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# The Michigander

"Family Fun Through Camping in Michigan"



## 2024 Campout Announcements

May 17-19, MSA State Spring, Gladwin, MI  
September 6-8, MSA State Fall, St. Louis, MI

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

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

Registration forms are published in the electronic edition posted on our website: [www.mifcrv.org](http://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: [kkurburski@gmail.com](mailto:kkurburski@gmail.com)  
Be sure to include DOCUMENTATION for any pictures or clipart.

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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 [kkurburski@gmail.com](mailto:kkurburski@gmail.com)

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**President's Message**

Hello Fellow Campers,

The camping season is pretty much winding down for most of us. It was a very good summer with great weather and I enjoying time camping with my camping family. The State Spring and Fall campouts were a fantastic success, Spring at Frankenmuth, and Fall in Coldwater. Those that attended enjoyed fantastic weekends with many great activities to participate in.

I am looking forward to a new season in 2024. I have attached a list of volunteers needed to fill the vacancies (see page 5). This clip board was passed around at Fall campout and several vacancies were filled. Anyone interested in filling these vacancies, please contact me and I will pass on the information to the campout chairpersons.

Looking forward to seeing all of you again next spring. Have a happy and healthy winter.

Pete Schaub

MSA President

**Updates!**

- The [MIFCRV@gmail.com](mailto:MIFCRV@gmail.com) email will no longer be valid. Please contact the State Director, Marci Mcintosh via email at [marci719mac@gmail.com](mailto:marci719mac@gmail.com)
- I will be adding a section to the Michigander with all of the chapter's campouts, as well as other campouts happening around the state. Please send in your campouts, so others can see and maybe even attend!

## STATE DIRECTOR NEWS

### Autumn Greetings!

I'd like to introduce myself to all of you. I'm Marci (Hartwig) McIntosh. I am the brand-new State Director for Michigan! I am a third-generation NCHA/FCRV camper. (Grandma and Grandpa Reppe, then Mom and Dad Hartwig, Me and now Otto, is fourth generation!) I've been camping with this organization since I was six weeks old.

I can't forget to introduce my other half who is completely supporting me through this new endeavor! Geoff Stringer is also a third generation NCHA/FCRV member, but out of Indiana. We met when we were teens in the organization and reconnected about 8 years ago.

I was active through my youth and teens, but not active through my 20s and came back to the fold in my 30s. Recently, Geoff and I have chaired the teen center for the last 3 Campventions and found ourselves increasingly involved in FCRV. Most recently we've shared the responsibility of Teen Directors for Michigan. He'll be continuing to be Teen Director and I'll be helping him out. I'm a member of the Early Risers (all my life) and the Midwest Quackers (since last year). Since we reside in Southeast Michigan and Geoff is from Indiana, we enjoy crossing the border to camp with Indiana as well.

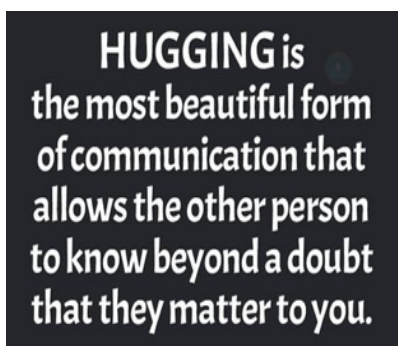
My appointment to State Director is so new that I haven't had a chance to do training yet, but will be working on it through the Fall/Winter so that I can be ready to go in the Spring. If I haven't met you yet, I hope to get to know you soon... hopefully over some moonpies at the campfire!  
Happy Camping (or winterizing)!

Marci

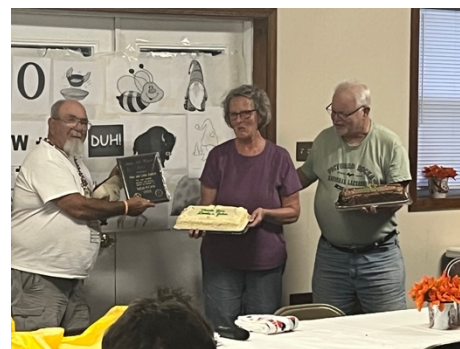
## Letter from past State Directors

There is no better way to describe our feelings more than sending hugs for the beautiful plaque we were presented with at this year's state fall campout. Words fail us on the gratitude we consistently have received during our time in serving you. Carry on and continue to be this state and organization we all love. Join us in welcoming Marci Macintosh as our new state director. Thank you and be safe until we can all gather again next camping season.

