displaying our 45th anniversary edition 2009 Ford Mustang.

Our camping travels resumed Labor Day weekend, with our annual campout and auction at River Country Campground near Evart. Celebrating Michigan State Association's 50th State Fall Campout with the theme of "Cruising into the Future: 50 Years of Family Fun," we enjoyed a fun-filled weekend in Imlay City; it was nice to see some of our past royalty in attendance.

Although the timing wasn't in order for a car cruise at the fall campout, in conjunction with the Blue Water Mixer campout theme, "Cruising Down the Highway with THE TORCHLIGHTERS," our West Michigan Mustang Club made a brief cruise-in / stop-over at the fairgrounds in Imlay City. Our camping season closed with our attending the annual Halloween Campout, in Hudsonville, hosted by the Little House on Wheels chapter and the Mid-West District.

At the State Fall Campout, we had the combined youth and teen pageants as approved by the MSA board, on a trial basis. At the November Delegate meeting, further discussion is planned on this subject, with the vote of the delegates following.

Also, discussion and vote will be on the proposed change to the yearly delegate meetings. The proposal was suggested, at the February delegate meeting, that the February meeting be moved to be held at the Spring campout; the general membership meeting currently held at the Spring campout would then be moved to the Fall campout.

What fun we had this year, sharing many adventures and conversation with our great Michigan membership. Like many, I'm looking forward, hopefully, to a mild winter that will past as fast as these last six months have.

Dave Mull, MSA President

#### Michigander <u>DEADLINE DATES</u>

**DEADLINES** for submitting articles to the Michigander are: **December 10** for the January issue

March 10 for the April issue

Friday after State Spring for the July issue

Friday after State Fall for the October issue

You can start **TODAY** by sending articles to: michigander@mifcrv.org.



#### STATE DIRECTOR'S NEWS

We were so excited to see everyone at Michigan State Association's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campout! There were so many members we reacquainted with and several *First Timers*. We even had members from other states and Canada attend our campout!

We are so thankful to be members of FCRV in Michigan. We think between bouncing back from a recession and people enjoying this beautiful state, camping is making a comeback! The RV Industry sure says

it is. Let's all advertise any way we can to spread the word about family camping in Michigan to increase our membership.

Congratulations to our 2015-16 royalty! Every contestant was fantastic!

Congratulations to this year's Scholarship Winners. Please consider applying for the Michigan and National Scholarships...start filling out the application now so it is not so rushed in the spring! Every little bit helps when attending college.

FCRV National Dues will increase to \$35 per year beginning January 1, 2016. This is a great time to evaluate Lifetime Membership or pay several years in advance.

Our annual field staff *Octoberest* will be held October 24, 2015 at the Best Western of Birch Run. This is open to any FCRV member who wishes to join us. We will be planning the 2016 Regional Campout which will be held in Hillsdale...it is Michigan's turn in the regional rotation to host. Due to hosting the Regional Campout, we are hosting the 2016 MSA Spring Campout also in Hillsdale so everyone can get an idea of what the area has to offer. If you would like to help us, please let us know.

Changes in chapter officers should be forwarded to us at your earliest convenience. Also remember to forward your 2016 chapter schedules. If there are changes or additions to your camping schedules during the camping season, please forward the changes to us.

If you haven't done so, it is also a good idea to review your chapter constitution and bylaws to reflect how your chapter currently operates. Please forward any changes to us.

Would you like to be included in our "Email Blast" email group? Please email us at <u>mifcrv@mifcrv.org</u> so you are included in our first source of communication in our state.

Remember to put the November MSA Meeting on your calendar and be sure to attend.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and dedication to FCRV in Michigan.

We wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season.

