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2011 Campout Announcements

- Blue Water Mini Mixer April 29-May 1, 2011, Pt Huron Township Park
- Southeast District Mixer April 29-May 1, 2011, Davisburg
- 2011 State Spring Campout-- May 20-22, 2011--TTCM, Bellevue
- Northern District Mixer June 10-12, 2011, Gladwin
- Retiree Rally September 5-10, 2011, St. Louis
- Great Lakes Regional September 1-5, 2011, Lazy River Resort & Campground, Pioneer, Ohio
- 2011 State Fall Campout???
- Blue Water Mixer September 23-25, 2010, Imlay City

Some dates are tentative or not finalized.

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

Springtime in The Country 2011 State Spring Campout May 20-22, 2011

Come to the country for the spring campout May 20-22. Yes, the theme is Springtime in the Country. We are going to have a great old fashion camping weekend. We'll even have a hotdog cookout and an ice cream social along with our Youth Pageant and project sales. If we are lucky maybe we will be able to hear the cows in the next field.

TTCM is a membership campground that is set in the country with water and electricity. You will need some leveling blocks and a few sites will need a long hose for water. You won't need to cook breakfast Sunday morning just bring your table service and a few dollars for donation.

The teens will have their own tent city area complete with a fire ring. They must let the Teen Director know that they will be staying in their tents. There will be no charge for tent city but some parents will be required to help chaperone. David & Heidi Mull will be helping with the teens.

There will be many activities for the youth as Chairperson, Deanna English, has a lot planned. She will need help so, if you have time, come join her at the picnic shelter on Saturday morning.

The pageant will be in the afternoon on Saturday so you all can get your hotdogs at lunch time. This is the teens project for the weekend.

Everyone who attends the campout will receive a 15 day TTCM temporary membership that can be used at either the Hesperia Campground or the Bellevue Campground for \$10.00 a night.

Oh yes, one last thing, we are going to have a hat contest. This must be a hat for the farm, garden or country living. The hat must be decorated with the country theme. We will parade Saturday night and the audience will decide the winner. So, put on your overalls, your flannel shirts and your funky hats and let's have fun in the country.

You can come early on Wednesday. There many things to do and see in the area. You may be able to spend the day at the new Fire Keepers Casino about 20 miles away. When the campout is over, you are invited to stay longer if you chose. If you need handicap please state if you have a scooter.

See ya there,
Tom & Sharon Westerhouse, Chairpersons
Pete & Samie-Jo Schaub, Co-Chairs

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Greetings Michigan,

Winter is now nearly in full bloom. When I look outside to the back yard, I long for the early spring when I can get ready for the first campout. It seems that as I get older the summers get shorter and the winters longer. I hear that often as I listen to the seasoned campers tell their interesting stories. It now seems like reality for me but I am really enjoying this time of my life.

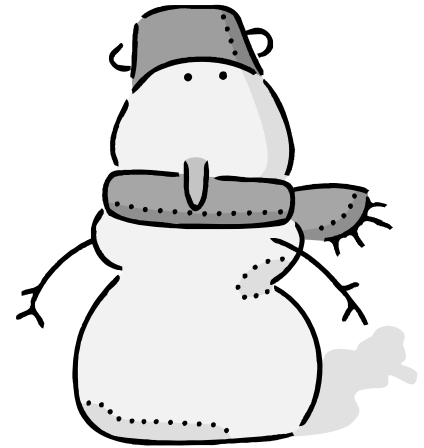
The November MSA meeting is now in the books and all went very well. Not that I was great at running the meeting but rather it went very well because many of you assisted me running it. I like the input that comes from those who have much experience at this system. Thanks to the seasoned veterans for keeping the meeting flowing well. It makes it easier for me and I appreciate the team work. The February meeting will again be at the Burton Police station.

I encourage you make plans now to attend State Spring Campout. The hosts are very excited and as usual everyone will have a great time. I would like to see a great turnout to show our appreciation. I would also like to entertain the idea of a Friday evening MSA meeting and see how it goes. Now is a great time to begin thinking about the Pageants. A full slate of contestants again next year would be a lot of fun. Give it a try.

I wish to give a very personal "thank You" to all who spend a lot of personal time to make this organization a success. The time you volunteer is most appreciated and most of the time goes unnoticed by most of us. Make sure you have a little down time when you are at a campout. You deserve it. Please be careful during the winter months and if you live here in the snowy north please walk and drive a little slower. The slippery roads and sidewalks can be unkind to our bodies.