Love, John & Linda



Source: Google



## Michigan State Teen Association

**MSTA Officers:**  
**President, Grace Carey**  
**Vice President, Joanne Huhn**



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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## Chaplain's Corner

The camping season is coming to an end for most of us. Fall is upon us and Winter too soon to come.

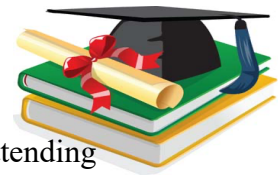
All the campouts that I was able to attend, starting with S.E. District Mixer and ending with the Blue Water District Mixer have just plain been FABULOUS! Wish I was able to go to all of the MIFCRV campouts.

Praying that you all have a Wonderful Winter and am anxiously waiting to see you all in the Spring!

### James 5:7-8 (KJV)

<sup>7</sup>Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS.....



Our scholarship award recipient for this year is Grace Carey. 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 MSTA, was Michigan Teen Queen 2019-2021 and voted Miss Congeniality at FCRV International Teen Pageant 2019-2020. Congratulations and 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](http://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](mailto:scholarship@mifcrv.org).

Jane Thornton, Scholarship Director



## 2023 Retiree Rally

The retiree rally was a huge success. We had 22 people. We played lots of games and also had good food by Jim and Donna. We had crafts by Wanda and a presentation by Curtis and Tom. We had bad news that we lost Barb Bancroft also Jane's Brother.

We are all set for next year so put us on your calendar for September 2-8, 2024. We will be having the retiree rally and fall campout together at St. Louis Church of God campground.

Hope to see you all there. Everyone have a good winter.

Mary Lou Heft

Michigan State Retiree 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.



# 2024 MSA FCRV State Spring Campout

Gladwin County Fairgrounds, Gladwin, MI  
May 17-19, 2024

Vacancies still available:

- Program
- Youth activity
- Teen activity
- Saturday or Sunday Morning Breakfast
- Breakfast set up and clean up
- Saturday activities
- Saturday Supper/Potluck
- Supper/Potluck set up and clean up
- Saturday Evening program

Please Contact Pete Schaub to fill any positions via email: [Petsam6@cs.com](mailto:Petsam6@cs.com)

# 2024 MSA FCRV State Fall Campout

St. Louis Church of God, St. Louis, MI  
September 6-8, 2024

Vacancies still available:

- Program
- Youth activity
- Teen activity
- Conservation
- Breakfast set up and clean up
- Saturday activities
- Family Games
- Saturday Supper/Potluck
- Supper/Potluck set up and clean up
- Praise Gang

Please Contact Pete Schaub to fill any positions via email: [Petsam6@cs.com](mailto:Petsam6@cs.com)





# 2024 Campvention Information

## FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers 2024 CAMPVENTION

“Celebrating Our Future”

June 23-29, 2024

Herkimer County Fairgrounds

135 Cemetery Road, Frankfort, NY 13340

For more information or to fill out the registration form visit [fcrv.org](http://fcrv.org).

Positions are still open for the 2024 Campvention. Please feel free to ask questions if you are interested in filling any of them. You can reach out to Debbie Swanson at [frogscook1@icloud.com](mailto:frogscook1@icloud.com) or Sue Fromholzer at [Fcrv.vp.ops@gmail.com](mailto:Fcrv.vp.ops@gmail.com)

## 2024 Positions Open

### Team 1

- Secretary
- Campvention Office
- Information
- Signs/Bulletin Boards
- Door Prizes
- Volunteers

### Team 2

- Information /Locator Board

### Team 3 (need both) Team Leaders

- Advertising

- Golf Carts

### Team 4 (need both Team Leaders)

- Hospitalities

- First Timers

### Team 5 (need both Team Leaders)

- Emcee

- Equipment/Building Set Up



Source: Canva

## **Disaster and Safety Awareness Training**

Hello Everyone,

Well, another camping season is coming to a close, the MSA Fall Campout has concluded, and planning for 2024 campouts has started. The MSA Fall Campout was a great weekend celebrated with great friends, good weather, and as usual fantastic food.