John & Linda English, Michigan State Directors

#### FALL CAMPOUT WRAP-UP

The Michigan State Association field staff and generous volunteers hope you enjoyed MSA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campout held at the Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds in Imlay City. Thank you for supporting our state fall campout. There were many First Timers in attendance along with Michigan members we have not seen in some time and support from our national organization by members from Canada, Indiana, Missouri and Kansas camping with us for the weekend! It was exciting to see the number of families camping and families who joined us for the day Saturday. We were especially honored to have the FCRV National Teen Queen, Megan Douglas from Canada; National Teen Queen First Runner-Up Beth O'Neil from Illinois; National Teen Queen Second-Runner-up Lauren Pallas from Michigan and National Teen King First Runner-up Peter Kurburski from Michigan as our guests for the weekend.

We tried a different type of family entertainment and we have heard lots of praise for Barbara Jean, singer, ventriloquist, comedian and former Miss Michigan who also won a Miss America talent contest in Atlantic City! We found her through www.ruschentertainment.com.

Congratulations to the 2015-16 MSA Royalty; Teen Queen, Emily Kurburski; Teen King, Shawn Crookedacre; First Runner Up and Miss Congeniality Katie Kurburski, Miss Talent/Court Elizabeth Kurburski, Court Sierra Woolworth, and Prince Luke Kurburski. We heard the judges had to resolve a double tie so it took a little longer for them to deliberate! The pageant was a great success thanks to all the hard work of the many volunteers.

We believe we have gained at least four new members from the fall campout. These families will receive Cadet Memberships in March so they can take advantage of the six-month free membership to attend other campouts throughout our state.

Congratulations to Fred and Shirley Schaeding who were crowned Michigan's Retiree King and Queen at the annual retiree rally held in September.

Congratulations to this year's Scholarship Winners; Elizabeth Kurburski and Shawn Crookedacre. Good luck in your college studies this year.

Emily Kurburski received this year's Jonsey Award; the prestigious teen award.

Thank you to the field staff and members who attended the field staff meeting at the fall campout. We had a great discussion and Hugh Hicks spoke to us on behalf of FCRV.

We extend our heartfelt thank you to the field staff and many volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this campout so successful. We believe we celebrated and honored our state association anniversary to the best of our ability.

John & Linda English, Campout Chairs

## Editor's Note: Please submit campout registrations to me by email: <u>Michigander@mifcrv.org</u>







## **BLUE WATER DISTRICT NEWS**

39 units & 10 visitors "Cruised" into Imlay City for the Blue Water Mixer Sept. 25-27, 2015 celebrating The Torchlighters 45th Anniversary!! 6 units attended the State Fall Campout prior to our campout and spent the week in between at the fairgrounds the weather was perfect and a good time was had by all. Hope to see more campers next Sept. 24-26, 2016. You are also invited to our Spring Mini Mixer April 29-May 1, 2016 at Port Huron Township Park.



Dave and Heidi Mull and 25-30 members of their Ford Mustang car club stopped for a break.





## With Deepest Sympathy





William A. Sadecki, 74 - William A. Sadecki, age 74 of Algonac passed away June 3, 2015. He was a retired Sergeant for the Hamtramck Police Department.

Bill and Carol were former field staff in the Blue Water District. Please keep Carol and the Sadecki Family in your thoughts and prayers.

**Richard ''Pork'' DeCabooter** - It is with great sadness that we report the passing of "Pork" DeCabooter on the evening of July 5; National President 1982-86, Michigan President and State Director. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jan and the DeCabooter family during this difficult time.



Congratulations to this year's two Scholarship winners. The awards were presented at the Michigan State Association's State Fall campout in Imlay City on September 19th.

The A Scholarship was presented to Elizabeth Kurburski. Elizabeth is attending Michigan State University pursuing a degree in food science; the study of physical, biological and chemical make-up of food. This study is about developing new food items with the maximum amount of nutrition without genetically modified organisms and maintaining organic quality. Elizabeth loves camping with her family and feels that her involvement with FCRV has helped mold her into the person she is today.

Shawn Crookedacre was awarded the B Scholarship. Shawn is currently enrolled at Mott Community College in Flint and is working towards his degree in Construction Management. He was involved in many construction trade classes in high school and really enjoyed it. His goals in life are to go to college, get a good job, get married and have a family, and camp a lot.

