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Tentative 2014 Campout Announcements

- * April 25-27; Southeast District, Springfield Oaks, Davisburg
- * May 16-18; State Spring TBA
- * June 13-15; Northern District, Gladwin Fairgrounds
- * July 31-August 3; Great Lakes Regional, Howard County Fairgrounds, Greentown, IN
- * July 7-11; Campvention, Essex Junction, VT
- * August 11-15; Canadian Regional, Niagara Falls
- * September 2-6; Retiree Rally Church of God Campground St. Louis, MI
- * September 19-21; State Fall TBA
- * September 26-28; Blue Water District Mixer, Imlay City Fairgrounds
- * October 10-12; Halloween Campout, Hudsonville Fairgrounds

Registrations forms found at www.mifcrv.org, click "camping schedule".

2013 – MSA Year In Review

- Year End Michigan Membership Total: 341
- Number of Michigan Chapters Total: 42
- Number of Field Staff: 33
- Total number of new members: 29
- Total number of dropped members: 53
- Field Staff Meetings: 3
- Ten chapters dissolved or went inactive in 2013:
- Roll out of Cadet Membership Contest
- *Come Camp With Us* presentation created
- Foster & Anne Kurburski were appointed Michigan Youth Directors as Jim/Brenda Duplanty resigned
- Chapter 1, Tails-A-Wagon celebrated their 50th chapter anniversary by hosting the 2013 State Fall Campout
- The Valley District merged with the Southeast District
- Jim & Donna Setzler were appointed Southeast District Directors as Doug Riley, Jr. resigned.
- Michigan State Directors are now sending post cards to dropped members. District Directors are still required to follow up on quarterly membership reports in their district.
- Michigan State Directors hosted meetings at the state spring and fall campouts as well as the Octoberest. All members were welcome.
- In Memory:
 - John (Skip) Malecki
 - Russell Yager
 - Wilbur Mull

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News from the President...

Happy New Year to all; I hope that everyone has had a great holiday season and is looking forward to the 2014 camping season. It has been three months since our last campout and the trailer has been put up for the winter. Although it will be only three more months before prepping the trailer to get it ready for the upcoming camping season, the months usually seem to go by slowly.

I would like to thank the MSA membership for their support and appreciate the turn-out at the November MSA meeting. A few items shared at the meeting that relates to membership growth that I would like to mention are: #1 - Cadet Membership Program, and #2 – displaying your chapter and/or “Come Camp with Us” banners at chapter campouts. Michigan has gained 11 Cadet Members, and we all should share this useful program with friends, neighbors, co-workers, and relatives. The displaying of our banners is a great way to elicit conversation with others at campgrounds to gain prospective members to our great organization.

Remember to mark your calendar for Saturday, February 22 and plan to attend the MSA Delegate Meeting held at the Burton Police Station, at 10:00 a.m. This is a chance to have your voice heard and to be a part of the decision-making within the state. Spring and Fall state campouts for 2014 are in the planning stages, and more information will be available at the February meeting.

As I look out at the snow in the yard and with the cold temperatures, I look forward to the warming of the springtime and knowing the camping season will be near. Hope to see everyone in the spring and stop by to say hello.

Dave Mull, MSA President

MSA Delegates Meeting

Saturday, February 22, 2014, 10:00

AM Burton Police Station

4090 Manor Drive, Burton, MI 48506



State Director Report...

As we wrap up 2013 and begin to plan for 2014, we are thankful for the opportunity to serve our membership. There are many exciting things happening and we are fortunate all of you have so many ideas and suggestions. Please share with us and each other your thoughts as we work together to do what is best for our organization and association.

Every year for the next nine years, there is a chapter(s) celebrating their 50th chapter anniversary...what an honor for Michigan and we are overwhelmed at the dedication of our members in those chapters! In 2014 Chapter 10, Roam'n Oaks will receive their award. We are hopeful each chapter will begin planning to showcase their chapter at the spring campouts.

Ed and Donna Huryn and the Southeast District Field Staff are hosting the 2014 State Spring Campout and we heard there are plans in the works for our 2014 State Fall Campout. More details will be shared at the February MSA meeting. Please volunteer to help our hosts either chair an activity or anything else that is needed.

