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2019 Blue Water Mixer
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1965 - 2020

2020 Campout and Meeting Announcements

- April 24-26 - **S.E. District Mixer**, Davisburg, MI
- May 1-3 - **Blue Water Mini Mixer**, Port Huron, MI
- May 15-17 - **MSA State Spring Campout**, Evart, MI
- May 29-31 - **Northern District Mixer**, Gladwin, MI
- July 13-17 - **Campvention**, Bridgen, ON
- August 5-9 - **Great Lakes Regional**, Shipshewana, IN
- September 7-12 - **MSA Retiree Rally**, St. Louis, MI
- September 18-20 - **MSA State Fall Campout**, Marshall, MI
- September 25-27 - **Blue Water District Mixer**, Imlay City, MI

Indiana Campout Announcements for 2020

Posted as a courtesy for our Indiana Neighbors. These campout dates may conflict with Michigan campouts.

- May 1-3 - **Cinco De Mayo**, Geneva, IN

Please support the many activities scheduled.

(Also see registration forms on pages 9-22 – mailed copy only has pages 1-12 for the other pages go to <http://mifcrv.org/Michigander/default.htm>)

Editor's Note: Please submit campout registrations (Word preferred) to me by email: Michigander@mifcrv.org
Be sure to include **DOCUMENTATION** for any pictures or clipart.

Michigander DEADLINE DATES
DEADLINES for submitting articles to the Michigander:
December 10 for the January issue
March 10 for the April issue
Friday after State Spring for the July issue
Friday after State Fall for the October issue
You can start **TODAY** by sending articles to: michigander@mifcrv.org

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News from the MSA President

I trust everyone had a safe and wonderful Christmas and New Year. Winter is upon us and is the perfect time to start thinking about the upcoming camping season.

Both Michigan State Association Campouts, Spring (Ewart) and Fall (Marshall) are in the planning stages and will make for a wonderful time. The Districts are working diligently on their mixers for the upcoming season so please consider attending these state and district events in order to honor those who work so hard. Make a special attempt to bring guests with you because they will see first-hand what we are about and will want to become part of us.

MSA will be implementing some changes this year, one will be how we run our pageants so please stay tuned for further details in an upcoming Michigander. The new format will encourage more participation and enjoyment by all.

I am always available to help or listen to suggestions on the future of the MSA so feel free to contact me at president@mifcrv.org

Respectfully Submitted

MSA President Paul R Jones

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Awards

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

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

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

Please mail your nominations to:

502 Andres St.

Chesaning, MI 48616

Or e-mail them to: awards@mifcrv.org

Thank you,
Jamie and Kaylene VanWagner



STATE DIRECTOR'S NEWS

As we end the camping season for 2019 we have much to be thankful for. We have maintained our membership as we continue to encourage prospective members to see what family camping is about. Members are stepping forward to fill leadership positions. We have had very successful district and state campouts and recognize all who volunteered to make it happen. We are grateful for every one of you who make FCRV in Michigan a place where families can come together and enjoy camping around our

great state.

Thank you MSA Board and the Tip of the Mitt Chapter and all the volunteers for hosting our two state campouts in 2019. We are so thankful for your eagerness to step forward and support our association. There were many great memories made from each campout we thoroughly enjoyed and hope you did too.

We look forward to going to two new places in 2020; state spring will be in Evart and fall in Marshall. Please reach out to see if the hosts could use your help. We know they would welcome your ideas, suggestions and helping hands!

The 2020 Great Lakes Region Campout will be held in Shipshewana, Indiana. Registration forms and more information will be available soon. We hope you plan to attend.

Campvention plans are coming together nicely for July 2020 in Brigden, Ontario Canada. Let's support our teen royalty, Grace Carey and Luke Kurburski as they vie for the national teen title.

Please forward your 2020-chapter officers, membership list and camping schedules to us as soon as they are completed. Chapter officer lists will be posted in the next edition of The Michigander. Our plans are to post chapter schedules on our website. This is a great opportunity for your chapter. This is also a great time to review your chapter's constitution and specifically by-laws to make sure you are doing what those documents say in accordance with FCRV. Let us know if you have questions or concerns.

Continue to reach out to prospective members through the *Introductory Membership Program*. This provides a new member 18 months of benefits for the cost of a one-year membership.