I would like to thank the following for donations to the Scholarship Fund: Tails-a-Wagon and the Woolworth Family in memory of Pat Eaton; Still a Goin' #184 in memory of Bill Link and to Traverse Bay Travelers. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

The Scholarship Board of Directors reviewed the Scholarship By-laws and the following changes will become effective January 1, 2016:

- Application deadline: June 1st
- All applications mailed by U.S. mail must have a legible post office marked date stamp on the envelope to be accepted for judging. Applications emailed will be accepted by the date and time on the email.
- Applicants must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average based on a 4.0 grading scale.
- The applicant or applicant's parents must have attended at least one (1) Michigan FCRV campout in the previous year and camped/stayed overnight one night. The qualifying campouts are: MSA State Spring or State Fall campout or a District campout.
- If the Scholarship award recipient fails to attend school during the academic year for one full semester/quarter, the money must be returned to the Scholarship Fund. Recipient must submit a transcript from the school or college at the end of the first completed semester/quarter to the Scholarship Director. Transcripts must be receive by February 1st of the year following award receipt or return the award. Failure to comply shall render applicant ineligible for future scholarships.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Teens living at home planning to attend college or a trade school, upon turning 20 years of age, will need to request a 20-year old honorary membership from the Michigan State Director to apply for a free membership. To be eligible for a National or Michigan FCRV scholarship, you must be a member in good standing. (See policy below)

Scholarship applications are available on the MSA website, <u>www.mifcrv.org</u>. Be sure to apply for a national scholarship; the contact information is at the bottom of the Michigan scholarship application. For questions contact: Jane Thornton, Scholarship Director, 2084 Madsen Rd., Saginaw, MI 48601 Ph. 989-777-5958 E-mail: <u>scholarship@mifcrv.org</u>

Jane Thornton, Scholarship Director

#### 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.



#### FCRV National Scholarship Board Directors FAMILY CAMPERS AND RV'ers National Scholarship Recipient: 2015

It is our pleasure to announce that Taylor J. McClelland of Michigan has received one of twelve National Scholarships awarded this year. Taylor is enrolled in year four at Michigan State University, East Lansing, in the Human Biology program. The criteria for a National Scholarship are available on line at the FCRV web site: applicants must demonstrate high academic success; involvement in FCRV activities; participation in community activities and provide two references. This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship Management Services, a department of Scholarship America.

FCRV is proud of Taylor's accomplishments to date and wishes her success in her academic career.

Carl & Lynda Wood

# We welcome the Teen Royalty

#### Hello,

It is my pleasure to represent the Great State of Michigan for the 2015-2016 year as your Teen Queen. I am so excited for all of the opportunities that are ahead and hope to make you all proud!

If you have any chapter or district campouts, let me know and I will try to get to as many of them as possible!

I am currently a senior in high school and am well underway in my final season of Varsity Girl's Golf. We hope to qualify for states this year in mid-October. I will be going to the Blue-Water District Mixer this month and am looking forward to the Halloween Campout and Octoberrest in October!

I am extremely excited for nationals that will take place in Oklahoma this year! I hope many of you are able to make it out there for an exciting week! I hope to see you all this year and make you proud! With much love, your 2015-2016 Michigan Teen Queen, Emily Kurburski





I'M BACK!!! I am so glad to be representing this great state as your Teen King. This will be the third time Emily and I have been together as King and Queen. Third times the charm!!! I can't wait to camp with all of you for the 2015-2016 camping season. I am now a freshman in College. I'm attending Mott Community College, as well as working part time. I hope to see you all camping. Shawn Crookedacre

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#### **Michigan Retiree Rally Guidelines**

#### Michigan State Retiree Director Duties (Appointed by the Michigan State Director) Print Registration Forms

- 1. Determine the site location
- 2. Sign the contract
- 3. Appoint the following:
  - Retiree Rally Coordinator a.
  - b. Registrar
  - Rally Treasure c.
  - d. Rally secretary

#### **Appointments**

- The Registrar has the most complicated and time-consuming task. The job should be assigned to someone with a home address. Attention to detail is important.
- The Treasure should be selected for ability to handle books.
- Registration forms must be available one year prior to the rally.