We would like all Michigan chapters to have a presence on the national website. There is an area to list chapter contact information by state. Email, mail or call us with your chapter name, contact name, email address and geographic area of your chapter members.

Please visit www.fcrv.org and select *Come Camp With Us, Local Chapters, Great Lakes* and chapter contacts are listed by states in our region.

It is time to send us your 2014 chapter officers to publish in the April Michigan and activity schedules for insurance purposes. Please forward those as soon as possible.

Paul Jones has been working tirelessly to keep our website current. Please review our website www.mifcrv.org and email Paul if there are any additions, suggestions or changes:webmaster@mifcrv.org

The Octoberfest was again held in Birch Run and there was a great turnout including guests, teens and young adults. We are working on several projects but importantly membership building. The Cadet Program continues even though the contest has ended so please continue to share our organization with others. As a result of the Cadet Contest, Michigan has eleven new families. We suggest chapters pay their cadet member's first year FCRV dues. This would give the family a year and a half to experience family camping. We believe if you get potential members to campouts, they will be hooked!

The 2014 Great Lakes Regional is July 31-August 3 being held at the Howard County Fairgrounds in Greentown, Indiana near Kokomo. The theme is *Ole Time Country Fair* and each state in our region is to host an activity on Saturday. We have chosen a

tractor race to mirror the *Nascar race* that was held at a previous state campout. We are looking for ideas and suggestions as we create the rules and route for this activity...please help us out! We also hope you plan to attend this campout.

It was decided at the regional director's meeting the Great Lakes Region will host a hospitality at all future campventions. Many states in our region do not have enough support to host one on their own. In Vermont our region will be serving a raspberry beverage and assorted flavors of popcorn. Each state in our region is to bring campground directories and provide a small monetary donation for supplies. Please wear something to identify Michigan. Our members also need to decide if Michigan will host a hospitality in 2014.

This is a FCRV election year. There are three positions up for election. Please check *Camping Today* for further updates.

Contact us if you need any Michigan campout registration forms.

We look forward to seeing you at the February MSA meeting.

Please feel free to contact us if you have questions, thoughts, ideas, suggestions, concerns or for any reason...we would love to hear from you!

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Wanted – Volunteers to create a Photo Book for 2014 MSA Activities Let's preserve the memories of MSA activities in 2014 but we need your help. Pictures and captions are needed and someone is needed to create the photo book. Please contact John and Linda English as soon as possible if you are interested in helping.

STATE/PROVINCIAL HISTORY PHOTO BOOK CONTEST (this is a new National Program)

I. Purpose: To serve States and Provinces by giving them the incentive to compile and preserve their FCRV activities in a Photo Book each year, to serve as a recruiting tool for new members, and to provide a vehicle by which each State or Province achieves recognition for its dedication and participation in FCRV.

II. Rules and Criteria

A. Entries: Any State or Province may enter a printed photo book.

B. Time Period: History in a Photo Book of the States/Provinces will cover a one (1) year time period (i.e. January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 state/provincial activities), for the 2015 contest at Campvention.

C. Photo Book Size: Photo Books will be 8.5" X 11" in landscape, or 12" X 12" hardcover, of at least 20 pages. Additional pages are allowed but should not exceed 40 pages.

D. Criteria on Cover

1. State or Province name will appear on the cover of the Photo Book.
2. Year the State/Provincial camping activities took place will appear on the cover of the Photo Book.

E. Judging

1. Judges will be three (3) non-FCRV members in the digital website/journalism/historian/library science fields.
2. Scoring - Judges will score in 5 areas as follows:
 - a) Originality (creativity)
 - b) Authenticity (FCRV historically oriented, documentation)
 - c) Continuity (balance)
 - d) Public appeal (interest)
 - e) Interpretation (expression)



III. Content and Tools

A. Activities

1. Photo Books should include photos from State/Provincial Campouts
2. Photo Books should include photos of any activities the state/provincial members participated in at the Regional Campout
3. Photo Books should include photos from any activities the state/provincial members participated in at Campvention
4. Photo Books should include photos from individual chapter campouts

B. Documentation

1. All photos should be documented with text captions
2. Newspaper clippings, maps, ticket stubs, and other non-photo documentation can be scanned into an electronic picture format (such as .jpg) and added to the Photo Book or you can take a photo of an item and add the photo to the book.