Any college student of a member in good standing is eligible for their own membership. We will need the student's date of birth to submit for this honorary membership. This membership requires an annual renewal so please keep us posted.

We wish you all a safe and healthy winter and look forward to seeing you in the spring. If there is anything, we can help you or your chapter with during this time, please let us know.

Thank you for your commitment to FCRV in Michigan.

John & Linda English, Michigan State Directors statedirectors@mifcrv.org

NOTE: MSA History is now on the website and can be viewed by this link: <http://mifcrv.org/forms/MSA%20History.xlsx>

Dear Michigan Field Staff,

As you may or may not know, John & Linda English will be retiring in September 2020. We are sure you all join us in thanking them for the time they have given to serve Michigan and its members.

It is now time to start the process of selecting a new State Director. That is the reason for this email. I would like to know if any of you would like to be considered to fill the position of State Director or if you have any suggestions for possible candidates. If you or know of someone who would be a good candidate for Sue Fromholzer, Vice President - Operations, and I to consider for recommendation to the Trustees, please let us know **by August 20**. I will then talk with those candidates about the duties, etc. of the State Director, and if they are interested in being considered for the position, have them submit a resume. Sue & I will then go over the resumes and we may talk with the candidates again before submitting our recommendations to the Trustees for the final approval. We would like to have this process completed by your Fall Campout, if possible.

John & Linda will be willing to mentor and/be assistants to the new State Director for at least the first year. They would also like to stay on as Field Directors for the Southeast District.

Thank you for all you do for Michigan and its members and We look forward to your input on filling the position of State Director.

For the betterment of FCRV,
Doug & Connie Black
Family Campers & RVers
Regional Director

ILFCRV@yahoo.com

Doug & Connie Black, 13250 Cornthwaite Rd., Moweaqua, IL 62550 January 12, 2020



Scholarship Report

The holidays are over and so far, it's been a fairly mild winter. We've started filling in our camping calendar for the 2020 season and I'm happy to say, it's looking good. I can't wait to get out the camper and head on down the road! With spring in our sites that means it is time to complete your scholarship application and gather the required attachments. Deadline and requirements are as follows:

- 1) Application deadline: June 1st
- 2) All applications mailed by U.S. mail must have a legible post office marked date stamp on the envelope to be accepted for judging. Applications emailed will be accepted by the date and time on the email.
- 3) Applicants must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average based on a 4.0 grading scale.
- 4) The applicant **or** applicant's parents must have attended at least one (1) Michigan FCRV campout in the previous year and camped/stayed overnight one night. The qualifying campouts are: MSA State Spring, MSA State Fall campout and a District campout.

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

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

Jane Thornton, Scholarship Director

POLICY - TWENTY-YEAR-OLD HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

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

New DSAT Director

Hello All,

I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday.

I would like to introduce myself, I'm Tom Lewis, my wife and I are members of the Eager Beaver Camping Club. I'm your new Michigan DASAT (Disaster and Safety Awareness Training) Director. We have numerous programs available for all our Michigan Clubs and members from disaster planning and safety to home, health, travel, camping safety and education.

In the very near future I plan on reaching out and contacting our members by phone, text, Email, social media and if possible in person and discuss the DASAT program with everyone along with getting your input and suggestions for DASAT.

Looking forward to meeting and talking with everyone. Please feel free to contact me anytime. My contact information is below.

Be safe, Happy Travels and Happy Camping

Sincerely;

Tom Lewis, Michigan DASAT Director

989-640-1181

tcl_butch@yahoo.com

RETIREE NEWS!!!

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Camping is just around the corner. Do not forget to put the Retiree Rally on your Schedule; September 7-12, 2020. Hope to see all of you there.

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My new phone number is (616) 706-2543

Note: We are still looking for the missing Retiree Banner and any games that belong to FCRV. If you know where they are please call Mary Lou at: (616) 706-2543

Thank you,

Mary Lou Heft, MI State Retiree Director

Teen Directors News

Geoff and I are very excited to have accepted the Teen Directors position at the State Fall Campout. With only a few days between accepting the position and articles being due, there's not a lot to share. We are asking:

1. That all the teens join us and bring ideas for a MSTA meeting at the 2020 Spring Campout during the adult state meeting.
2. Anyone who might have any "stuff" that belongs to the Teen Association, please let us know that you have it asap.
3. Anyone with ideas for the MSTA pass them along to us!

