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2023 Campout Announcements

- April 28-30, Southeast District, Davisburg
- May 5-7, Blue Water Mini-Mixer, Port Huron
- May 19-21, MSA State Spring, place TBD
- June 2-4, Northern District, Gladwin
- July 9-14, Campvention, Richmond, IN
- September 15-17, MSA State Fall, place TBD
- September 22-24, Blue Water Mixer, Imlay City

Note: click on the blue link for registration forms; web version ONLY!

<http://mifcrv.org/Michigander/default.htm>

Registration forms are published in the electronic edition posted on our website: www.mifcrv.org , *Calendar of Events* OR Click on the blue title above
Please support the many activities scheduled for 2023.

Editor's Note: Please submit campout registrations (Word preferred) by email: Michigander@mifcrv.org or Editor@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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President's Message

Because of an unfortunate situation, the MSA Fall Campout was canceled. However, it is time to look forward to the activities and campouts in 2023. Anyone, chapter, or district interested in hosting a state spring or fall in 2023, please notify the MSA Board by January 2023. The new MSA board and others are eager to assist in putting on a state campout. There are two MSA delegate business meetings a year at both spring and fall campouts. These business meetings are important in voting on any changes, processes, or procedures for the MSA association.

Samie-Jo and I are heading south to our winter home soon and will be looking forward to being together with our camping family for another year.

Yours in camping,

Peter Schaub, President MSA/FCRV Association

2023 Camping Events!

Forward registration forms and campout information to:

mifcrv@mifcrv.org for *The Michigander*

webmaster@mifcrv.org for our Website

The Michigander Editor Needed

Please know I am happy to **temporarily** publish *The Michigander*; however, since retirement and not using desk top publishing, there is a huge learning curve to make this happen. I know there is someone with skills to be our next editor. This is a commitment just four times a year so please someone step up to the plate. We need YOU!

Linda English, Temporary Editor, The Michigander

STATE DIRECTOR NEWS

We are so fortunate in Michigan to enjoy the fall camping season. There are so many beautiful places to camp in our great state! We had the opportunity to spend some time in the Upper Peninsula last month. This is the first time we have both been above the bridge since we were very young teens! There was so much to see and do. We are already planning another trip next year.

If you have not visited our Facebook page, we are pleased to report that our Plastic Cap Project will finally happen! The company in Evansville, IN is in the process of new ownership that will continue making recycled products. We have received three very generous donations towards the cost of the three benches. Thank you so much to the **Eager Beaver Chapter**, **Roam 'n Oaks Chapter** and **Traverse Bay Travelers Chapter** for your generous donation towards this project. If you would like to make a financial donation towards this project, please make checks payable to MSA/FCRV and mail to our state treasurer. Please indicate the donation is for the Plastic Cap Project. We also want to thank the **Indiana State Association** and **Girl Scout Troup 90979** from Bronson, MI for their cap donations, and members who have helped in any way with this project. Once we secure a date to travel to Evansville and make sure we have the funding, we will pick up the benches that will be donated to the three fairgrounds who host our district campouts: **Gladwin**, **Imlay City** and **Springfield Oaks**. Plaques will be made to attach to the benches. Stayed turned for further developments.



Thank you to those who supported and attended this years Great Lakes Region Campout. It was Michigan's turn to host and a fun time was evident in the many attendees who participated in the various activities. There will not be a campout next year as the Great Lakes Region will be hosting the 2023 Campvention. The next Great Lakes Region Campout will be in 2024 in Ohio. Stay tuned for updates.

We hope you received our email that included a list of volunteers still needed for the 2023 Campvention along with the list of what each position entails. John needs a committee chair and co-chair for Marketplace. This responsibility basically includes registration and assigning areas in a building. Please let us know if you will volunteer to help John in this position.

Please visit our National Website, www.fcrv.org to see the many positive and friendly changes. Do you have your chapter campouts posted on the website? What activities through pictures can you also share by posting on the website?

Below are the direct links to the forms to submit both events and recaps.

If you have any questions or need any help with this, please let us know!

They are requesting events both past and present.

[Event Submission Form](https://fcrv.org/event-submission-form/) - <https://fcrv.org/event-submission-form/>

[Event Recap Form](https://fcrv.org/event-recap/) - <https://fcrv.org/event-recap/>

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NOTE: **MSA** History can be viewed on our website: <http://mifcrv.org/forms/MSA%20History.xlsx>

Michigan State Teen Association



Pictured left to right:

Grace Carey, Teen Queen 2021

Joanne Huhn, Teen Queen 2022

Otto Macintosh, Prince 2022

Andrew Huhn, Teen King 2022

Luke Kurburski, International Teen King 2022

Marci Macintosh, Geoff Stringer, Michigan Teen Directors

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MSTA Officers:

President, Grace Carey

Vice President, Joanne Huhn



Geoff and Marci enjoying the teen hospitality at Campvention.