We have lost several loved ones over this past year so please remember their families in your thoughts and prayers. Keep warm and safe this winter. See you at the February meeting.

Jim Duplanty, MSA President



Please consider volunteering to host the 2011 State Fall Campout!

**MSA Meeting
Saturday, February 26, 2011
10:00 AM**

Burton City Police Department
4090 Manor Drive, Burton, MI 48506

Off Center Road approximately 3 1/2 miles south of I-69. From I-69 take the Center Road exit and go south to Manor Drive. From the north or south take I-475 and exit at Bristol Road. Go east about 3.5 miles to Center Road, turn south and go 1/2 mile.

Feel free to call Jim Duplanty for directions: 810-922-6372.

NEWS FROM CHUCK...

By the time you're reading this, the Thanksgiving holiday will be over, there may be snow on the ground, and the Christmas holiday season will be fast approaching.

Since the Fall campout, Sue, our granddaughter, Princess Heather, and I attended the Bluewater Halloween campout and the Midwest Halloween campout. During the week between the two campouts, we set up and worked the MARVAC RV show in Novi. Then it was on to the field staff workshop in Charlotte where many topics were discussed:

- 1) The Cadet Program. Michigan currently has more than 30 cadet members. I would like to arrange a time at the Spring campout to meet with them and their mentors.
- 2) The IRS now requires an annual tax return for tax-exempt organizations with funds kept in an account under an Employee Identification Number (EIN). For years, FCRV has encouraged chapters to obtain an EIN number for their checking accounts for two reasons: a) to avoid paying taxes on interest income; and b) to avoid having the money go into the estate of an individual whose Social Security number is on the account. The IRS form is called 990-N and can be found online at www.IRS.gov. The purpose of the form is to verify that the EIN is still active and the not-for-profit organization (your chapter) has an annual income less than \$25,000. It also provides an opportunity to update the officer's contact information.
- 3) Skip Malecki, who is chairing the nominating committee for MSA officers, appealed to the field staff to seek candidates from their chapters.
- 4) FCRV has always requested Disclosure Statements from any adult who works with our youth and teens. It is now a mandatory requirement that all state and provincial youth and teen directors sign a release form authorizing a criminal background check. The Trustees, upon the advice of the FCRV attorney,

believe this procedure is necessary to protect our youth as well as our organization.

My next occasion was the MSA meeting in November. During my report, I delivered the news that our intended replacements, John and Deb Duffy, informed us they were unable to assume the responsibilities of State Director at this time due to family and work obligations. I wish to thank John and Deb for their willingness to accept this appointment and the amount of time they spent preparing to do so. They are good people, and I hope they will consider a future leadership role in MSA or FCRV. I informed the delegates that the State Director position is open and if they would like to nominate someone to contact Vickie Roop, Regional Director. I recognized Tim and Fay Schroeder with a certificate of appreciation for their outstanding service as Mid-State Directors for the past 18 years. Michigan still has two national program vacancies – Historian and DAT. If you would like information on either of these positions, please let me know. Announcements were made regarding the 2011 Campvention in Ladson, South Carolina, and the 2011 Regional campout in Pioneer, Ohio. Registration forms for both of these events are on the Michigan and national websites. If you need a paper form, I can mail you one. I also requested the names of your chapter officers for 2011. This information will appear in the next issue of the Michigander. I also need a list of your campouts for insurance purposes. You can send this information by e-mail (MIFCRV@tampabay.rr.com) or snail mail to our Florida address.

I'm almost done... Our final stop before heading to Florida for the winter was a meeting with our Regional Director in Fort Wayne, Indiana. I look forward to this weekend because it gives me a chance to share ideas with the state directors from the other four states in the Great Lakes Region. There will be a regional hospitality at Campvention on Sunday at 4 p.m. We will serve green punch and tea cookies. If you will be at Campvention, please help us serve. We would also appreciate any type

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Snowbird Temporary Change of Address

To ensure that you will receive *Camping Today* during the months you are away, it is strongly recommended you notify the national office of your winter mailing address on the following form. **You will also need to mail this form to reverse the address change when you return to Michigan.**

Membership No. _____

Name _____

Old (Permanent) address _____

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Mail to: NCHA/FCRV
4804 Transit Rd., Bldg. 2
DePew, NY 14043

Cadet Program

Every member can give a camper who is not a FCRV member a FREE one-year membership in FCRV.