We look forward to working with all of you!

Marci McIntosh & Geoff Stringer

Email: teens@mifcrv.org

MIFCRV TEEN ROYALTY

Dear Fellow Campers:

I hope everyone is healthy and well in these cold winter months. I'm really enjoying all the snow that we're getting this year!

I just started a new semester at school, and I've been busy thinking about scheduling for next year and all the homework I get! I am preparing for the fast approaching track season in the spring.

I've been attending piano lessons every week and helping with the bell choir at our church. I've also been busy with Youth Group every weekend.

We recently went to a camp in Ewart, called SpringHill, which I enjoyed a lot. I'm looking forward to the upcoming camping season, and of course, Campvention in Canada in July.

Thank you for the endless support,
Grace Carey, 2019-2020 Michigan Teen Queen



Hello,

Luke Kurburski
Michigan Teen King 2019-2020



**Mark your Calendars for the
58th Annual MSA Spring Campout
MAY 15 – 17, 2020**

The 2020 camping season is just around the corner and your hosts and their flock of volunteers would like to invite you to the Michigan State Association's 58th Annual Spring Campout. Mark your calendars for May 15-17, 2020 and come join us at a new location; the Osceola County Fairground in Ewart, MI. We're very excited about this facility which comes with a full kitchen, beautiful community hall, wonderful bath/shower houses and lovely grounds complete with a community fire ring.

Early arrivals are welcome beginning May 13th with activities beginning on Thursday, May 14th. Thursday there will be a craft and is also game day so bring your cards, games, and puzzles to the "Chicken Coop" (Community Hall) and join in the fun. Friday activities include a trip to Clare to Cops and Donuts, always a unique experience, and to the Country Bake House, a wonderful Amish Bakery.

Saturday there will be chapter project sales and flea market, a craft, family games, and a potluck supper with the meat provided. The evening program will be a talent show. Whether you want to recite a poem, sing a little ditty, or strum your guitar we hope you will share your talent with us.

Sunday we will wrap up the "fine feathered" weekend with breakfast, church with the Praise Gang Puppets, and MSA meeting. Before you "fly away home", we'll hope you will be able to say to your friends you had a great time "shaking your tail feathers" at the Spring Campout.

Co-Chairs – Pete & Samie-Jo Schaub and Ray & Jane Thornton
And their Gaggle of Helpers



Chaplain's Corner

Happy Easter to you all!

Job 37:6-9(KJV)

⁶For he saith to the snow, Be thou *on* the earth; likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength.

⁷He sealeth up the hand of every man; that all men may know his work.

⁸Then the beasts go into dens, and remain in their places.

⁹Out of the south cometh the whirlwind: and cold out of the north.

Ron & Ida O'Dell

Note: Obituaries are no longer included in the Michigander unless it is requested by the family of the deceased. Thank you for understanding.

FCRV MEMBERS SCAM WARNING!!!

Scammers are working off data from the FCRV website using Shari Weber's name and a spoofed version of her email, asking you to buy gift cards for veterans/cancer patients/other charities, etc. The REAL Shari Weber does NOT want/need you to buy gift cards!

Please do not respond to the email message, it could provide the scammer with YOUR information.

Shari states, for everyone in FCRV to know and remember, she will NEVER use her position as President of FCRV to solicit money, donations or contributions in cash, cards or other easily negotiable forms of payment.

PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH YOUR FCRV CONTACTS, State Directors, Regional Directors, District Directors and Program chairmen in your states. We do not want any of our members to become victims of this scam.

Like the FCRV office, Shari uses certain features in her electronic correspondence all the time. This will help give insight into the authenticity of FCRV official correspondence.

Hopefully together we can prevent any of our members from being victimized by this attack.

Happy Valentine's Day! 