Food

Games

- If possible, the estimated budget for next year's Rally should be available at this year's Rally. Work closely with the Rally Coordinator.
- The program is the most important document at the Rally for the Registrant. Your task is to insure that everything is covered and that activities are scheduled for the proper date and time.

#### **Rally General Instructions—Committee Chairpersons**

- Chairpersons should work together toward the goal of a good rally. If conflicts arise, consult the Rally Coordinator. 1.
- Chairpersons are responsible for all assigned equipment and ensuring that the said equipment is forwarded to next year's Chairperson. 2.
- 3. Where possible, schedules should be posted so Committees can plan their activities.
- Expenditures should be kept within budget and an expense voucher prepared before submission to the Rally Treasurer. 4.

#### **Committees:**

- Parking
- Hospitality

#### Rally Coordinator (Appointed by the State Retiree Director)

- Determine the theme of the Rally 1.
- Appoint committee chairs 2.
- 3. Confirm meal arrangements
- 4. Confirm entertainment arrangements

#### **Rally Treasure**

- 1. Collect and record all income and expenses
- 2. Pay all bills

#### Registrar

4.

- 1. Receives and records the registration forms
- 2. Deposits registration fees into the MSA Retiree Account OR forwards to Rally Treasurer
- Keeps the registration process running smoothly 3.
- Create a Registration Form with Rally Coordinator and 4. State Retiree Director.
- 5. Create a registration list showing the registration number, FCRV membership number, name, address, telephone, total number of people in unit, and amount paid.
- Other columns should be available for date of refund status, 6. Special Needs, VIP, First Timer, and International King

#### **Rally General Information**

- 1. All rally attendees must be members of FCRV in good standing.
- 2. At least one member must be retired.
- 3. First time guests are welcome.
  - a. Promote FCRV and provide membership information
  - Members should be well-informed about rally activities and local services to be helpful to other registrants.
- 5. Day Pass members/guests must be registered upon entry to the Rally.
- Questions or problems should be initially addressed with the Committee Chairperson. 6.
- 7. Every effort will be made to be cheerful and cooperative. Chairpersons should attempt to solve problems fairly and quickly.

- Entertainment
- Crafts and Flea Market
- King and Queen Contest Special Programs/Activities

Mail Registration forms to :

State Director

State Webmaster

Work with Rally Coordinator on program

Oversee and assist the Rally Coordinator

Provide Budget to Rally Coordinator, Rally Treasure

a.

b.

- 5. Create and print program book
- Provide oversight and assistance to all committee chairs 6.
- Check with chairpersons periodically 7.
- 3. Provide a budget for next year's rally coordinator
- Turn over all profits to MSA Treasurer 4.

and Queen.

- 7. Deposit all funds collected before the Rally begins minimally every two weeks.
- 8. Endorse the check with "for deposit only", and send to MSA Treasurer for deposit into MSA Retiree account.
- 9. Assign persons to welcome members when they arrive.
- 10. Hand out packets containing schedule, details to finalize registration, and other pertinent information.
- 11. Parking will show member where to park.
- 12. Designate and assign persons to finalize registration.
- 13. All early day fees must be paid at the time of registration

#### **General Rally Schedule**

Monday: Early arrivals: Register with the Campground office upon arrival

Tuesday: Register with Campground Office upon arrival.

12:00-3:00 PM 12:00-10:00 PM	Registration Hospitality
5:30 PM	- ·
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Wednesday:	
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Hospitality
9:30 AM	Washer Toss
10:00 AM	Registration
1:30 PM	Bean Bag Baseball
4;00-7:00 PM	Dime Auction
7:00 PM	Ticket Call-Off
Thursday:	
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Hospitality
9:30 AM	Bocce Ball
5:30 PM	Dinner Handicapped arrive at 5:15pm
7:00 PM	Entertainment followed by Ice Cream Social
Friday:	
8:00 AM	Golf Outing
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Hospitality
1:00 PM	Finals for Games
7:00 PM	Awards and Pageant
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**Rally ends Saturday** 

Michigan Retiree Rally Guidelines

July 2013

Dear Michigan Retiree Members,

We have submitted our resignation as Michigan State Retiree Directors effective immediately. We will still be actively attending the September Rally. We would like to offer our help to the next directors when they are appointed. We would like to thank everyone for their help and support during the past five years.

