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The Michigander

"Family Fun Through Camping in Michigan"



2024 Campout Announcements

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- September 6-8, MSA State Fall, St. Louis, MI
- September 27-29, Blue Water International, Imlay, MI

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

<https://mifcrv.org/calendar/default.htm>

Registration forms are published in the electronic edition posted on our website: www.mifcrv.org, *Calendar of Events*
Please support the many activities scheduled for 2024.

Editor's Note: Please submit campout registrations (Word preferred) by email:
kkurburski@gmail.com
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 kkurburski@gmail.com

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President's Message

Hello Fellow Campers,

Our 2024 camping season has arrived. The camping schedule is full and all is ready for an exciting camping year. Please consider attending as many campouts as possible. Consider bringing family with you to help raise our attendance. There are many events planned to ensure an exciting and fun filled time.

There are some rumors being spread that FCRV is going downhill. YOU are FCRV, only you can prevent the spread of these rumors. As members, we need to find ways to change this attitude. WE all must think positive and accept change. It has been proven, that organizations that don't accept change, slowly die.

Remember our motto "where strangers become friends and friends become family".

A camper walking by an RVer, resting in a lawn chair with a dog lying next to him asked "does your dog bite", the man said "nope". The walker started toward the dog, and the dog started to growl and show its teeth, the man said "I thought you said dog didn't bite" the RVer said "it isn't my dog".

Looking forward to a fun filled year, see you all soon.

Pete Schaub
MSA President

**Updates!**

- Previous issues of the Michigander are available at <http://mifcrv.org/Michigander/default.htm>
- Due to construction at the old township Park in Port Huron, the Blue Water District Mini Mixer has been canceled for this year

STATE DIRECTOR NEWS

Your Chair Awaits!

It's not only the new tag line for FCRV, it's the vibe of FCRV. I've always felt welcome around a campfire. As a teen (long before I developed the self-awareness of adulthood), I would frequently walk up to a random campfire, introduce myself and strike up a conversation. I'd even, occasionally, steal someone's chair. I'd be late to wherever I was going, but I didn't mind. I always (ALWAYS!) felt welcome at strangers' campfires. But let's be honest... when we're in FCRV, no one's a stranger, just a friend we haven't met yet.

As we embark on a new campaign on an international level, it's exciting to feel a renewed vigor in a message that has been with us for the last 40+ years. Don't get me wrong... I still love inviting people to 'Come Camp with Us!' and just did so a few weeks ago. But now our inclusion has had a little makeover.

Whether you prefer the new or the old catchphrase, just be sure you're spreading the word about our wonderful organization to fellow campers. I certainly can't wait to meet the friends I haven't met yet that you're going to bring camping with us.

P.S. Don't forget to mention the Six Months Free membership. I'm sure if they try us out, they will like us a lot!

Geoff and I look forward to seeing you this spring at the Southeast District and State Campout. Then, we're off to New York in June! Remember to get those registrations into the committees as early as possible.

Wheels are round for a reason... Let's let 'em roll!

Marci



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Scholarship News



Source: Freeclipart.com

Spring is in the air which means graduation is not far off. Time to gather the required documents and complete your scholarship application for submittal.

Scholarship deadline and requirements 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’s 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

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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.

Retiree News

Spring is just around the corner. I hope everybody will have a nice Easter and will be ready for camping season soon!

May 18 Gladwin and State Spring- and many more to come.

Hope to see all of you in September 3-7 and Fall 7-8

Come join us- see you all there!

Mary Lou Heft

Michigan State Retiree Director



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

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

2024 Campvention Information

FAMILY CAMPER & 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.

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 or Sue Fromholzer at Fcrv.vp.ops@gmail.com



Chaplain's Corner

WoW! April is here at last. Time to get ready for camping season. Time for fun with family and friends. Sharing lies, er, I mean stories around the Spring flowers, glistening lakes, the gurgling of streams, campfires, fabulous meals, games, ventures into different places, and so much more.

God is awesome for supplying all our needs and so much more. Praying you all have a wonderful summer filled with happiness and safety in God's loving arms.

Deuteronomy 32:2(KJV)

²My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:

Disaster and Safety Awareness Training

Happy camping season everyone!

So let the 2024 camping season begin. I hope everyone had a safe and healthy winter.

Spring is here and it's time for those outside projects and activities, some we look forward to and some not so much. So here are some health and safety suggestions for us.

With the start of camping season and its preparations there's also other outdoor projects as well, For instance spring clean-up, storm clean-up, yard work, landscaping, gardening to name just a few. And while trying to accomplish these tasks mother nature is trying to throw a monkey wrench in our plans with a storm of some type with winds, rain, lightning and even some flooding creating a longer to do list.