Disaster and Safety Awareness Training

Hello Everyone,

We attended our first retiree campout a few weeks ago and had a great time, and plan on returning next year. As I begin to write this article fall has officially arrived today and mother nature has announced her arrival with cloudy, breezy 60-degree temperatures compared to the 83 degrees temps we experienced yesterday.

It's the time of year we start prepping and planning for the next season, that I won't mention. People are finishing up their flowers, gardens, and some of their yard work. Yard ornaments and yard furniture is being put away. Harvest season is in full swing. Firewood is being stored, last of the camping trips are ending and our snowbird friends are preparing for their journeys to warmer weather.

Along with all the seasonal changes and activities here are some reminders and possibly a couple to do you may not be aware of.

September is National Preparedness Month. This is a reminder for preparing for emergencies and disasters that could occur, such as manmade emergencies/disasters and natural emergencies and disasters. Preparations and plans should be for home, RV/camping and traveling. Here's where checklists come in handy for reminders on things to do. Also go online and look at Do 1 Thing.com.

October is Fire Prevention Month. The theme for this year's fire prevention is FIRE WON'T WAIT. PLAN YOUR ESCAPE! Plan multiple escape routes for your home and RV. Keep in the back of your mind escape routes when you visit your grocery store, big box stores, restaurants, hotels/motels, and any other places you may go to.

November is Daylight savings time change. November 6th is the day we set our clocks back along with checking our fire/smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors and LP gas monitors. This would also be a good time to double check you fire extinguishers and furnace filters.

There are many 1st Responder agencies and organizations that have open houses and programs during the month of October, if you have the time, please pay a visit to these activities.

These are just a few suggestions for plans and activities to think about and complete. I hope all our snowbird friends have a safe journey to their warm weather destinations, and I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season.

God bless and be safe and may everyone have safe travels.

Respectfully

Tom Lewis

State of Michigan DASAT Director

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SCHOLARSHIP NEWS.....



Congratulations to Grace Carey, our scholarship award recipient for this year. Grace is attending Ball State University in Indiana majoring in biology in order to pursue a medical degree. She loves helping people and feels her degree would allow her to make the world a better place through research. Grace and her family are members of Nature’s Nuts Chapter 291. Grace is active member of FCRV. She is the current President of MSTTA, was Michigan Teen Queen 2019-2021 and voted Miss Congeniality at FCRV International Teen Pageant 2019-2020. Best of luck in all your endeavors Grace!

It’s never too early to start thinking about next year’s scholarship application. Some of the requirements to be eligible to apply for a Scholarship: the applicant **or** applicant’s parents must attend at least one (1) Michigan FCRV campout this 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.

Jane Thornton, Scholarship Director

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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.



Chaplain's Corner

Fall has fallen!

As Fall has fell upon us, we are closing out our Michigan camping season. What a fabulous camping year we have had! We started out with Southeast District Mixer in Davisburg, then on to State Spring at Church of God Campground in St. Louis, sad that State Fall had to be canceled, finally ending with the Blue Water Mixer.

Time now to plant flowers that need to be in the ground over winter. We also will be planting seeds of God's word, and hopefully they will sprout into workers for Christ.

Praying we will see Y'All at Davisburg in 2023!

Mark 4:26-29(KJV) And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

Ron O'Dell, Chaplain

MSA Retiree Rally

The St. Louis Campground in St. Louis is a beautiful campground very well maintained by the current caretakers. Kathy and her husband have decided to retire and enjoy time with their family. We are happy for them but sad to see them go. We look forward to meeting and working with the new caretakers in 2023.

We had a great week enjoying games, food, and fellowship. A generous donation was made to the Gratiot County Food Bank with proceeds from the ten-cent auction.

There were outdoor games every day, goodie bags, a Leaf-Stencil Craft, wonderful treats for hospitality, and seven meals provided. An ice-cream social was provided to wrap up the week. Please check out our Facebook Page to see additional photos! Thanks to everyone who made the week possible. We hope to see you in 2023!



2022 Blue Water Mixer

The Blue Water Mixer was a huge success! Goody bags were handed out upon registration. Also, hospitality goodies were in bags and had a variety of candies and cookies in them.