Sincerely, Frank and Kay Newman

#### **MICHIGAN RETIREE RALLY**

When, where? September 6-10, 2016 at the Church of God Campground, 8489 N. Bagley Rd, St Louis, Michigan 48880 Every Retiree in Michigan is invited to come to this rally. You do not have to belong to a chapter. Come join us and let's have some fun!

Amanda MacDonald is our person on registration and she will be putting an application in the Michigander by the January 2016 issue.

Some of the things going on during the rally will be: MEALS! Tuesday will be fish and fries and Thursday pulled pork, chips, and salad will be served. There will also be an ice cream social and bingo. Lots of games will be going on and door prizes - if you can, please bring one.

Barb Jorham will be coordinating the hospitality. Our chair people Fred & Shirley Schaeding will be planning things with their committees.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you Retirees next year at the Michigan Retiree Rally!

## Page 9 CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

#### Three Generations Have Served as President of Michigan's Tails-A-Wagon Club

When Don and Juanita Woolworth were elected as presidents of Michigan's first chapter, Tails-A-Wagon, in 1963, little did they know that their son and grandson would succeed them in that role. Don and Juanita were successful in running the club and drew in a membership of 55 families within the first year. Don later became National President of NCHA-FCRV.

For the Woolworths, camping has always been a major family activity. So, it seems only natural that Don and Juanita's son, Ron Woolworth would later be elected as National Vice President. Ron and his wife, Jackie, would also serve as the presidents of Tails-A-Wagon chapter. In fact, they were presidents during the club's 50th anniversary year and helped to organize the big fall campout honoring the club's half century in 2013.

And now, to top it off, Ron and Jackie's son Matthew and wife, Rachel, have been elected to serve as presidents of Tails-A-Wagon this coming year. This is an unprecedented event in NCHA-FCRV's history. The couple's son, Ronnie, is the 4th generation in the club. Will he be elected to serve in the future? Only time will tell.

Submitted by: Nancy Edgar (charter member of Tails-A-Wagon)



Shown here are three generations who served as presidents of Michigan's Tails-A-Wagon Chapter. On the left is Ron Woolworth, then Juanita Woolworth (Don is deceased), and newly elected Matt Woolworth.



Shown in photo from the left, Juanita Woolworth, son Ron Woolworth and wife Jackie (holding grandson Ronnie) and newly elected Matt Woolworth at Michigan's State Campout in 2013.



Don Woolworth, center, was Tails-A-Wagon's first president in 1963. On the left is Jack Shay, Michigan Field Director and on the right is Art Raby, former State Director of Michigan.



**The Torch Lighters**, Chapter 152, of the Blue Water District receive a certificate for 45 years in FCRV



### **NOTICES!**

November 7, 2015 - Remember the MSA Delegates meeting will be at: 10:00 a.m. Burton Police Dept., 4090 Manor Dr., Burton MI 48519

It was proposed at the February 2015 delegate's meeting to move the business meeting to the May spring campout; the spring general membership meeting would be moved to the September fall campout. The proposed change is due to many committee chairs and delegates wintering in warmer climates, resulting in light turnout at the February MSA delegate meetings.

This proposed change will be readdressed at the November business meeting, followed by a vote of the membership on this proposal.

## **Chaplain's Corner**

**Psalms 1:1-3(KJV)** <sup>1</sup>Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. <sup>2</sup>But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. <sup>3</sup>And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The *Praise Gang Puppeteers* have enjoyed serving God at the FCRV campouts as well as programs for other organizations. Thank you for letting us be a part of your campouts. If you would like the team to hold a service for your campout or organization you can contact me at: <u>chaplain@mifcrv.org</u>; of course you may contact me if you have a spiritual request too.