Pat Wittmeyer
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4804 Transit Road, Building 2
Depew, NY 14043
Ph: (716) 668-6242



Whatever you camp in,
whatever your style; you
are welcome at:



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A Day at the Races

April 24-26, 2020



2020 FCRV
Southeast District
Mixer
Springfield Oaks
Oakland County 4H
Fairgrounds,
Davisburg

Make checks payable to:

Southeast District of FCRV

And mail with registration form to:

Paul and Diane Jones

387 E Southern Rd

Coldwater MI 49036

313.770.5555

Email dbadjones75@gmail.com

Pre-registration (nonrefundable) \$25.00

Due at registration (cash only) \$30.00

Registration at the gate \$55.00

Highlights of this year's event are:

Friday night meal for donation

Cash Bingo

2 Breakfasts and 1 Dinner

Family games

10cent auction

Fun Surprises

Registration Deadline: April 14, 2020



Form from the
Michigander

Name: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____

Type of Unit: _____ Size of Unit: _____ Slide Out(s): _____

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

_____ Handicapped Parking (with permit) Chapter: _____

_____ Special Dietary Needs (with physician letter). We will do our best to accommodate this need.

Special Needs (please be specific) _____

Email: _____ Snail Mail: yes no

BLUE WATER MINI MIXER

MAY 1- 3, 2020

PT. HURON TWP. PARK

WATER ST., PT. HURON, MI

810-982-6765

**FEES: PRICE WILL DEPEND ON YOUR CAMPSITE, ELETRIC & WATER OR FULL HOOKUP.
YOU WILL PAY THE PARK FOR YOUR CAMPSITE**

***Please Call Campground** (PT. HURON TWP. PARK, WATER ST. (next to Cracker Barrel) PT. HURON, MI

(Call **810-982-6765 after April 15, 2020**) to make your reservation* **and** email Joyce Williams at MIBLUEWATERFCRV@GMAIL.COM (so we know who is coming). Please tell the campground you are with the FCRV group so you will be parked near the lodge.

NO CONFORMATION WILL BE SENT BACK TO YOU

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: ADULT & FAMILY GAMES, SOUP LUNCH, SATURDAY DINNER
POTLUCK**

**(DISTRICT WILL PROVIDE THE CHICKEN FOR SATURDAY DINNER), SUNDAY POTLUCK
BREAKFAST,**

FUN FOR ALL AGES.

COME HAVE FUN AND RELAX.

2) 50/50 DRAWINGS (SATURDAY) IN PLACE OF ACTIVITY FEE.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ POSTAL CODE
ZIP: _____

CHAPTER NAME & # _____

EMAIL: _____

UNIT TYPE: _____ LENGTH: _____ SLIDES: _____

IN FAMILY: _____ YOUTH: _____ TEENS: _____

Form from the
Michigander



Just Winging It

2020 MSA State Spring Campout

Osceola Fairgrounds

101 Recreation Avenue, Evart, MI 49631

May 15-17, 2020

Early Arrival May 13-14, 2020

Hosted by the Schaub's and Thornton's & Company



Some of the activities will include: area attractions; family games; hospitality; crafts; project sales; community campfire; youth and teen activities; Saturday Breakfast, Potluck Supper, and Evening Talent Show (Please showcase your talent and sign up); Sunday Breakfast and Church.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____

FCRV Membership Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Type of Unit: _____ Length of Unit: _____ Slide Out (s): _____

No. in Family: Adults: _____ Young Adults: _____ Teens: _____ Youth: _____

*Do you prefer not to be parked by someone with pets yes _____ doesn't matter _____

Parking is straight hobo. All sites have water and 30 or 50 amp service. There are three restroom/bath houses. The dump station is located within the camping area.

____ Handicap parking; we understand we will not be parked with our chapter. We have a valid state handicapped certificate, license, or doctor's certificate. You **MUST** pre-register for handicap parking.

Chapter Name: _____ Chapter No. _____

Special needs (please be specific): _____

Go Green—your mailback will be sent to the email address provided below.

Email: _____ Snail Mail: Yes No

PLEASE NOTE: Camping fee is \$20 per night; Activity Fee is \$25.