YES ... A FREE ONE-YEAR MEMBERSHIP TO ANY NON FCRV MEMBER.

The idea behind this program is to get people involved with FCRV activities. The hope is that you would act as a mentor to your new member and keep them coming to FCRV activities. This way they will see the advantages of continuing their membership after the free one-year period is over. You should have received a packet from the FCRV national office for your use in this program. If every member gave one free membership our numbers would double and we would gain many new members after their free year. Now start thinking which family you want to give this free one-year membership to and keep in mind we want you to mentor these new members. Call Chuck Carlsen if you have additional questions.

Awards

Just a reminder that nominations for the Family of the Year and the Jonsey Awards are due June 1.

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

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

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

Jamie and 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.

Please contact Chuck Carlsen for further information.



MARVAC RV Show Dates--Mark Your Calendars

February 16-20, 2011

Novi, MI

March 25-27, 2011

Traverse City, MI



MacKenzie and Ed McClelland

MacKenzie McClelland shot her first deer with her papa McClelland's cross bow on November 13th. It was an 8 point buck. She was so excited as she called everyone she knew to let them know what she did. MacKenzie and her dad were sitting in a blind together when the deer came in. At first her dad had thought she missed it but MacKenzie kept telling him she got it and she sure did. It was too big for her to drag out of the woods, so her dad helped her out. That afternoon when she got home she asked that everyone call her "Deerslayer". Not sure if that went to her head or not? Dallas Hartman our teen king got his deer opening day as well. Congrats to all the hunters.

Alisa McClelland, Mother of the "Deerslayer"

News from Mid-State

This is our last article as official Mid-State District Directors. We actually retired as of last year but agreed to stay longer to help with the transition of a new State Director. However, since that will take longer than predicted, we are taking our retirement as of December 31, 2010. We will help in whatever way necessary to make the transition go as smooth as possible.

We are preparing to work at the MSU Family RV and Camper Show on January 20 - 23, 2011, at the MSU Agricultural Pavilion. For any of you who want to attend Thursday, January 20 is free admission to all. For any of you who can spare a few hours, we would like the booth to be manned the entire time the show is open. The dates and times are: Thursday, January 20, 12 Noon to 8:00 PM, Friday, January 21, and Saturday January 22, 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM and Sunday, January 23, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

We want to take this time to let all of you know that we have really enjoyed being Mid-State District Directors for the past 18 years. We have met lots of new friends and enjoyed camping with new and old friends. We will still be camping with all of you and hope to meet lots of new friends. We will have lots more fun and play time with all of our camping friends.

Happy camping to all of you,
Tim and Fay Schroeder



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News from Chuck...

of craft item your chapter could make as a give-away (something to do during the winter months!). Details I can share about the 2011 Regional campout are: it will be held over Labor Day weekend (September 1-5) in Pioneer, Ohio, which is not far from the Michigan border. Camping fee is \$20 per night and includes full hook-up. There will be entertainment each evening. Please bring finger foods to share on Friday evening. There will be a picnic on Sunday. Michigan folks are asked to bring a dessert. Vickie Roop announced that she will be retiring as Regional Director next October. Vickie told me she had received several suggestions for Michigan State Director. The process included her contacting those nominated to see if they were interested and if so, requesting a resume. Vickie will review the qualifications and pass on her recommendation to Shari Weber. Ultimately, the nominee must be approved by the Trustees.

On Monday, November 15, Sue and I arrived in Florida clad in our blue jeans and sweatshirts. We've been doing this now for six years - you'd think we'd remember the weather here in November is typically in the 80's and pack accordingly! In addition to the sun shining each morning, leaves on the trees, and the bougainvillea in bloom, we received some delightful news upon our arrival that John and Linda English have been approved as your new state directors! They will take over at the Fall campout 2011. I look forward to working with the English's over the next several months to ensure a smooth transition. Congratulations John and Linda! And my thanks to each of you who considered this position.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from both me and my wife! Please drive safe.

Chuck Carlsen, Michigan State Director

Blue Water Mixer, Halloween Campouts 2010

The 2010 Blue Water Mixer was held on Oct 1 – 3, 2010, at the Eastern Michigan fairgrounds in Imlay City, MI. The theme being a “Halloween campout”.

Workers arrived on Wednesday, and early arrivals Thursday to take advantage of extra shopping, helping assemble the goody bags and play games on Thursday evening.