## **Traverse Bay Travelers**

Every year, during the weekend of Labor Day, Michigan FCRV Chapter #316 Traverse Bay Travelers (along with many other Family and Campers and RVers), hosts an auction at River Country Campground in Evart, Michigan. We enjoy the time we have spent at this beautiful campground each year; tubing down the river, sitting around the campfire, and having group meals during the entire weekend.

Until recently, the campground had numerous trees that offered much needed shade. The trees have been dying due to bugs interrupting their natural environment, and this year our chapter felt the need to restore and



Matt and Clara Dietrich next to sign thanking the Traverse Bay Travelers



Brenda Dietrich, Chapter Treasurer, presenting the check to River Country Campground in Evart aid the campground that we have grown to love over the years.

The auction that we hold during our annual Labor Day campout is always a success, and each year we donate half of the proceeds to a charity organization. This year we decided to donate some of the proceeds back to the campground to replant the trees that had died and had to be removed.

We are looking forward to our campout next year, hopefully in the shade of the trees we love so much. Every year we look forward to the times we spend with our friends and family at this campout; and giving back to the campground while nature makes our camping experience extraordinarily memorable.

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Octoberest 2015

## October 23-25, 2015

Open to all FCRV Members...spread the word!

## Best Western of Birch Run

9087 E. Birch Run Road, Birch Run 989.624.9395 - ask for Heidi Make sure you identify FCRV2015 to receive the group rate. Reservation Deadline for group rate: October 9, 2015

> Room Rate: \$89.99 + tax (exterior rooms) \$107.99 + tax (interior rooms)

All rooms have 2 queen beds; interior rooms have a refrigerator

- Pool and hot tub
- Complementary hot continental breakfast
- Pet friendly

### 3 PM—Saturday, October 24th

Meat will be provided; please bring a pot luck dish to share. The meat, buns and paper products will be paid out of the field staff fund. We have the meeting room all day so feel free to gather early!

Immediately following the meal, we will be brainstorming ideas for 2016 Great Lakes Regional in Hillsdale, solicit help for 2016 State Spring in Hillsdale (John and I are chairs!), 2017 Campvention, sharing, games, \$10 gift exchange, socializing, etc. Please bring snacks to share for the evening and your own beverages.

Please RSVP if you plan to join us Saturday and are not booking a room. John/Linda English 248.797.5030 or <u>statedirectors@mifcrv.org</u>

## Area Attractions

Frankenmuth: <u>http://www.frankenmuth.org/</u> Birch Run Premium Outlets: <u>http://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlets/outlet.asp?id=82</u>



# **MSA State Spring Campout**



Voyage on the Great Lakes MSA State Spring Campout May 20-22, 2016 Early arrivals welcome Thursday

Join us for the 50<sup>th</sup> MSA Spring Campout at: Hillsdale County Fairgrounds 115 South Broad Street Hillsdale, MI 49242

Some of the activities will include: area attractions, cash bingo, family games, hospitality, crafts, project sales, youth activities, Saturday lunch (hosted by the teens), Saturday pot luck supper, Sunday breakfast, Praise Gang Puppeteers.

Make Checks payable to: Michigan State Association/FCRV		Activity Fee (non-refundable) \$25 Camping Fee (\$15 a night) <u>\$30</u> Total Camping Fee for Friday and
Send Registrations to:		Saturday \$55
John/Linda English		· , · · · ·
P.O. Box 215		Friday Gate Registration for
Quincy, MI 49082		unregistered campers \$60
Questions: Call Linda at 248.797.5030 or Email: <u>mifcrv@mifcrv.org</u> <u>Registration Deadline: May 6, 2016</u>		Total Amount Enclosed \$15 x (# of Days) + \$25 activity fee=\$
Hillsdale Website:	The Voyage	www.hillsdalecountyfair.org/camping
Name:		-
Phone:		
Address:		City:
State/Prov.:Zip:	Email Address:	
Chapter Name:		Chapter No.:
M.A.L:		
FCRV Membership Number:		
Type of Unit:		
		'e understand that we will not be with our
chapter. We have a valid state handicap		
* Handicapped registrations MUST be re-		
# of Teens # of Youth (P	lease include names and ages with	registration form.)