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Michigander

PLEASE return this registration form with a check made payable to Michigan State Assn/FCRV no later than May 1, 2020 for the full amount (total camping fee plus activity fee) to:

John/Linda English
c/o 2020 MSA Spring Campout
P.O. Box 215
Quincy, MI 49082

Questions: Contact Ray Thornton ravthor2@aol.com, 989.245-5985

Check number: _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

**Northern District's
Rootin' Tootin' Wildwest Campout**



Date: May 29, 30, 31, 2020
Early Arrivals May 28th

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

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

Fees: \$ 15.00 Rally Fee Advanced Registration (Sorry no refunds)
\$ 15.00 Per Night Camping Fee
\$ 45.00 Total for Weekend (No mail backs)
\$ 15.00 Thursday Arrivals

Please make checks payable to: Northern District FCRV

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

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ACTIVITIES: Thursday – Early Arrivals (Note: Building will be available for use but hospitality will not open until noon Friday) Friday – Bingo Saturday – Family Games, Door Prizes, Dime Auction, Camp Wide Potluck Supper, Evening Program Sunday – Breakfast

Northern District Mixer 2020

Name: _____ Amt. Enclosed _____

Address: _____ Chapter No. _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Children: Girls _____ Ages _____ Boys _____ Ages _____

Teens: Girls _____ Guys _____



60TH INTERNATIONAL CAMPVENTION

THE TRUE NORTH STRONG AND FREE

Family Campers & Rver's

Hosted by Region #7 Eastern Canada

Brigden Fairgrounds,

2435 Courtright Line Brigden, ON, N0N 1B0

July 13 – July 17th 2020,

fee covers July 12-17th (6 nights)

Early Bird Days: July 10th & 11th @ \$ 25/night (pay @ registration- cash)

Registrations are needed by: **June 1st, 2020**



Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
 Spouse/Guest: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____
 State/Province: _____ Postal Code/Zip Code: _____
 Phone number: _____ e-mail: _____
 Handicapped/ Special Needs Parking: Yes: _____, No: _____
 Motor Home _____ 5th Wheel _____ Travel trailer _____ Pop-Up _____ Tent _____
 Number of people in your unit: _____
 # of Adults: _____, Teens: _____, Youth 0-12: _____, Total # of people in unit: _____
 Please list the names and ages of all the Teens and Youth:

Name	Age	Name	Age

Gates will be open from 8am- 8pm (all days)

REGISTRATION

Everyone must complete a registration form including second families and camp passes. Submit payment with the registration form. All funds should be Canadian currency of cheques or money orders. NO CREDIT CARDS.

	Registration	At Gate
One Family in the Unit	\$325 CDN	\$335 CDN
Extra Family in Unit (pay separate)	\$ 200 CDN	\$210 CDN
Week Drive-In pass	\$200 CDN	\$210 CDN
Walk-In Camp Pass (per day)	\$40 CDN	\$40 CND

Make cheques/Money Orders payable to: 2020 FCRV Campvention , * CASH ONLY AT GATE

Mail to: Marilyn Rosenberger
 1505 Ottawa Street N. Apt 511
 Kitchener Ontario N2A 0E8

Contact at : 1-519-501-4331 or rosenberger44@gmail.com

Refund policy: If you are unable to attend, all except \$35 CDN will be refunded

I Would like to volunteer for: _____?

Form from the
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Editor's Note: Information for traveling to Canada Can be found on page 8 of the October 2019 Michigander <http://miferv.org/Michigander/volume54number4.pdf>
 More important information about 2020 Campvention is on pages 14-15 of this issue.

Paying for 2020 Campvention

An attempt was made to set up an account to make it possible for our members to register and pay for Campvention using a credit card. For the Canadian Campvention this has proved to be impossible. Sorry, please follow these procedures to register for the Brigden Campvention. Even though initially we did not allow you to write a check to pay for Campvention due to the exchange, we now have a process to allow us to take your check. Please be sure to include the registration form which can be **printed** from “Camping Today” or be found on the website fcrv.org, then click the “Join/Renew” tab, then select “Event Registration”. The registration fees have been converted to U.S. funds are as follows: Campvention registration fee is \$255; golf cart registration fee is \$275; and the extra family fee is \$155. All of these are U.S. dollars. **PLEASE INCLUDE ALL APPLICABLE REGISTRATION FEES IN ONE CHECK.** Write your check payable to 2020 FCRV Campvention and MAIL to Marilyn Rosenberger, 1505 Ottawa Street N, Apt #151, Kitchener, ONT, CA N2A 0E8.

The 2020 Campvention host team for Brigden, Canada is doing very well. Registration forms are available in “Camping Today” and on our website fcrv.org under the Campvention tab. There are separate forms for Campvention and Golf Cart Rental. Please use both forms.

It is important to also share the information regarding traveling into Canada. This comes from a website referencing Canadian border crossing.