We had almost 40 units with 40% of the units from Canada made this a truly International campout and they immediately started our “Ticket” game. Each camper received three tickets for prizes at the local stores ranging from pizza, hamburgers, gift certificates and much more all weekend. Many campers participated in a swiss steak dinner from a local church.

Saturday started with a continental breakfast including scrambled eggs, toast, fruit, milk, and juice. After breakfast adults played washer toss. The teens and preteens had some very challenging games to do in the “Minute to Win it style” contest. They had to stack cups in a pyramid, place nuts on a bolt without touching the nut with any part of their body, and several other challenges. We had new activities for the younger children which they enjoyed. At noon we served our chicken noodle soup. Our campers also picked up their door prizes (about 9 items each). As 2:00pm rolled around it came time for our annual pennies sale, and what a **sale** we had this year. Committee members collected items from garage sale left overs and donations from campers to raise money for the local charities that we donate to each year--we had the biggest pennies sale ever. **Thanks everyone.** Next was our costume judging, youth thru adults. We had strange pumpkins, fairies, disco chicks and various other costumes. Trick or treating was held immediately after the costume judging. Don Lumley emceed the evening program to the delight of the members. Several special awards were presented to our district members for volunteering at Campvention. The Torch Lighters were recognized for their 40th anniversary as a chapter, cake was served after the program in their honor. There was also a short presentation by Sue Carlson to John & Joyce Williams for their Humanitarian Award, which they had received at Campvention. Game prizes were presented to the winners of the adult and teen games. We had a demonstration of the “Minute to Win it style” contest challenge. Periodically during the program 15 grand prizes were distributed. After the program, there were several campfires and games enjoyed by all.

Sunday, we concluded our campout with a Church service with “The Praise Gang Puppeteers”.

We are looking forward to next year with a new theme. As you can see the town gets very involved with our campout participating in the “Ticket” game and they also do a one page add in the local newspaper. We hope you will be able to attend.

We would also like to invite you to our mini mixer which will be held at the Pt Huron Twp Park on April 29 – May 1, 2011. This is a much more relaxing campout but just as much fun.

For more information on either campout you can email us at bluewaterfcrv@yahoo.com or call John & Joyce Williams at 586-242-4584. You will be able to find a registration form for both of our mixers on the state mifcro.org website under calendar of events.

Still-A-Goin 2011 Camping Schedule

June 20-27 Secord Lake, \$135 for the week, water and electric, cash or checks only. Hosts: Judson and Carey. Everyone make your own reservation and be sure to mention Still-A-Goin.

July 18-25 White Cloud, \$20 per night, water and electric. Hosts needed.

August 15-22 Covington Hills, \$25 a night. Hosts: Link and VanWagner.

Scholarship Report

The deadline for Michigan Scholarship applications is Spring Campout, May 22, 2011. Applications will be judged and the winners will be announced at the fall campout.

There are two different types of scholarship applications. An “A” Scholarship for those that are attending a 4 year university and a “B” Scholarship for those attending a 2 year college or trade school. Both are equally important, so please submit your application soon.

We would like to thank The Polish Pine Club, Chapter 292, for a donation in memory of John Malecki, founder of their chapter, who passed away in September. Also thank you to Mike and Mary Ann Malecki for a donation in memory of Mike’s father, John Malecki.

FCRV awards scholarships on a national level. For a national scholarship application please write the National Scholarship Directors Herb & Marie Petersen 76 Gaymore Rd. Pt. Jefferson Sta., NY 11776 Ph. 631-473-7976 E-mail: Petersen76@aol.com.

For questions or applications: Jane Thornton, Scholarship Director, 2084 Madsen Rd., Saginaw, MI 48601 Ph. 989-777-5958 E-mail: raytho2@aol.com. Also Scholarship application forms are available on the MSA website.

MSA Board Candidates 2011-12



Jim Duplanty is running for MSA President for a second term.

- Member of FCRV approximately 12 years.
- Former President of Chapter 1-Tails-a-wagon.
- Married to Brenda Duplanty 23 wonderful years.
- Children Chris, Sarah and Jacob.
- Three Grandchildren from son Chris and his wife Melissa Duplanty.
- Retired from Burton Police Department after 30 years.
- Currently teaching driver education and working around the house.



Dave Mull is running for MSA Vice-President for a second term.