Fall has officially arrived and with fall comes National Fire Prevention Month (October).

So, for starters, let's do a little review for fire prevention, (This is just a short list of suggestions and in no particular order). Some of the below listed suggestions can be used at home, in your RV and camping, even if you stay in a motel.

- 1) Have your furnace, woodstove, pellet stove, fireplace or other heating source inspected and cleaned along with changing your filters.
- 2) Have your chimneys, vent pipes and exhaust systems checked and inspected, this includes your dry vents. and have them cleaned.
- 3) Test and check your smoke/fire and carbon monoxide alarms. Change the batteries now or during Daylight Saving Time change (Nov 5th). These alarms should be tested on a monthly basis.
- 4) Check your fire extinguishers. This should also be done on a monthly basis.
- 5) Check your indoor/outdoor extension cords, GFI cords, power strips, especially when you need them while decorating for holidays. Don't forget to check your cords on appliances, lamps entertainment systems etc.
- 6) Make a Fire Safety Plan.
- 7) Create a Family Escape Plan and practice it.
- 8) Know how and when to call 911, include in your Family Escape Plan.
- 9) Identify at least 2 ways to exit each room in the event of a fire or other emergency.
- 10) Identify any fire hazards in and outside your home.
- 11) Make sure your escapes are not blocked or restricted by anything, this should include all doorways, stairways, hallways, and some windows. (Furniture blocking doorways, pet cages, totes/boxes, etc.

Somewhat related to fire prevention is a little generator safety. Just a few things to keep in mind. We talked about some of these points at the Fall Campout.

- 1) Make sure your generator is in good working order and fluid levels are at proper levels. Never refuel when generator is running or engine is hot. Check your exhaust system for a spark arrester to avoid any possible sparks escaping and starting a fire.
- 2) Test and run your generator at least once a month to make sure everything is working properly.
- 3) Pick more than one location to position your generator for use.
- 4) Position your generator a minimum of 20 feet from your house with the exhaust pointed away from doors and windows.
- 5) Shut the main electrical breaker off in your house breaker box to reduce the chance of a power surge when the electricity comes back on and if you use a generator to power your entire house to prevent a back feed into the electrical grid which is illegal.

Remember if you plug any of your appliances directly into your generator it will not back feed the electrical grid.

- 6) Inspect any extension cords and GFI cords before using them with your generator.
- 7) When using your generator during a power outage consider placing some type of signage near your driveway and road. For example "GENERATOR IN USE". This will assist in the safety and response of restoration crews, cleanup crews, and first responders.

On a Final note Hunting Seasons are open, Please be careful when using firearms and archery equipment along with tree tree stands. Let family and friends know where you'll be and when you'll return.

Many fire departments have open houses for fire prevention and safety during October. Please make an effort to attend at least one in your area. Some departments hand out smoke/fire and carbon monoxide alarms. More and more departments are offering free installations of smoke/fire and carbon monoxide alarms.

Thank you Paul Jones for some suggestions in this article.

If anyone has any questions about DASAT feel free to contact me. Until next time ,stay safe everyone and happy travels.

Respectfully,

Tom Lewis

Michigan State DASAT Director

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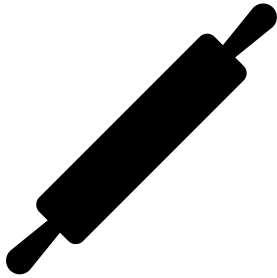
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## Recipe Corner

\*Submit any Recipes you would like to share with others\*

CROCKPOT CANDY  
PREP TIME - 5MINS  
COOK TIME - 1HR 30MINS  
TOTAL TIME - 1HR 35MINS



### INGREDIENTS

- 16 oz. Planters Dry Roasted Peanuts
- 6 oz. Nestle Tollhouse White Chocolate Morsels
- 6 oz. Dark Chocolate or Milk Chocolate Chips
  - 4 oz. Heath English Toffee Bits
  - 1 cup Creamy Peanut Butter
  - Festive sprinkles (optional)

### Recommended tools for Crockpot Candy

- Crockpot or slow cooker
- Baking sheets
- Parchment paper

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place the peanuts at the bottom of a crock pot.
2. Add the white chocolate chips, dark chocolate or milk chocolate chips, peanut butter, and toffee bits into the crock pot.
3. Let it cook on low for one hour and then stir everything together so that the chocolate mixture completely coats the peanuts.
4. Cook for another thirty minutes and prepare a sheet pan or two by lining them with parchment paper.
5. Once the thirty minutes has passed, drop spoonful of the chocolate and peanut mixture onto the parchment paper and sprinkle with festive sprinkles (optional).
6. Let cool completely, about 30-60 minutes or until set.