Passport Information for Traveling to Canada & Returning to the United States

U.S. citizens visiting Canada will be required to present one of the travel documents listed here:

- U.S. Passport
- U.S. Passport Card
- Enhanced Driver’s License (Issued by New York, Michigan, Vermont and Washington only)
- Trusted Traveler Program Cards such as NEXUS, SENTRI or FAST enrollment cards
- Special Audiences (Special documents for U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents, U.S. Military, Native Americans, and Boaters; birth certificates for children under the age of 16).

Should I get a passport book or card?

The passport book and passport card are both U.S. passports. If issued for the full validity, they are both proof of your U.S. citizenship and identity.

See the chart on the next page to decide which is best for you. (For Campvention the Passport Card is all that is needed. If you live in Michigan or New York an enhanced driver’s license also suffices.)

Continued on the next page.

RV Tip, Remember:
Camping is the ability to do diverse repairs in exotic locations.

	U.S. Passport Book	U.S. Passport Card
Used For	International travel by air, sea, or land The passport book is <u>Real ID</u> compliant and can be used for domestic air travel.	Entering the United States at land border crossings and sea ports-of-entry from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada • Mexico • The Caribbean • Bermuda The passport card cannot be used for international air travel. The passport card is <u>Real ID</u> compliant and can be used for domestic air travel.
Validity	16 and older: 10 years Under 16: 5 years	16 and older: 10 years Under 16: 5 years
Size	5" x 3.5" (when closed)	Wallet size
Cost	\$145 - first-time applicants 16 and older \$115 - applicants under 16 \$110 - <u>renewals by mail</u> Please see <u>Passport Fees</u> for more information.	\$65 - first-time applicants 16 and older \$50 - applicants under 16 \$30 - <u>renewals by mail</u> Please see <u>Passport Fees</u> for more information.
Shipping Options	If you're applying for a book, you can select 1-2 day delivery which costs an additional \$17.13.	If you're only applying for a card, we will send it to you via First Class Mail. You cannot select 1-2 day delivery.

Recommendation is you make application for either of these documents before May 15. This leaves 8 weeks for you to receive the document prior to leaving for Campvention. The Real ID star on your driver's license does not qualify as a passport card. My research indicates that minor children under the age of 16 and traveling with their parents can use their birth certificate to reenter the US. Canada does not ask for passports from children under the age of 16. If you are traveling with a grandchild or anyone you are not the guardian for check to see what documentation is needed.

Very soon you will receive information from Sue Carlsen, Recording & Corresponding Officer, on the national awards program. The period for nominating someone who has worked hard and deserves to be recognized begins soon and ends April 15th. These awards include individual or family awards recognizing exemplary or outstanding work, individual award recognizing someone who did an act of lifesaving impact, individual or family award for humanitarian activities, individual or family award for lifetime achievement and chapter award recognizing chapters for their participation in the programs FCRV provides. All the forms are available at fcrv.org. Start thinking about someone who should be recognized and be sure to submit the nomination in by April 15th.

Vickie Roop is working very hard to produce our "Camping Today" every month. She wants it to be informative and fun for you to read. She will be happy to include your regional and provincial/state campouts in the calendar of events which is also posted on the website. You simply need to supply her with the pertinent information. When the campout is over be sure to send pictures and articles about your event to Vickie & DeWayne. "Camping Today" is only what you make it.

Membership continues its decline. Much of this is a result of our membership just aging out of camping. There are lots of you working very hard to bring in new members. Keep up the great work! **If we are going to make a difference in our membership, every member needs to be an FCRV ambassador.**

**2020 Great Lakes Regional Campout
Shipshewana Campground -North
Shipshewana Indiana
August 5th – August 9th
A Stitch in Time From Handcrafted Minds**



Local activities include

There are opportunities to take a buggy ride, view over 30 hand-painted quilt murals on the LaGrange County Barn Quilt Trail, go to a dinner theater and watch handcrafted oak and cherry furniture being made. There are over 100 different shops, where you can find everything from handmade crafts and quilts to heirloom quality furniture. Purchase and sample unique foods like jellies, fudge, hand-rolled pretzels, and even Amish-made peanut butter. You'll feel as if you've stepped back in time!

