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

"Bavaria In The Spring"

2010 State Spring Campout

May 14-16, 2010

Churchgrove Campground, Frankenmuth
140 Churchgrove Road at Junction Road

<http://www.stlorenz.org/Church/ChurchgroveCampground/tabid/162/Default.aspx>

Wilkomen to "Bavaria in the Spring!" The 2010 state spring campout will be held in the beautiful City of Frankenmuth, Michigan at the Churchgrove Campground, 140 Churchgrove Road, Frankenmuth 48734 (at St. Lorenz Church.) The planning committee is looking forward to spending a fun, busy and exciting weekend with you.

The hosts are looking for several volunteers so if you are able to give a little of your time during the spring campout, please contact the Malecki family at **989.865.0438** or email them at **hobag100559@aol.com**. They would sure appreciate it! A list of the areas yet to be filled can be found on page 2.

We are busy setting up lots of activities. These include a two-person golf scramble (you must be camping for the weekend to participate) a tour of the St. Lorenz Churches, and a fun SPC hike through the beautiful trails of the Churchgrove Grounds. There will also be adult games and a euchre and garbage tournament planned for Friday night.

We have had many expressed interests in the *Messter Michigan Pageant* which will take place during the Saturday evening program. Contestants who participate in the pageant will perform a talent (3 minute maximum) and be interviewed in their evening wear. Put on your thinking caps and be part of the spoof!

The youth committee is planning a fun program. Friday night will include rehearsals and the opportunity to be creative and make or finish your *Camping Is* posters.

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Presidential Update

Greetings Michigan,

Even though there is snow on the ground you can feel a slight twinge of spring in the air. Although it is only March we are closer to camping season than winter.

The first 2010 MSA meeting in Burton was a success. Turnout was good. Thanks to those who attended.

State Spring campout appears to be on track with some new activities planned. Brenda has reminded me to send in our registration so I am reminding you to do the same.

The State Fall campout is yelling for a host chapter to show her your talents. Actually accepting the challenge is the hard part. The volunteers always step up to make it a success. That's what we enjoy about family camping; we never do it alone.

Campvention offers many opportunities to get out there and volunteer. My favorite is the tram and as luck would have it there was an opening to co-chair it. So if you need to be transported you may see me or my wife, Brenda, at the helm. There always is a need to fill a job. Just ask someone and they will gladly give you a job.

I hear talk of a noise parade like none other is being planned. I would like to say the Michigan get together will be like none you've ever seen but as long as we have food it is always great.

Don't forget to tell everyone about our friendly organization. If every family could invite another family to camp with us our association would really grow quickly. We are selling nothing but ourselves.

I look forward to seeing you around the campfire. Until then go slow, drive safe and have a little fun along the way.

Jim Duplanty, MSA President

Your Help Is Needed

The spring campout hosts need assistance in the committees listed below.

Please consider volunteering and call:

Skip at 989.233.0707 or Hope at 989.233.0708.

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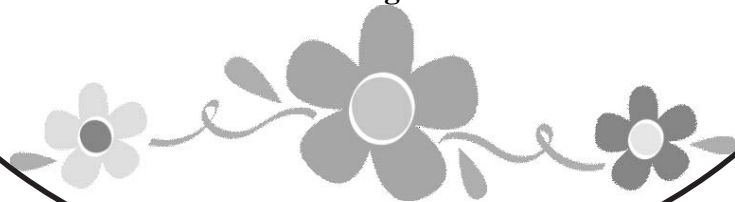
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Membership: 430

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- Commercial Directory only rate is \$3.50 per line for full year (4 issues) (single column width).

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Campvention 2010 Shirts Order Form--final order being placed NOW!

Shirts will be gold with the Campvention logo on the left front.

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T-Shirts	2X, 3X, 4X	\$12.00	_____	_____
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Polo Shirts	2X, 3X, 4X	\$15.00	_____	_____
Polo Shirts w/ pocket	S- XL	\$14.50	_____	_____
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Total Amount of Order: \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: Great Lakes Region NCHA/FCRW

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Address: _____ City: _____ State: __ Zip: _____

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"Bavaria In The Spring"

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We are working on a big surprise for the youth on Saturday morning. The pageant will be moved to the afternoon to make room for everything going on in the morning.