Then there's the preparation for our favorite adventures and hobbies, camping, BBQing, biking, boating, kayaking, tubing, swimming, trail riding, spring hunting season and fishing.

A few of us may slow down and are more inactive during the winter months than the rest of the year and may take us a touch longer to get back in shape. So, when starting our projects and preparing for our adventures just keep in mind, start slow, take breaks, don't overexert yourself, stay hydrated, and don't be afraid to ask for help.

No matter what activity or adventure you're preparing for don't forget to include and check out spare equipment and supplies along with safety equipment and PPE (personnel protective equipment) and that it's in good working order. This equipment could include life jackets, fire extinguishers, GPS, helmets, charging systems, maps, weather alert radio, backup communication system etc.) Use the buddy system always let someone know where you're going and what you're doing. Don't forget to keep your cell phone charged. Review your weather/storm alerts either from your local weather or national weather service.

Speaking of alerting systems did you check the batteries in your fire/smoke/CO2 detectors during the daylight-saving time change.

In closing no matter where you're at or what you're doing always be vigilant and use situational awareness, (always be aware of your surroundings and what's going on.) This is just a brief reminder of a few health and safety suggestions.

Hoping to see you at Davisburg.

Safe Travels

Respectfully,

Tom Lewis

Michigan State DASAT Director

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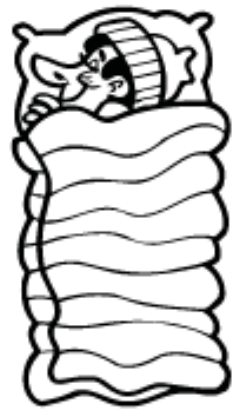


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| chipmunk | lantern | reservation | vacation |



Source: treevalleyacademy.com

Recipe Corner

For the Golfers out there!

Signature staple at the Masters

Fun fact: they still sell pimento sandwiches at The Masters for \$1.50



Source: Google images

Pimento Cheese

Pimento cheese is a popular lunch favorite and easy to make with this simple recipe!

PREP TIME

10 minutes

TOTAL TIME

10 minutes

Ingredients

- 8 oz cream cheese block, softened
- 8 oz block of sharp cheddar cheese, freshly grated
- 1/3 cup diced pimento peppers, drained
- 3 tablespoons mayo
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder



Instructions

1. Soften the cream cheese for at least 45 minutes
2. Beat the cream cheese using hand mixers or a stand mixer
3. Add the sharp cheddar cheese, diced pimento peppers, mayo, salt, onion powder, and garlic powder. Beat to combine
4. Cover and chill in the fridge until ready to serve
5. Store leftovers in an airtight container in the fridge
6. Serve with crackers for an appetizer or on white sandwich bread

Campout Dates for 2024

Start Date	End Date	Location	Chapter Sponsoring	Additional Details
April 26	April 28	Oakland County 4H Fairgrounds Davisburg, MI	Southeast District	
May 17	May 19	Gladwin County Fairgrounds Gladwin, MI	MSA State Spring	
May 31	June 2	Gladwin County Fairgrounds Gladwin, MI	Northern District Mixer	
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 3	September 7	St. Louis Church of God Campground St. Louis, MI	MSA Retiree Rally	
September 6	September 8	St. Louis Church of God Campground St. Louis, MI	MSA State Fall	
September 27	September 29	Imlay City Fairgrounds Imlay City, MI	Blue Water International Mixer	



FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers 2024 CAMPVENTION

“Celebrating Our Future”

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 _____ 5th 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
137 Crandon Blvd
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

For inquiries please call (716) 359-8949.

Send my confirmation via: Email

Mail



CAMPING IS "Imagination" "Joy" and "Fun" April 26-28 2024

**2024 FCRV Southeast District Mixer
Springfield Oaks
Oakland County 4H Fairgrounds,
Davisburg**

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

form to:
Paul and Diane Jones
387 E Southern Rd
Coldwater MI 49036
313.770.5555

Email dbadjones75@gmail.com

Breakdown of \$75.00 fee

pre-registration (nonrefundable) \$25.00

Camping Fee per night \$20.00 +20.00 = 40,00

Due at registration \$50.00

(hall new rental fee \$200.00)

and food \$35.00

Registration at the gate \$75.00

Registration Deadline: April 17, 2024

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

**2024 MSA State
Spring Campout
May 17 – 19, 2024
Early Arrivals: May 16th**

**Gladwin County Fairgrounds
401 S. State St. – Gladwin, MI**



ACTIVITIES: Thursday – Early Arrivals **Friday** – Games **Saturday** – Tea Time and Tee Time (golf outing), Craft, Family Games, Camp Wide Supper, Evening Program **Sunday** – Safe Trip Home,