You will need to contact the campground and make your own reservation let them know you are with FCRV

***Shipshewana North Park Amish Log Cabin Lodging & Campground
5970 North State Road 5
Shipshewana IN, 46565
Ph: (260) 768-7770***

Form from the
Michigander

Once you have your site number please email it to: comecampwithus@hotmail.com

Pre-registration

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Site Number: _____ Number of Adults: _____ Teens: _____ Youth _____

Number of nights staying

____ Tues (Early Bird) ____ Wed (Early Bird) ____ Thurs ____ Fri ____ Sat

Activity fee - \$20 Activity fee at gate will be - \$25

Please make checks payable to

Indiana FCRV State Director Acct for registration 2020

Send pre-registration to: Cindy James

3395 N. US Hwy 33

Decatur, IN 46733

State Director Campout (previously known as Field Director Campout)

August 21-23, 2020
Woods and Water RV Park
4495 S. Spruce Ave
White Cloud, MI 49349
(231) 689-6685

- We encourage you to attend the annual campout for a fun and enjoyable weekend.
- The Eager Beaver Camping Club has invited us to join their campout.
- Saturday we will be spending the day floating on the river. Bring your own tubes or let John and Linda know if you need one. Depending on how fast the river is running, the trip could be anywhere from 2-4 hours. Some may stop for a brief lunch.
- Saturday night dinner will be a potluck. Please bring a dish to share. We will gather in the evening for our get-together.
- Sunday breakfast will be provided by the Eager Beaver Camping Club
- The campground may have planned weekend activities. Downtown Newago normally has a farmer's market on weekends. Something to consider if you plan to camp with us but not go tubing.

The campground will begin taking reservations the end of February. Sites are being held under the Eager Beaver Camping Club.

Full hookup sites being held at \$40/night:
Sites 132-139

Water and electric sites being held at \$35/night:
110-114

As always, let us know if you have questions. We will provide updates as they are received.

John & Linda English
Michigan State Directors

mifcrv@mifcrv.org

2/12/2020



MSA Retiree Rally September 7-12, 2020 St. Louis Campground

8489 N. Bagley Road, St. Louis, MI 48880
989-681-2581



We hope you will join us for the annual MSA Michigan Retiree Rally! It is several days of fun, food, games and other planned activities. Bring a member or guest and enjoy your time while visiting St. Louis.

Breakfast will be provided Tuesday-Friday; also, two lunches and one dinner meal. The Gratiot County Food Bank will be supported by your generous donation of proceeds from a raffle. There will be many outdoor and evening games and lots of catching up with our camping family. We hope you will join us!

Camping Fee is \$15 per night. Register at the campground when you arrive and indicate you are attending the MSA Retiree Rally to receive the discount camping rate.

The Activity Fee is **\$10 per person** for the rally.
Make checks payable to: **Michigan State Association/FCRV**

Please send the registration form below with the total amount of activity fee ONLY to:
John/Linda English
MSA 2020 Retiree Rally
P.O. Box 215
Quincy, MI 49082

Form from the
Michigander

Questions: Call Mary Lou Heft, Michigan State Retiree Director, 1-616-706-2543.

Please register on or before August 1, 2020 so supplies can be purchased for meal planning.

First Timer: Yes___ No___

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

FCRV Membership Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Type of Unit: _____ Length ft.: _____

Number attending rally: _____ Special Needs: _____

Amount enclosed for Activity Fee only (\$10 per person) = \$

Camping fees are paid when you arrive at the campground.



Hand in Hand

2020 MSA State Fall Campout

Calhoun County Fairgrounds

720 Fair Street, Marshall, MI 49068

September 18-20, 2020

Early Arrival September 16-17, 2020

Hosted by English's, Schaub's & Company



Historical Marshall Michigan is a lovely town to explore during our 2020 State Fall Campout. Marshall is the city of hospitality where friendly locals are happy to recommend the best places in town. There are eight museums, a large historic landmark district, unique shops and many interesting and famous restaurants.

Marshall is voted one of the "15 Best Small Towns to Visit in Michigan".

Come early and stay late...there is so much to see and do.

Working together, *Hand in Hand*, we will continue to make our association stronger and better.