The teens will sponsor a hot dog sale at lunch and their activities may include a movie or night of bowling along with their regular activities. The teens are

also participating in a breast cancer charity activity and are asking you to bring a pink t-shirt to the spring campout and they will place a logo on it for you. Donation??? Fee??? We are hoping to set up a teen jail or a lock in for the teens also, but those plans are still pending.

There is water, bathrooms and a dump station on grounds; however, there are no public showers.

There is plenty to see and do in the Frankenmuth area so it is impossible to go there and do nothing. We hope to see all of you May 14-16, 2010 in Frankenmuth. (See registration form on page 9.)

Please note: there was an error made on the previous registration form. The nonrefundable pre-registration fee is \$25. The camping fee for Friday and Saturday is \$15 per night. Early arrival camping fee is \$25 per night. Gate registration fee is \$60. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

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Drinking From My Saucer

I've never made a fortune
and it's probably too late now.
But I don't worry about
that much,
I'm happy anyhow.
And as I go along life's way,
I'm reaping better than I sowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.
I don't have a lot of riches,
and sometimes the going's tough.
But I've got loved ones
around me,
and that makes me rich enough.
I thank God for his blessings,
and the mercies He's bestowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer,
'cause my cup has overflowed.
I remember times
when things went wrong,
My faith wore somewhat thin.
But all at once the
dark clouds broke,
and the sun peeped
through again.
So God, help me
not to gripe about
the tough rows that I've hoed.
I'm drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.
If God gives me strength
and courage,
when the way grows steep
and rough.
I'll not ask for other blessings,
I'm already blessed enough.
And may I never be too busy,
to help others bear their loads.
Then I'll keep drinking
from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.
~ John Paul Moore ~

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Campvention 2010 Update, Berrien Springs, MI

VIP Area

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

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

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

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

Thank You--Juanita Woolworth, Ed Hollar

Publicity

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

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

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

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

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

Volunteers

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

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

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- Frank/Kay Newman, 2148 Price Rd., Kimball 48074
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There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available and you may choose the time and place where you want to help.

Swap/Trade Items

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

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

Michigan Update

Float--Chair needed!

Noise Parade--Lynch Family (teen king)

Hospitality--Help with regional Michigan Get-Together--Sunday, time to be determined. Gather in the golf cart building.

Monitor the bulletin board for Michigan activities at Campvention.

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PRESIDENT**



Al Evans Update

The past nine months have been a roller coaster and now Al Evans is at Tendercare of Frankenmuth and is doing better. He is getting his strength back in his arms and legs. In therapy they are getting him up and walking with a walker with help of another person. His latest length he has walked is 42 feet. His spirits are good. Al hopes to be able to see you all soon. Al also wants to thank you for all the cards and prayers.



Tony Samardich Update

Thank You FCRV Family for all of the calls, e-mails and prayers. We left Texas on Friday March 12 at 7:00 am. Arrived in Michigan on Saturday March 13 at 7:00 PM. We drove straight through; took us only 36 hours. A special thanks to drivers Tony's nephew Andy and our FCRV family, Keith Woolworth. Several hours after we arrived home (at 2:00 am), Tony decided that he needed to make a new trip to the hospital. He is now in William Beaumont Hospital in Troy, Michigan (message received from Marianne 3/17/10). After several tests, they now say he has congestive heart failure. So the next step is to change his medicine. He will also start therapy today. The prognosis sounds good for him.

See you all at National in Michigan. Remember golf cart application deadline is May 15, 2010.

Tony and Marianne Samardich

FCRV needs major updating and a serious overhaul to survive. I believe we must begin an investigation into ways to grow the membership, evaluate and update our programs, and provide meetings and Campventions that attract larger attendance. It is time to take action.

If you want FCRV to continue as it has in the past, do not vote for me. If you elect me as your President, I will vigorously push for changes at all levels in FCRV and work to ensure that FCRV survives for you and your grandchildren.

VOTE FOR THE FUTURE OF FCRV



Scholarship

Remember the Michigan Scholarship applications are due at the Spring Campout.