Games included washer toss, card games, marble drop, card Bingo, puzzles to work on, and a scavenger hunt. The scavenger hunt was a new feature this year and went over well. It has been requested that it return for 2023, we will see.

There was a soup kettle on Saturday. The afternoon craft was tie-dying shirts. The evening program had singing, storytelling, and the drawings!

A box was available for receipts from purchases made while at the campout, one lucky camper won a prize when their receipt was drawn. Door prizes galore! There were some really incredible prizes that were donated for the Saturday night program.

To close out on Sunday, the Praise Gang Puppeteers provided Church service. They did a magnificent job!

Attendance was up from last year and 10 visitors came in for a while.



Washer Toss Wining Team with
Emcee Don Lumley

BLUE WATER MINI MIXER

MAY 5-7, 2023

PT. HURON TWP RV RESORT

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 RV RESORT, WATER ST. (next to Cracker Barrel) PT. HURON, MI

(Call **810-982-6765** after **April 15, 2023**) to make your reservation* **and** email **Rocky Lumley at donrocky64@hotmail.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.**

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CITY: _____ STATE: _____ POSTAL CODE
ZIP: _____

CHAPTER NAME & # _____

EMAIL: _____

UNIT TYPE: _____ LENGTH: _____ SLIDES: _____

IN FAMILY: _____ YOUTH: _____ TEENS: _____



**63rd INTERNATIONAL CAMPVENTION
 FAMILY CAMPERS & RVer's
 A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME IS FCRV
 Wayne County Fairgrounds and Expo Center
 861 Salisbury Rd, Richmond, IN 47374**



Campvention Days: July 9-14 2023

Fees cover July 9-14 (6 nights)

Early Bird Days: July 7 & 8, 2023 @ \$30/night (pay upon arrival – cash/check)

The gates will be open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Registrations deadline: June 1, 2023

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____ **Spouse/Guest:** _____

Address: _____ - _____ **ST/:** _____
 _____ **City** **PRV** **Zip Code**

Phone #: _____ **Email:** _____

Is this your first Campvention? Yes ___ No ___ Send my confirmation letter in PDF: Yes ___ No ___

Number of people in your unit:

Of Adults: ___ Teens: ___ Youth 9 – 12 ___ Youth 5 – 8 ___ Young Adults ___ Total number of people in Unit: ___

Please list the names and ages of all Teens and Youth:

Name	Age	Name	Age

CAMPVENTION PARKING:

Special Needs Information:

Check if you are requesting a special needs site: _____ There will be no special needs sites available at the gate.

REGISTRATION:

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

Registration deadline June 1

	<u>Registration</u>	<u>At Gate</u>
One Family in the Unit	\$335.00	\$365.00
Extra Family in the Unit (separate pay)	\$150.00	\$165.00
Week Drive-in Pass (July 11-16)	\$175.00	\$190.00
Walk-in Camp Pass (per day)	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00

PAY BEFORE DECEMBER 31ST, 2022 TO RECEIVE A \$25 DISCOUNT (\$310.00)

There will be room for you if you decide to come at the last minute.

Just bring this registration with you. We want everyone to come see us!!!

Please note the LENGTH of camping rig behind type:

Motor Home _____ 5th Wheel _____ Travel Trailer _____ Pop-Up _____ Other _____
 Electricity – 30 Amp. Water available, bring extra hoses and Y connectors

Make checks payable to: **FCRV CAMPVENTION**

Mail to: **Beth Muschinski**

475 Eaglecrest Dr.

Grenada, MS 38901-8391 (662)230-3233

Refund policy: If you are unable to

attend, all except \$25 will be refunded AFTER

the conclusion of 2023 Campvention

froglegs2002@gmail.com

We would like to volunteer for: _____

RIVER TIME FUN WITH BLUE WATER DISTRICT FCRV

Blue Water District Mixer Sept 22-24, 2023

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
3992 Brookstone Pl Apt #6
Port Huron MI 48060
donrocky64@hotmail.com or mibluewaterfcrv@gmail.com

Basic power only

Pre-registration (nonrefundable) \$10.00
Camping fee \$40.00
Fri & Sat registration and camping fee \$50.00

Early arrivals begin on Wednesday September 20

Make checks payable to: **** Blue Water District Mixer**

Registration Deadline September 12, 2023

**** Canadian Registrations****

WE CAN NOT ACCEPT CANADIAN CHECKS PLEASE EMAIL REGISTRATION TO mibluewaterfcrv@gmail.com

Any Questions call: Joyce Williams 586-242-4584 or email mibluewaterfcrv@gmail.com

Total amount enclosed _____

Check number _____

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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) _____

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, 2023

_____ 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 _____