C. Photo Book Tools

1. Photo Books can be created online and ordered through digital photo websites such as Snapfish, Shutterfly, Walgreens, MixBook and many others:
www.shutterfly.com, www.snapfish.com, <http://photo.walgreens.com>,
www.mixbook.com, <http://photocreations.michaels.com/>
2. Prices for Photo Books range from \$20 to \$50 for a basic 8.5" X 11" 20-page book, depending on site, sales, coupons, shipping, etc. Additional pages are usually charged extra per page.
3. A good website for resources and information on Photo Books is
<http://www.photobookgirl.com/>.

Scholarship Report

For the November MSA delegates meeting, Teen Queen Emily Kurburski assembled a very nice basket of kitchen items and the MSA Teens in attendance sold tickets on a chance to win the basket. Thanks to the generosity of the attending delegates, \$82.00 was collected. I would like to thank the Teens for donating the ticket sale monies to the Scholarship Fund.

Scholarship applications are due at the state spring campout. It's never too early to start assembling the information needed for the application.

For questions or applications contact: Jane Thornton, Scholarship Director, 2084 Madsen Rd. – Saginaw, MI 48601 Ph. 989-777-5958 [E-mail: raythor2@aol.com](mailto:raythor2@aol.com). Also scholarship application forms are available on the MSA website. Don't forget to apply for a national scholarship; the contact information is also on the Michigan scholarship application. See you in the spring.

Jane Thornton, Scholarship Director

Awards...

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

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

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

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

Jamie and Kaylene VanWagner,
Awards Committee



2014 MSA Planning

- First Timer ribbons given to perspective members who attend our state campouts
- FCRV Membership numbers included on all campout registration forms
- Programs needed for young adults and young families. Brittany Huryn will be mentored by Jentzens and Graves to plan state campout programs
- Display FCRV identification at every chapter, district and state activity
- Create information packets for prospective members
- Suggestion box at state campouts – Regina Jentzen was railroaded into creating a box!
- Create generic short survey and distribute at every state campout. Make it a contest...submit a completed survey to be eligible for a prize or award. Surveys will be reviewed by the MSA Board
- Field Staff are considering creating information packets for distribution at dealerships.
- With assistance from Sarah Camp, National Trustee, an advertisement will be created to publish in the next published MARVAC Directory.
- Michigan State Directors have created a bookmark for recruitment purposes; 1,000 will be printed.

Note: These are brainstorming ideas suggested by field staff at the 2013 Octoberest. Please share your ideas too!

PENGUIN PAGE



Teen Royalty
2013-14 Teen Queen

Emily Kurburski

2013-14 Teen King

Shawn Crookedacre

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Hello,

I hope you all had a happy holiday season and getting ready for the camping season to begin!

I am currently working indoors on my golf game and can't wait till the snow clears up. I have also been sewing re-usable bags for people to use at our local food pantry. This year I plan on being on my school's tennis team. I haven't played tennis in a while so we will see how that goes!

I am so excited for national and busily getting prepared. I hope to see you all soon!

Love, Emily Kurburski

2013-14 Michigan Teen Queen

Hi,

I attended the Octoberfest and the MSA meeting in November. I am sad that the camping season is over. Also, I cannot wait for Campvention to represent Michigan in the first ever Teen King Pageant

Your Teen King Shawn Crookedacre

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.

Youth Corner

Condensed Teenie/Youth Pageant Rules

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

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

2013-14 Youth Royalty

Princess

Maddison Graves

Prince

Luke Kurburski

Teenie Queen

Alexa Jentzen

Teenie King

Mark Graves

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The winter is certainly here but it is not too early to start working on your *Camping Is* poster. So on one of those snow days or for some ice days get out your poster board and start creating.

While you are working on your posters you might try making these fun tortilla snowflake snacks. We have had lots of fun making these and everyone really enjoys [theme. www.spoonful.com](http://www.spoonful.com) Sweet Tortilla Snowflakes
Foster & Anne Kurburski, Michigan Youth Directors

Teenie and Youth Pageant Official Registration 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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