If you have any questions or need an application, call or write:

Jim and Joyce Leaman
1107 Radov Dr.
Gladwin, MI 48624
Ph (989) 860-5754

With Deepest Sympathy

Glen Thayer, 1/25/10,
30 year member
of the Torch
Lighter Chapter
152, Blue Water
District.



News from Chuck and Sue...

Thank you, Sandra Chamberlin, for coordinating the MARVAC show in Novi in February. We extend our appreciation to Al and Betty Carl for their assistance and the rest of the volunteers who took shifts covering the booth during the five days of the show. Thanks to Bill Sheffer, we were given an opportunity to participate in a televised cooking demonstration in an RV, and Kathy Hartwig did a wonderful job representing FCRV. Thank you, Kathy! We also thank Tim and Fay Schroeder for organizing the FCRV booth at the MSU RV show in January and to those who helped them as well. We can only hope all of our efforts pay off with some new faces once the camping season begins.

Having just returned from the Winter Board Meeting in Myrtle Beach, we want to share with you how very concerned the Trustees are about the continuing decline of membership within the organization. They are asking us to provide reasons for the drops in Michigan. If you know why members in your chapters have not renewed their FCRV dues, please tell us. We don't need to know names, just why they dropped. If the Trustees are able to identify a common thread throughout the organization, they will try to do something to fix it. The membership statistics are rather disheartening. Since 2005, the national membership totals reflect a 25.5% loss. Michigan's percentage of loss during the same period is even greater at 37.2%. In actual numbers, our state has lost 300 members since 2005. If we don't do something to reverse this trend, can you imagine what our membership will be like five years from now?

We exchanged ideas with other state directors in Myrtle Beach and we will be sharing this information when we meet with our field staff at the spring campout. Perhaps there is a suggestion or two that we can try in Michigan to promote FCRV. We are excited to announce that the Trustees will be launching a new membership program later this year. Every member family will receive a Cadet membership certificate which you can give to a prospective new member. The certificate includes a one-year free membership in FCRV. Your responsibility is to mentor this

family throughout the year so they will want to renew the following year. To further encourage renewal, the Cadet member will receive a \$5.00 discount for the second year. You may recruit as many Cadet members as you wish. When the national office processes your first certificate, you will automatically receive another one. With your help, we can potentially double our membership within a year. The challenge is not recruiting new families, but keeping them. We must all work together to find good fits within our existing chapters so our motto, "where strangers become friends and friends become family," is evident. For now, please be thinking about that friend, neighbor, co-worker, or family member you've been trying to convince to camp with FCRV, and be ready to award them a Cadet membership as soon as the certificates are mailed.

If your chapter has made a donation to the relief efforts for Haiti, FCRV national president, Jack Smye, would like to know. He plans to acknowledge those chapters in Camping Today. Jack's e-mail address is smsmye@sympatico.ca.

You will find a list of chapter presidents in this issue of the Michigander. Please remember that chapter officers must be in good standing, which means they must be current members of FCRV. Chapter presidents who are not members of FCRV will not be listed in the Michigander.

If you haven't already done so, please send us your campout schedule for 2010. We must keep this information on file in the event of an insurance claim.

Campvention is only three months away. The success of a Campvention requires the help of many volunteers. Don and Hope Colpaert are chairing the Volunteer Committee and will have a table set up at Central Registration where you can donate a few hours of your time once you arrive. However, some committees need you to volunteer BEFORE Campvention. Have you ever gone to a Campvention and been grateful to find a host chapter in your area to answer your questions and get you settled in for the week? That chapter or group of folks volunteered to be there for you. Do you appreciate

people to lead you from the gate to your site? Those parkers are volunteers. Signing up to work in this area will help Bill Wiles and his crew as well as make our guests feel welcome. This does not require an entire chapter – a few families working together can serve as a host chapter for a particular area. If there is any way your chapter or a group of you can volunteer to serve as parking hosts, please let us or Bill Wiles know. One of the benefits to you as a volunteer is the satisfaction of doing something for your fellow campers. Another is getting to meet new folks and having a great time. And, above all, we urge you to register to attend our 50th Campvention in Berrien Springs this July. Please be sure to put the week of July 9th to the 16th on your camping calendar. The next couple of issues of Camping Today will contain details of events planned to celebrate our golden anniversary. Just one thing you may want to plan ahead for is a Flea Market/Craft Sales that will be held in conjunction with the Chapter Project Sales costing \$10 per table. Registration will be done at Central Registration after arriving at Campvention.