- Married 26 years to Heidi, and they met in FCRV/NCHA 29 years ago; two daughters (Amber 22, Courtney 19)
- A member of FCRV since 1989; since 1971 as a child; 3rd generation FCRV member
- Field Director since 1996 & currently Mid-West District Director
- State Insignia
- Member of Chapter 316 Traverse Bay Travelers and Chapter 8 Rainbow RVer's
- Volunteered at many state campouts and the annual Halloween Campout in Hudsonville
- Attended 41 of 42 state campouts since 1989 / 8 Nationals / 7 Regionals
- Employed at Sara Lee Foods for over 30 years, supervisor of Spice Operations since 1996



Regina Jentzen is running for MSA Secretary.

Regina is married to husband Terry for five years and they have a four year old daughter Alexa. She has been a member of FCRV pretty much all of her life and is now raising their daughter in FCRV. Alexa is the current MSA Teenie Queen.

Regina has been very active in MSA from a very young age. She ran for Teenie Queen, Princess, and Teen Queen. She was MSTA editor for four years and played teen sports for six years. Regina helped on many campouts, was a chair and co-chairperson for campouts, and chaired events at National.

Regina is attending Baker College of Flint full time pursuing a degree in Business Management and carrying a 3.5 grade point average. She made the Dean's List multiple times and has taken classes in Excel, Word, Windows and currently taking class Access (database). She works full time at the Birch Run Post Office as a carrier. She has been the Secretary for the Birch Run Athletic Association for the past two years. Regina is a member of the PTA of Birch Run Schools and has also helped with the Band Boosters and the Color Guard team.

As Secretary, Regina hopes to bring a voice for all families young and young at heart in MSA. She will do the job to the best of her ability. She would like to thank you for your time and encourage you to vote for the person that you think is the best for the job.



Kari Evans is running for MSA Treasurer for a second term.

- Member of Timbertown Travelers since 2001
- Member of FCRV since 2004
- Youngest of four children and camped her whole life.
- Tax associate for HR Block for 2 years.
- Worked 16 years at Covenant Hospital and the last 6 years in patient accounting.
- Associates Degree in accounting from Delta College
- Bachelor's Degree with honors in accounting from Davenport University





Taylor McClelland is running for Michigan State Teen Association President. She states she is a very hard-working and trustworthy person, a good leader and would really enjoy being the MSTA President again. This past two years has been a new experience for her that she has had a lot of fun doing. Taylor is a junior in high school. She vows to fulfill the duties of MSTA President to the absolute best of her abilities. Taylor is currently a member of the National Honor Society at her high school. She also volunteers as a tutor at the local elementary. She looks looking forward to seeing everybody in 2011 and wishes everyone a good holiday.

Official MSA Election Ballot

President <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Duplanty <input type="checkbox"/> _____	Vice President <input type="checkbox"/> Dave Mull <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Secretary <input type="checkbox"/> Regina Jentzen <input type="checkbox"/> _____	Treasurer <input type="checkbox"/> Kari Evans <input type="checkbox"/> _____

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 8580 Morrish Rd.
 Birch Run, MI 48414-8774

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 Skip/Hope Malecki
 8580 Morrish Rd.
 Birch Run, MI 48414-8774

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Secretary <input type="checkbox"/> _____ MAL <input type="checkbox"/> _____	Treasurer <input type="checkbox"/> Dallas Hartman <input type="checkbox"/> _____

Mail to:
 MSTA Ballot
 Ed/Alisa McClelland
 634 E. Greenlawn
 Lansing, MI 48910

Ballot may be duplicated and must be postmarked by February 26, 2011. Place each ballot in an unmarked envelope and then place inside a second envelope. Put your return address and your TEEN CARD NUMBER (from the back of your Teen Card) and mail or bring to 2/26/11 MSTA meeting.



Teen Queen Brittany Huryn at the October 2010 MARVAC RV Show at Rock Financial, Novi



FCRV Commercial Members in Michigan

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

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

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

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Stanwood, MI 49346
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www.michcampgrounds.com/riverridgervresort
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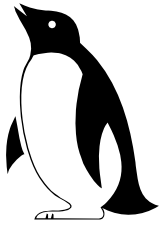
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Bill Summers, October 27, 2010, Chapter 184, Still-A-Goin, FCRV member since 2006.