Serving Size: about 20 2-inch candies

### Storage:

- To Store: Store your candy in an airtight container in the refrigerator for a few weeks or slightly less time at room temperature.

### Tips:

- If you're decorating your candy with holiday sprinkles, make sure to add them while the clusters are still melted and warm. This will ensure the sprinkles stick to the chocolate as it hardens.

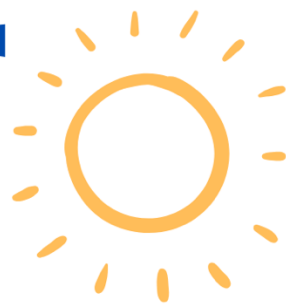


### ACTIVITIES

- TUBING DOWN THE RIVER
- POTLUCKS
- CHARCUTERIE BOARDS
- GOLFING



# labor Day Campout



RIVER COUNTRY CAMPGROUND  
SEPTEMBER 1-4  
EVART, MI

WE HAD ABOUT 30 UNITS CAMPING WITH US THIS YEAR. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

**ANNUAL CHARITY AUCTION**  
**THIS YEAR WE RAISED \$1,761 TO BE DONATED TO EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO STUDENTS IN NEED**

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THIS YEAR!**



Linda English



## Campout Dates for 2024

Start Date	End Date	Location	Chapter Sponsoring	Additional Details
May 17	May 19	Gladwin County Fairgrounds Gladwin, MI	MSA State Spring	
June 23	June 29	Herkimer Country Fairgrounds Frankfort, NY	National FCRV Campvention	
August 30	September 2	River Country Campground Ewart, MI	Traverse Bay Travelers	
September 6	September 8	St. Louis Church of God Campground St. Louis, MI	MSA State Fall and Retiree Rally	





### FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers 2024 CAMPVENTION

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June 23-29, 2024

Herkimer County Fairgrounds

135 Cemetery Road, Frankfort, NY 13340



**REGISTRATION:**

Welcome to Campvention 2024. Everyone must complete a registration form, including second families and camp day passes. Submit payment with the completed form. All funds shall be in US currency, including checks and money orders. There will be room for you if you decide to come at the last minute. Simply bring this registration form with you.

**\*\*Refund policy:** If you are unable to attend, all except \$25 will be refunded AFTER the conclusion of 2024 Campvention.

Registration deadline May 15th - Pay before December 31, 2023, to receive a \$25 discount (\$325.00).

	<u>Registration</u>	<u>At Gate</u>
One Family in the Unit	\$350.00	\$385.00
Extra Family in the Unit (separate pay)	\$180.00	\$200.00
Week Drive-in Day Pass (June 23-29)	\$175.00	\$190.00
Drive-in Day Pass (per day)	\$30.00	\$35.00

Early Bird Days: June 21 and 22 @ \$45/night (pay upon arrival – cash/check) The gates will be open Friday at 12 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first Campvention? Yes  No  Are you a Veteran and what branch? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people in your unit: Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Teens: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth: 9 – 12 \_\_\_\_\_ Youth: 5 – 8 \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of people in Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please list the names and ages of all youth and teens on the back of this form.**

We would like to volunteer for: \_\_\_\_\_

**CAMPVENTION PARKING:** (There will be no special needs sites available at the gate.)

Check if you are requesting a special needs site: \_\_\_\_\_ (Valid Handicap parking proof must be presented upon arrival.)

Please note the LENGTH of camping rig behind type:

Motor Home \_\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel \_\_\_\_\_ Travel Trailer \_\_\_\_\_ Pop-Up \_\_\_\_\_ Number of slide outs \_\_\_\_\_

Electricity: 30 amp \_\_\_\_\_ 50 amp \_\_\_\_\_ (50amp is limited. Handicap first. Then first come, first served.)

**\*\*Bring extension cords. Water available. Bring hoses and Y connectors.**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:** FCRV Campvention

Mail checks and completed forms to:

Susan Fromholzer  
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