Our best wishes to our lovely Teen Queen, Taylor McClelland, as she prepares for an exciting week representing Michigan in the national pageant. We know you will make us proud, and we would love to see you crowned Miss FCRV. Our Teen King, David Lynch, will make a handsome escort! We are grateful to David's parents, Mike and Donna Lynch, for coordinating Michigan's Noise Parade.

We are pleased that the Malecki Family is hosting the Spring Campout. We know we will have a great time together in Frankenmuth.

Finally, we wish to thank each of you for renewing your membership in FCRV. Thank you to our wonderful chapters who volunteer in their communities. Thank you to those who continue to volunteer their time and leadership in our state and national programs. We are confident that your loyalty and enthusiasm will make the new Cadet program successful. Together, we can prove to our friends what a wonderful camping family we have.

Until we meet in May,
Chuck & Sue



"Bavaria In The Spring"

MSA/FCRV 2010 Spring Campout

May 14-16, 2010

Churchgrove Campground

Located just North of St. Lorenz Lutheran School

140 Churchgrove Road

Frankenmuth, Michigan 48734

Please join us as we welcome in spring in Frankenmuth!

*****Only the first 80 units registered will be guaranteed electricity.*****

Make checks payable to: 2010 MSA Spring Campout

Registration deadline: May 10, 2010

Mail registration to:

John Malecki

8580 Moorish Road

Birch Run, MI 48415

989.865.0438

hobag100559@aol.com

\$25 pre-registration activity fee (nonrefundable)

\$15 camping fee per night (Friday & Saturday)

\$25 early arrivals camping fee per night

\$60 gate registration

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

GO GREEN--your mailback will be sent to your email address provided.

Address: _____ Chapter Name/No: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____ Unit type: _____ Size: _____

Handicap parking Y N We are handicapped and must be in handicapped area. We understand we will not be with our chapter. We have a valid state handicapped certificate, license, or doctor's certificate.

____ # Teens: ____ # Youth: Please provide names/ages of youth on a separate sheet.

Michigan 11th Annual Retiree Rally

September 7-11, 2010

Church of God Campground

8489 N. Bagley Road

St. Louis, Michigan 48880



Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Number Attending Rally _____ Golf _____ Handicap _____

Total Fee: \$60.00- Extra Nights \$10.00

Make check payable to Michigan Retiree Rally

Mail Checks & form to: Pam Stephan

2015 E. Houghton Lake Drive

Houghton Lake, Mich. 48629

989-366-9596

<http://www.st-louis-cog-campground.9f.com/index.html>

If you are retired or thinking of retiring please join us for a fun campout.

News From Midstate

Thanks to all who worked at the MSU Family Camper and RV Show at the MSU Pavilion, we had the booth covered the entire time the show was opened. We had several of the royalty passing out brochures throughout the show. It was great to see such involvement from everyone. We gave out lots of brochures, ran out, and got more from John and Deb Duffy. We had lots of people stop and ask about us. So maybe, we will see a few new members.

The Mid-State Mixer is in full swing this year. We will be at the Hillsdale County Fairgrounds on August 27, 28, and 29, 2010. We are planning lots of activities during the campout along with the fairground flea market and auction on Saturday morning. Many attendees of this campout have received great values from this flea market. There will be lots of fun and food. We will have hot dogs for Friday night and Saturday at lunch. There will be a pot luck for Saturday evening with the Mid-State Field Staff providing the meat for dinner. Breakfast on Sunday will be eggs and toast. The reservation form in on the website. If you have any questions, you can contact us at (517) 627-2727 or fschroeder4200@yahoo.com.

See you at Spring, Tim and Fay Schroeder, Mid-State District Directors

Michigan Noise Parade

The Michigan Noise Parade held at Campvention this year depends on many schedules already set forth. Staying in the tradition of a walking parade, we would like to see if we can acquire a "hay wagon" for non-walkers. Unfortunately, information on acquiring the wagon will come sometime in May. We hope the parade will be Sunday or Monday night. Watch for the cue of the 'rotating red light'.