There are many things to see and do in Hillsdale County. Plan to arrive early and enjoy South-Central Michigan!



## A Taste of Italy With the Northern District



Date: June 10-11-12, 2016

Place: Gladwin County Fairgrounds 401 S. State St. - Gladwin, MI

Facilities: Electricity, showers, water available, fire in containers No gopher holes, Hobo style camping (If you wish to park together, please come in together)

Fees: \$ 15.00 Rally Fee Advanced Registration (Sorry no refunds)

- \$ 10.00 Per Night Camping Fee
- \$ 35.00 Total for Weekend (No mail backs)
- \$ 12.00 Thursday Arrivals

Please make checks payable to: Northern District FCRV Mail Registrations to: Pete & Samie-Jo Schaub 9355 E. Lakeview Hills Rd. Traverse City, MI 49684 Cell 231-642-7735 E-mail: petsam6@cs.com

#### Northern District Mixer 2016

Name:		nt. Enclosed		
Address:				Chapter No
City:			State:	Zip:
Children: Girls	Ages	Boys	Ag	es
Teens: Girls	Guys			

# **MSA State Fall Campout**



Tailgating in the North MSA State Fall Campout September 14-18, 2016 Early arrivals welcome on Wednesday after 5pm.

Activities: tours, candy bar bingo, evening entertainment, crafts, hot dogs and chips luncheon on Saturday (hosted by the youth), Friday night Walking Taco's, Saturday and Sunday breakfast, family games, washer toss, horseshoes, hospitality (homemade cookies all weekend), Praise Gang outtion Teom/Nauth Decempt worth activities teom activities Join us for touchdowns and team spirit at: Church of God Campground. 13603 Veenstra Road Charlevoix, MI 49720

Puppeteers, project sales, silent auction, Teen/Youth Pageant, youth activities, teen activities.

Saturday: Wear your favorite team jersey/t-shirt and create your ultimate tailgating recipe to share at our campwide tailgating party.

Make Checks payable to: Michigan State Assn/FCRV

Send Registrations to: Dave and Heidi Mull 11435 Prairie Ave Allendale, MI 49401



Activity Fee (non-refundable) \$25 Camping Fee (\$20 a night) <u>\$40</u> Total Camping Fee for Friday and Saturday \$65 Friday Gate Registration for unregistered campers \$70

## **Total Amount Enclosed**

\$20 x \_\_\_\_ (# of Days) + \$25 activity fee= <u>\$\_\_\_\_</u>



Name:		Phone:	
Address:		City:	
State/Prov.:	Zip:	Email Address:	
Chapter Name:		Chapter No.:	M.A.L:
FCRV #:		Expiration Date:	
Type of Unit:		Length ft.:	No. of slide outs

\_\_\_\_\_ We are handicapped and MUST be parked in the handicapped area. We understand that we will not be with our chapter. We have a valid state handicapped certificate, license, or doctor's certificate.

\* Handicapped registrations MUST be received by the registration deadline to be parked in the handicapped area. # of Teens \_\_\_\_\_\_# of Youth \_\_\_\_\_\_ (please provide names and ages on back of form)

© The campground has two cabins for \$20 a night, two cabins for \$30 a night, fourteen dorm rooms for \$20 a night, and two apartment rooms for \$45 a night. If you are interested in these accommodations, please contact Anne Kurburski at <u>akurburski@yahoo.com</u> or 231-838-2335.

<sup>(2)</sup> We are offering two tours. Please check if you are interested

\_\_\_\_ Thursday: Kilwins Chocolate Factory and Maple Moon Sugarbush Farm \_\_\_\_ Friday: Local Farm Tours

Co-Chairs: Anne and Foster Kurburski (231) 838-2335 email: <u>akurburski@yahoo.com</u> Co- Chairs: Dave and Heidi Mull (616) 892-7794 email: spiceman@altelco.net Registration Deadline: September 3, 2016

# **2015 State Fall Campout Fun**