PENGUIN PAGE



2010-11 Teen Queen
Brittany Huryn

2010-11 Teen King
Dallas Hartman

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Hello, my name is Brittany. I am fifteen years old, and this fall I was elected teen queen. I have three older siblings Heather, Holly, and Eddie. Though our ages are far apart, we all get along just fine. I'm an aunt to five children. I have four nieces and one nephew who I would do absolutely anything for. My parents are wonderful and give me opportunities to experience new things whenever possible.

I have been camping ever since I was a very young child. Camping gives me the chance to meet many new people and spend quality time with my family. Whether it's around a campfire or swimming in a lake, it's always a blast for everyone. Between camping I am a new rookie driver at Auto City Speedway. Though it is a new hobby I am very fond of it.

A hobby of mine that I have been doing a long amount of time is flute. I have been playing Flute for almost 5 years and it is a passion of mine that I will never give up. I play in the school band and have private lessons which include me being involved in solo and ensemble, State solo and ensemble, Student Achievement testing, and playing at numerous places.

This fall I will be a sophomore in high school (10th grade). I enjoy theatre in school along with my favorite class English. I have participated in many food drives during school and helped with raising money for the American Cancer Society. In the winter when I'm not camping I like to go snowmobiling with my parents because I love spending time with the ones who mean the most to me. My favorite colors are hot pink and lime green because the colors are unique, just like I am.

I hope to see you all around a campfire soon!

Yours Truly, Brittany



Hello, I would like to introduce myself to those who don't know me. My name is Dallas Hartman and I am the Michigan Teen King 2010/2011.

I have camped my entire life with FCRV of NCHA. My mother, Kelly Hartman has been a member since she was two years old. I belong to the Ledge Loafer chapter #35.

Since I was crowned as teen king I attended the Halloween campout in Hudsonville along with the Teen Queen, Brittney and the MSA meeting in November. I am looking forward to a great year as your teen king with plans to attend all that I am invited and able to attend.

I am running for the office of Treasure for MSTA and hope all would support me in that election.

I have plans to attend the RV show at the MSU pavilion in January. What a great place to have the show -GO GREEN.

I have just finished my first trimester of my senior year of high school and it is time to start ski club along with working my new job at Meijers.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Please also remember all of our troops that can not be with their families this year for the holidays.

Your Teen King, Dallas



Youth Corner



Happy Winter Michigan!!!

I'm anxious already for next camping season. How about you?? If you are like me, you are spending time planning when and where will be the best spots for 2011. This is an excellent time to ask the kids in your house to help plan out the route. They can Google the directions on the internet with a computer and then have them follow this route using a map. Talk about directions of travel (north, south, east and west). Have them estimate how many miles between stops using the symbol on the map for mileage. Even have them figure how much money it's going to take just in gas to get there!! All these activities are excellent real life math applications. They will be practicing skills without even realizing it!

I would like to ask that all families with children three to twelve year olds consider getting involved in our State Spring pageant in May. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to have the chance to speak publicly and gain self confidence. Seven to twelve year olds are required to perform a talent. This can be anything from sharing a favorite hobby to performing a gymnastic or dance routine and anything in between! They also need to write out an essay about themselves. A list of topics to include in the essay is located on our website along with the entry form for participating. You might have to push them a little to have the courage to get up on the stage, but once there, they will be glad they did it. Please remember the entry form needs to be sent to me by March 31.

My last request is that families consider nominating one or more of their children for Youth of the Year. Only ONE application was submitted in 2010. We had over 80 kids registered for activities at National this year. We have a lot of kids in Michigan have great potential to win. Please Please...consider submitting an application for your children. They do deserve this recognition for all of the activities they are involved in!! Applications are located on our website and on the national website.

Have a wonderful winter!!

Brenda Duplanty, Michigan Youth Director

Youth Royalty

Princess

Heather Bono

Prince

Seth McClelland

Teenie Queen

Alexa Jentzen

Teenie King

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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: _____

Mail by 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

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Activities

Youth pageant, tent city for the teens, ice cream social, teen hot dog sale, breakfast for a donation, Saturday evening program/entertainment are just some of the planned activities.

Area attractions: Turkeyville, golf course, Fire Keepers Casino, Old Town Marshall, restaurants in Bellevue and Olivette.

Early arrivals beginning Wednesday, May 18, 2011.

Registration Deadline: May 13, 2011

Name: _____ Total Amount Enclosed: _____

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

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Questions: Sharon Westerhouse: 517.285.4111
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