Sincerely, Mike and Donna Lynch,
Teen King Parents



Awards

Just a reminder that nominations for the *Family of the Year* and the *Jonsey Award* are due by June 1. 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 & Kaylene VanWagner, Awards Committee

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, Self-Propelled Camping (SPC), Disaster Awareness Training (DAT), 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.

Mollie Breasbois, Historian Director, 810.791.9628

FCRV Commercial Members Located 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
E-Mail: Rick@riverridgeresort.com

All Seasons RV
4701 Airline Road
Muskegon, MI 49444
(888) 837-5544
www.allseasonsrv.com

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

Gillette's Interstate RV
7210 E. Saginaw Hwy
East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 339-8271
www.gillettesinterstaterv.com

Lakeshore RV
4500 E. Apple Avenue
Muskegon, MI 49442
(231) 788-2040
www.lakeshore-rv.com

National RV Direct
11900 Carpenter Rd.
Milan, MI 48160
(734) 439-3400
www.nationalrvdirect.com

RV World
7303 S. Division Ave.
Grand Rapids, MI 49548
(616) 301-6920
www.rvworldmi.com

Terrytown RV
7145 S. Division Avenue
Grand Rapids, MI 49548
(616) 455-5590
www.terrytownrv.com

ZRII
1263 W. Wackerly Road
Sanford, MI 48657
(989) 225-2822
E-Mail: frannie413@gmail.com

Campvention Program Book

Include Your Name

The 2010 Campvention Program Book is a great way to show your support for your state/province, teen queen, or someone you would like to recognize. It is also a way to advertise your business or craft. Consider placing a recognition or ad in this year's book.

The prices are as follows:

- \$1.00: Support line including your name and state
- \$2.00: Support line including your name and state (52 letters inc. spaces)
- \$4.00: Support line including your name and state (104 letters inc. spaces)
- \$35.00: Quarter page ad (4.5 in x 2 in) or (2.25 in x 3.75 in)
- \$45.00: Third page ad (4.5 in x 2.5 in)

- \$60.00: Half page ad (4.5 in x 3.75 in)
- \$120.00: Full page ad (4.5 in x 7.5 in)

Deadline May 1, 2010

Mail ad and check made out to

FCRV 2010 Campvention to:

Marilyn Rausch
Program Book Chairman
2917 W. Rex Drive, Indianapolis, IN
46222-1941; 317.925.0150;
cochair.sched2010@hotmail.com

Campvention 2010 Golf Cart Rental Application/Rules

1. Must be over 21 years to rent or drive a rental golf cart. Picture ID required during pick-up. Carts cannot transfer ownership without permission of Golf Cart Director.
2. If golf cart does not have a light or rear reflector, you must add them.
3. Use hand signals when turning or stopping. Remove key when not in use. Pedestrians have the right of way at all times.
4. Cart to be picked up by noon on Friday, 7/9/10 and returned by Thursday night, 7/15/10 by 7:00 PM.
5. Golf carts may not leave the fairgrounds. No golf carts in parade.
6. No more than 2 people per golf cart. NO exceptions!
7. Check with your homeowner's insurance for your own protection to see if you are covered while driving the golf cart.

All carts must be rented in advance--there will not be any extras available when you arrive at Campvention. Rental applications will be accepted from **February 1-May 15, 2010**. Please call Tony or Marianne Samardich if you have questions at 586.336.1911 or email a.samardich@juno.com.

Golf cart fee: \$120 U.S. CURRENCY ONLY check or money order ONLY.
No applications accepted after 5/15/10

Name _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____ Age _____

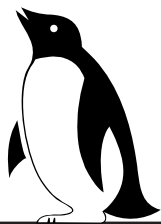
Make check payable to: Golf Car Company

Mail check and application to: Marianne Samardich, 12996 Excalibur Lane, Romeo, MI 48065

By signing this form, you take complete and total responsibility for any damage to the golf cart and/or any personal damage to yourself, family, and/or any other person. You will not hold Family Campers and RVers or anyone connected with them responsible or liable in any way.