We hope to see you in Marshall.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____

FCRV Membership Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Type of Unit: _____ Length of Unit: _____ Slide Out (s): _____

No. in Family: Adults: _____ Young Adults: _____ Teens: _____ Youth: _____

Do you prefer NOT to be parked by someone with pets yes ___ doesn't matter ___

Parking is straight hobo. There is a restroom/bath house and dump station located within the camping area.

___ Handicap parking; we understand we will not be parked with our chapter. We have a valid state handicapped certificate, license, or doctor's certificate. You MUST pre-register for handicap parking.

Chapter Name: _____ Chapter No. _____

Special needs (please be specific): _____

Go Green—your mailback will be sent to the email address provided below.

Email: _____ Snail Mail: Yes No

PLEASE NOTE: Camping fee is \$15 per night; Activity Fee is \$25.

PLEASE return this registration form with a check made payable to Michigan State Assn/FCRV no later than September 1, 2020 for the full amount (total camping fee plus activity fee) to:

Diane Jones
2020 State Fall Campout
387 E. Southern Rd.
Coldwater, MI 49036

Form from the
Michigander

Check number: _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Questions: Contact John/Linda English, mifcrv@mifcrv.org or 248-797-5030 (Linda Cell)

Blue Water District Mixer

Sept 25-27, 2020

Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds (2 blocks north of I-69)

Imlay City MI 48444 (between Flint & Pt. Huron)

Mail payment with registration form to:

Rocky Lumley

603 3rd St

St Clair MI 48079

donrocky64@hotmail.com

or mibluewaterfcry@gmail.com

Basic power only

Pre-registration (nonrefundable) \$10.00

Camping fee \$35.00

Fri & Sat registration and camping fee \$45.00

Early arrivals begin on Wednesday September 23

Make checks payable to: **

Blue Water District Mixer

Registration Deadline September 12, 2020

**** Canadian Registrations WE CAN NOT ACCEPT CANADIAN CHECKS PLEASE EMAIL REGISTRATION TO**

mibluewaterfcry@gmail.com

Any Questions call: Joyce Williams 586-242-4584 or email

mibluewaterfcry@gmail.com

Total amount enclosed _____

Check number _____

PERFECT VISION

Blue Water District Mixer

NAME _____

PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

Go Green—your mail back will be sent to the email address provided below. Which do you prefer _____ Email _____ US Mail

Email address (please print)

Form from the
Michigander

Chapter Name _____

Chapter # _____

Type of unit _____ length of unit _____ #of slide outs _____

in family: Adults _____ Teens _____ Double Digits _____

Youth _____ Pets* _____

*Do you prefer to NOT be parked by someone with pets: please DO NOT park me by someone with pets _____ doesn't matter _____?

A FREE WEEKEND WILL BE DRAWN FOR THOSE REGISTERED BY AUG.17, 2020

_____ Handicap parking, we understand we will not be parked with our chapter. We have a valid state handicapped certificate, license, or doctors certificate.

Total amount enclosed _____ Check number _____

Indiana FCRV

Cinco De Mayo campout will be May 1-2-3 at Amishville Campground in Geneva, Indiana. You will need to contact Amishville at 1-260-589-3536 to make your reservation (they do not have a website, only a Facebook page). Tell them you are with FCRV, they have our sites blocked around the circle. You will pay Deena the activity fee at the campout. You can comment on this post when you get your site reserved with the site number, so Deena knows you are coming. If you need any further information, you can contact Deena at cdfelver@metalik.net



Website listed did not work when I tried it.

Editor

Form from the Michigander

Registration on next page.

INDIANA FCRV 2020 SPRING CAMPOUT



May 1,2,3

AMISHVILLE USA CAMPGROUND
844 E 900 S, Geneva, IN 46740

Call to make your own reservations at the park
1-260-589-3536

Let them know that you are with FCRV and would like to be around the circle.
Activity fee of \$10.00 will be collected at the Campout.

Let us know if we can count on you!!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

Adults _____ #Teens _____ #Youth _____

Send to Deena Felver
4336 State Route 81
Willshire, OH 45898
Or email to cdfelver@metalink.net

Form from the
Michigander



Notice: Michigan FCRV is sharing this as a courtesy to our Indiana neighbors. Dates may conflict with Michigan campouts.

2019 State Fall Campout





SE District - Linda English



STATE SPRING CAMPOUT by Linda English



**NORTHERN
DISTRICT
MIXER
by
Ron O'Dell**