Facilities: Electric, restrooms, bath house, water available, dump station, fire in containers , no gopher holes, hobo style camping (If you wish to park together, please come in together)

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____

FCRV Membership Number _____ Expiration Date _____

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

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

Email: _____ Snail Mail: Yes No

- Fees: \$ 25.00 Activity Fee**
- \$ 15.00 Per Night Camping Fee**
- \$ 55.00 Total for Weekend**
- \$ 15.00 Thursday Early Arrivals**

PLEASE return this registration form with a check for \$25 made payable to Michigan State Assn/FCRV no later than **May 5, 2024** to:

Brian Fuller
2024 State Spring Campout
23410 Cayuga Ave.
Hazel Park, MI 48030-2727
Email: tallfull@comcast.net



JOIN NORTHERN DISTRICT FOR GRACELAND IN GLADWIN



Date: May 31, June 1 & 2, 2024
Early Arrivals May 30th

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

Don't be a hound dog; dig out your blue suede shoes and come join us in Gladwin

ACTIVITIES: Thursday – Early Arrivals Friday – Games Saturday – Breakfast, Camp Wide Potluck Supper, Craft, Family Games, Door Prizes, Evening Program Sunday – Safe Trip Home

Northern District Mixer 2024

Name: _____ Amt. Enclosed _____

Address: _____ Chapter No. _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Children: Girls ___ Ages ___ Boys ___ Ages ___ Teens: Girls ___ Boys ___



MSA Retiree Rally

September 3-7, 2024

St. Louis Campground

8489 N. Bagley Road, St. Louis, MI 48880

989-681-2581



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. Come catch up with our camping family.

Food provided includes:

- Breakfast Tuesday-Friday
- One potluck dinner with meat provided.
- All other meals are on your own.

A donation will be made to the Gratiot County Food Bank.

Bring items for the dime auction.

Camping Fee is \$20 per night payable to the campground when you arrive for the rally. Indicate the MSA Retiree Rally to receive the discount camping rate.

Apartments and cabins are available to rent. You must call the campground in advance to reserve.

Food/Activity Fee: \$35 per person payable at arrival.

For planning purposes, PLEASE let Jim/Donna Setzler know on or before August 12, 2024 if you plan to attend:

Jim & Donna Setzler

jimsetzler@gmail.com

734-497-5380

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

Reminder: The retirees are hosting the MSA State Fall Campout immediately following the retiree rally. Early arrivals begin Thursday.



Open Arms

2024 MSA State Fall Campout
Hosted by the MSA Retiree Rally

September 6-8, 2024

Early Arrival September 4

St. Louis Campground
8489 Bagley Road, St. Louis, MI



The MSA Retirees welcome you with **“Open Arms”** to the State Fall Campout and are excited to host this event! Come enjoy the lovely grounds and St. Louis area. We have many things planned for this extension of the fun we experience during the Retiree Rally.

Activities include competitive outdoor games (weather permitting), C.A.M.P., D.A.S.A.T., crafts and evening program to just name a few.

Breakfast will be available Friday by donation. Experience how the retirees begin each day with breakfast.

Saturday supper, there will be a chili/soup tasting contest. Bring your favorite pot of chili or soup and dessert/pie to share. Entries will be judged by those attending vying for great prizes!

We hope to see you in St. Louis!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

FCRV Membership Number _____ Expiration Date _____

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

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

_____ I prefer not to be parked by someone with pets.

_____ Handicap parking

Chapter Name: _____ Chapter No. _____

PLEASE NOTE: Camping fee is \$20 per night payable upon arrival at the campground office. Please let them know you are with FCRV to receive the discount camping fee.

Apartments and cabins are available to rent. You must call the campground in advance to reserve.

PLEASE return this registration form with the non-refundable Activity Fee of \$25 with a check made payable to **Michigan State Assn/FCRV** no later than **August 12** to:

Jim/Donna Setzler
12299 Strasburg Road
LaSalle, MI 48145
jimsetzler@gmail.com
734-497-5380

Check number: _____ Amount enclosed: \$25

Questions: Contact Pete Schaub, MSA President, president@mifcrv.org , 231-649-0545

Blue Water District
International Mixer

Sept 27-29, 2024

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

TOTAL FEE \$50.00

Early arrivals begin on Wednesday

September 25

Make checks payable to: **

Blue Water District Mixer

Registration Deadline September

20, 2024

**** 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

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Total amount enclosed _____

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**COME ONE COME ALL
& BRING A FRIEND TO
SEND IN THE CLOWNS & FCRV**

NAME _____

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**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, 2024**

_____ 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 # _____