Signature _____ Date _____

PENGUIN PAGE



Teen Queen
Taylor McClelland
Teen King
David Lynch

State Teen Directors
Ed & Alisa McClelland
634 E. Greenlawn Avenue
Lansing, MI 48910
517.485.1487 Home
517.614.3289 Cell
mcclelland@lectronix.biz



Dave Lynch – Teen King

It was nice to see everyone at the February MSA Meeting. Congratulations to the Duffy Family for winning the teen raffle. Just a few more weeks until we see everyone around the campfire.

David Lynch, Teen King

Well I am sure that everyone can agree that the winter has been a long one. It is nice to see the snow melting away. We will soon be sitting at a campfire with good friends and a bag of marshmallows.

We would like to thank everyone for supporting the teens at the November and the February MSA meetings. The teens will be selling hot dogs and chips at the spring campout after the youth pageant on Saturday. The teens will also be helping with the youth pageant as needed by the chairperson for the pageant.

Calling all new unregistered teens and soon to be teens. Send in your application to apply for your teen card. The application can be found in the Michigander. Send in the completed application with the required information and \$1.00. After we receive your information we will send you a teen card. If you are a current teen and you lose your teen card, you may request a new teen card for a \$1.00 fee.

We would like to remind all teens wishing to apply for the MSA Scholarship that they must have their application turned in by the spring campout. If you need an application you can email your request to: alisamcclelland@yahoo.com. We will forward the application to you within seven days. The application can also be found on the MSA website.

We are very excited to have Taylor McClelland and David Lynch



Taylor McClelland – Teen Queen

Hey Michigan!!!! I am getting very exciting about the upcoming camping season. The snow is finally melting and we will soon be getting out our rigs for the new camping season. First as president of the Michigan State Teen Association I would like to thank everyone for their support at the February MSA meeting. The teens were able to have an official meeting and decided that we would like to donate money to a charity. The charity that we agreed upon was Breast Cancer. We are asking everyone from our Michigan family to help us reach our goal of \$500.00. We will be collecting donations at the Spring Campout and will send the money to the Susan B. Komen Foundation at the end of the spring campout. Each of us may have had someone special to them have Breast Cancer. My grandmother had breast cancer and I am thankful that I still have her today. Please consider helping us reach our goal. Every penny counts!

Changing hats to the queen...I am looking forward to representing Michigan at National this year. I would like to see everyone wear something pink at the pageant to support me. My mom is trying to find iron-ons or something that says Team Taylor. I would love to look in to the audience and see an ocean of pink. I can't tell you how much each of you mean to me, but I can say that I have the best family in Michigan FCRV. I hope I make everyone proud. I am still playing with song choices and will be trying some out at spring. Please let me know what you think. I would greatly appreciate each and everyone's input. Please stay healthy and safe.

Taylor McClelland, Teen Queen

representing Michigan at National. We are very proud of both of them and know they will do a great job. I hope everyone will come to National this year (since it is close to home) and support our king and queen. We would like to try something new this year and ask that everyone wear something pink to the National Pageant in support of our queen.

We are hoping to see more teens participating at the pageant this fall. Just ask the teens that ran this past fall what a great time they had. It was nice to see everyone provide support to each other. Please look for the application in the Michigander and consider running for queen or king this fall.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Spring and at National. Stay healthy and safe till we see you again. As always we look forward to another great camping season and seeing old friends.

Yours truly, Alisa and Ed McClelland, Teen Directors



Youth Corner

Happy Spring Michigan!!

Anyone getting Spring Fever?? I know we are. If you haven't started your child thinking about the *Camping Is* Contest, now would be a good time to start. Up to four year olds complete a coloring sheet and the older ones create a poster. It's their choice as to what to put on it. The kids just need to express what camping means to them in the poster. It could be one big picture or three or four pictures that show what camping means to them. Just let them have fun with it!!

The Malecki's are planning fun activities for the kids as this year's State Spring Campout in Frankenmuth. Please send in your registration form for the weekend today.

If your children will not be turning 13 until after the State Fall Campout in September, they are eligible to participate in our youth royalty pageant. Remember the forms are available online and on page ___ of this issue. The kids always enjoy themselves, and it would be great to see a stage full of contestants again this year!!

See you at State Spring!!

Brenda Duplanty, MSA Youth Director

Youth Royalty

Princess

Katie Kurburski

Prince

Peter Kurburski

Teenie Queen

Maddison Graves

Teenie King

Luke Kurburski

State Youth Director

Brenda Duplanty

5425 E. Carpenter Road

Flint, MI 48506

810.250.2651

eunicedup@comcast.net

Condensed Teenie/Youth Pageant Rules

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

*See Campout Manual at

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

Teenie and Youth Pageant Entry Form

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

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Circle one: Teenie King Teenie Queen Prince Princess

Chapter Name: _____ Chapter #: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Email Address: _____

Entry form deadline: March 31. Confirmation will be sent within 10 days of deadline.

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

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

Phone: 810.250.2651 Email: eunicedup@comcast.net



50th Annual Family Campers & RVers Campvention
 Hosted by Great Lakes Region #4
 July 9 – 16, 2010 – Berrien Springs, MI
 (Grounds must be cleared by noon on July 16)
 “Golden Reunion of Family Campers”



DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION JUNE 1, 2010

Early Bird Day, Thursday, July 8th \$20 camping fee. Gates open 8AM – 8PM July 8 – 11. As needed after that.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse/Guest First Name _____
 Address _____ City _____ St/Prov _____ Zip/PCode _____
 Phone _____ Email _____ Is this your first Campvention? Yes ___ No ___
 Chapter Name _____ St/Prov _____ ←(if different than address)

of Adults ___ Teens ___ Youth 9-12 ___ Youth 5-8 ___ Youth 0-4 ___ Total # of people in unit ___ TEENS & YOUTH: Please list the names and ages of all teens and youth on a separate sheet and attach to this form
 National Officers & those designated to camp in Headquarters, please check here _____

TWO OR MORE FAMILIES ATTENDING CAMPVENTION IN ONE UNIT

Each family in the same unit must complete a separate Registration Form. The additional family must purchase a camp pass. Please indicate the unit owner’s name: _____

FAMILIES STAYING OFF GROUNDS MUST PURCHASE A CAMP PASS AND COMPLETE A REGISTRATION FORM

HANDICAPPED INFORMATION

A handicapped site is requested: YES _____

There will be no handicapped sites available at the gate. To guarantee a handicapped site you must pre-register. You will be parked nearer the buildings and main activities.

CAMPVENTION PARKING

Parking will be **hobo by State/Province**. If you wish to **park together** you **MUST be pre-registered and come in together**. Sites have electric but may need extra cord. Water in the area so bring extra hoses. **Campers who do not pre-register will be parked in overflow.**

TYPE OF UNIT: Tent___ Tent Trailer___ Trailer___ 5th Wheel___ Motorhome___ Other___ Unit Length___
 Number of Slides___

Special for 2010 Campvention

Each family registering will receive \$10 in **VENDOR BUCKS** that can be used towards any purchase from a vendor in the commercial area. **VENDOR BUCKS** must be used at the 2010 Campvention. **VENDOR BUCKS** have “no surrender cash value” this means no change back in cash. **VENDOR BUCKS** will be given out at the central registration booth.

Pre-registration fees - \$215 member \$245 non-member Camp Pass - \$180 member \$210 non-member Daily Camp Pass - \$35 per family (no vendor bucks for Daily Pass)	At Gate Registration Fees Camping - \$245 member \$275 non-member Camp Pass - \$210 member \$240 non-member	Make checks or money order payable to “FCRV Campvention 2010”
		All funds US Currency
Chance to win a flat screen TV for your RV if registered by February 1, 2010		

Mail to: Dick & Marge Shear, 3603 W Pebblepoint Way, Muncie, IN 47302-6932 Have questions call 765-288-7890 or email fcrvregcha2010@yahoo.com or FCRVChair2010@aol.com .

NOTE: If you register and are unable to attend for any reason, we will automatically mail you a refund of any prepaid fees minus \$25.00

We would like to volunteer for the following jobs: