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# The Michigander

"Family Fun Through Camping in Michigan"



### **2025 Campout Announcements**

July 20-26, Campvention, Lebanon, TN July 26-27, Great Lakes Regional, Lebanon, TN August 22-24, Summer Mixer, Charlevoix, MI August 29-September 1, Evart, MI September 1-5, Retiree Rally, St. Louis, MI September 5-7, State Fall, St. Louis, 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: <a href="www.mifcrv.org">www.mifcrv.org</a>, Calendar of Events Please support the many activities scheduled for 2024.

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

### Michigander **DEADLINE DATES**

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September 10 for the October issue
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### President's Message

Fellow Campers,

Website: <u>www.mifcrv.org</u>

This is my first article as President of the Michigan State Association of FCRV. As I take on this new endeavor, I hope you will bear with me as I get a better understanding of my responsibilities and of the procedures for running meetings and leading the organization.

I hope that some of you are planning to attend the 65<sup>th</sup> FCRV Campvention in Lebanon, Tennessee in late July. Some Michiganders are involved in the planning for this Campvention, and we're really excited about the activities that are scheduled. If you do go, consider staying in Lebanon through the weekend to attend the Great Lakes Regional campout that will begin immediately after Campvention ends.

The MSA Fall State Campout in September in St. Louis will be a special one for MSA, as we celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. For this campout only, the board has approved a reduction in the activity fee to \$5 per adult. The hosts are also planning to provide dinner on both Friday and Saturday. If you are planning to attend, it is vital that you pre-register by August 15. This is so the hosts can have the proper amount of food for the dinners. If you don't pre-register, you can still attend the campout as a drive in, but you will not be able to partake in the provided dinners. Of course, other fun activities are being planned for this campout. This includes a surprise activity that Englishes and I have put together (hint, you might taste fudge and find out what Elwell is). Consider coming earlier in the week to attend the MSA Retiree Rally at the same campground. It is open to everyone; you don't have to be retired or a certain age to attend. I've been attending it ever since I retired 8 years ago, and I always greatly enjoy it.

Happy Trails,

Brian Fuller MSA President

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LEFT TO RIGHT: DIANE JONES (SECRETARY), DAVE MULL (TREASURER), JIM SETZLER (VICE PRESIDENT), BRIAN FULLER (PRESIDENT), PETE SCHAUB (PAST PRESIDENT)

Happy 4th of July

Thank you to all those who serve or have served. Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for all of your sacrifices to keep us safe.

# **State Spring Campout**

Website: www.mifcrv.org





# Michigan State Association 60th Anniversary Celebration

## 2025 MSA State Fall Campout September 5-7, 2025

St. Louis Campground 8489 N Bagley Rd, St. Louis, MI 1-989-681-2581



We are excited to share our celebration with you!

Website: www.mifcrv.org

Please join us for a fall weekend in Michigan.

We have planned activities and there will be time to relax, reminisce, play games, or complete a puzzle. There will be games with prizes awarded.

- This campground is open to all and never full. You may arrive early or stay late!
- Camping reservations are not required. When registering at the office, state you are with FCRV to receive a discount camping fee of \$25/night.
- Water/electric shaded sites, 2 restroom buildings with showers, dump station.
- We rent a very nice building for the weekend.
- There are apartments and cabins available for rent. Reservations are required in advance. Call now to reserve.
- Some meals are provided, including a catered dinner Saturday evening.
- Bring your favorite breakfast item Friday and our chefs will prepare it for our breakfast potluck!
- Take a journey Saturday afternoon for a planned activity to see the sites of Gratiot County. Prizes awarded!

Registration fee: \$5/adult

**Registration deadline: August 15.** You **MUST** be preregistered to attend the Saturday catered dinner.

For more information, our registration form can be found on our website: www.mifcrv.org

Questions: Email Linda English at <a href="mailto:lenglish127@gmail.com">lenglish127@gmail.com</a>

We hope to meet you in St. Louis!

# **Chaplain's Corner**

29 And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; 30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that Summer is now nigh at hand. 31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. 32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. 33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. 34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. 35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. Luke 21:29 - 21:36

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# Have a Spectacular Summer! 😊

# Scholarship Highlights

Congratulations to all of you graduates!!! You will be starting a new phase of your life this fall. High school is behind you and before you know it you will be heading off to college or to an exciting new career. As you start this new journey, keep a positive attitude; it can carry you a long way. Good luck and have a great year!!!

By the time this edition of the Michigander has been published the 2024-25 scholarship application deadline will have passed. To be eligible to apply for a scholarship <u>next year</u>, one of the requirements is the applicant **or** applicant's parents must attend at least one (1) Michigan FCRV campout <u>this year</u> and camped/stayed overnight one night. The qualifying campouts are: MSA State Spring, MSA State Fall and a District campout. So, get out there and camp, enjoy our wonderful camping family and support the Michigan State Association. Have a great summer!!

<u>IMPORTANT REMINDER</u>: 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 <u>member in good standing</u>. (See policy below)

Michigan Scholarship applications are available on the MSA website, <a href="www.mifcrv.org">www.mifcrv.org</a>. Be sure to apply for a National Scholarship by contacting the National Scholarship Director at <a href="fcrvscholarship2014@gmail.com">fcrvscholarship2014@gmail.com</a>. Be sure to enter FCRV Scholarship in the subject line. For questions contact: Jane Thornton, Scholarship Director 2084 Madsen Rd. – Saginaw, MI 48601 Ph. 989-777-5958 E-mail: <a href="mailto:scholarship@mifcrv.org">scholarship@mifcrv.org</a>.

### 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.

# Recipe Corner Source: The Spice Girl Kitchen

# Mediterranean Kale Pasta Salad (Sam's Club CopyCat Recipe)

Website: www.mifcrv.org

This Mediterranean Kale Pasta Salad is a flavorful, healthier twist on the Sam's Club favorite, packed with fresh ingredients, vibrant Mediterranean flavors, and tips for perfect preparation and storage.

Prep Time	Cook Time	Marinade Time	Total Time
15 mins	10 mins	30 mins	55 mins

Servings: 6 Course: Appetizer, Salad, Side Dish Cuisine: Greek, Italian

### **Ingredients**

For Pasta Salad	^ ~
2 cups Campanelle Pasta*	
2 cups kale, stems removed and roughly chopped	
1/2 cup feta cheese, crumbled	
1/4 cup parmesan cheese, freshly grated	
1/4 cup sundried tomatoes	
For The Dressing	
1/4 cup olive oil	
2 tbsp basil paste	
2-3 tbsp white balsamic vinegar	
1 tbsp minced garlic	
1 tsp The Spice Girl Kitchen Italian or Greek Seasoning**	
salt and pepper, to taste	

### Method

- Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Cook the Campanelle pasta according to package instructions until al dente.
- Drain the pasta and immediately rinse it under cold water. This stops the cooking process and prevents the pasta from sticking together.
- While the pasta cooks, prep the other ingredients. For extra tender kale, massage it with a drizzle of olive oil for 1-2 minutes to break down the fibers.
- 4. In a small bowl or jar, whisk together olive oil, basil paste, white balsamic vinegar, minced garlic, The Spice Girl Kitchen Italian or Greek Seasoning, and a pinch of salt and pepper. Adjust to taste.
- In a large bowl, combine the cooled pasta, kale, feta cheese, Parmesan cheese, and sundried tomatoes
- Pour the dressing over the salad and toss until everything is evenly coated. For the best flavor, let the salad sit for 30 minutes before serving to allow the kale to soften and the flavors to meld.
- 7. Give the salad a final toss before serving, and enjoy your homemade Mediterraneaninspired masterpiece!







# **DASAT**

Hello Everyone

Well the Spring Campout is behind us and a great campout it was. Thank You to the Southeast District for hosting, planning, prepping, cooking and working for a successful week.

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Lets do a little recap or review of the DASAT presentation for everyone who missed it or couldn't attend the campout.

The presentation was about Board Up and Restoration Services and your insurance company after a fire, storm damage, disaster, accident, crime scene or other incident. Our invited presenter was Ron Brown of Ameri Pro Restoration. Here are a couple of important points that were brought up.

If or when the need arises for a Board Up/Restoration contractor you should contact and hire the contractor yourself. This way the contractor is working for you and looking out for your best interests. If you let your insurance company hire one of their preferred contractors they'll be looking out for the insurance companies interest and you won't have as much say as to what or how things are done.

You the property owner are required to secure your property after a damaging incident. The objective of this requirement is to protect your property for investigation teams, insurance adjusters, etc. Also to protect you from trespassers, theft, further damage and probably most importantly protection from lawsuits from unauthorized people trespassing and getting injured.

You should contact your insurance agent and review your policy coverage. What is your coverage on asbestos and lead abatement (removal?) If your property has asbestos or lead it has to be removed before any restoration work can be completed. What is your mold cost coverage? Do you have enough coverage for mold remediation? How about your coverage for sewage backup or overflow, or what about flooding? Some policies don't cover these incidents.

Does your policy cover medical appliances, firearms, antiques? Are they covered if they're stored in the basement, garage or pole barn? If they are do you have enough coverage?

Don't forget to update photos or video and even an inventory list of your property and contents.

For the most part the following 3 Board Up/Restoration company's are the larger and common company's in Michigan.

1-800 Board Up---Nationwide Coverage and Response
Belfor Restoration---Worldwide Coverage and Response
Ameri Pro Restoration---Primarily Mid Michigan (but may respond beyond Mid Michigan on large incidents.)

For more information on these contractors or others you may check their online sites.

These were just a few important points presented that you should be aware of and discuss with you insurance representative.

Be Safe Everyone, until next time.

Respectfully

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# **Campout Dates for 2025**

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Start Date	End Date	Location	Chapter Sponsoring	Additional Details
July 20	July 26	Wilson County Fairgrounds Lebanon, TN	National Campvention	
July 26	July 27	Wilson County Fairground Lebanon, TN	Great Lakes Regional	
August 22	August 24	Charlevoix Family Campground Charlevoix, MI	Summer Mixer	
August 29	September 1	River Country Campground Evart, MI	Traverse Bay Travelers	
September 1	September 5	St. Louis Campground St. Louis, MI	Michigan Retiree Rally	
September 5	September 7	St. Louis Campground St. Louis, MI	State Fall Campout	

# 2025 GREAT LAKES REGION CAMPING SCHEDULE

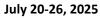
April: April 10-13 April 25-27 April 25-27	TENNESSEE INDIANA OHIO STARS	Lebanon New Castle Wapakoneta	Wilson County Fairgrounds Cornerstone Campground Auglaize County Fairgrounds	Campvention Teams State Spring Invitational Ohio Stars North Central
May: May 2-4 May 9-11 May 16-18 May 22-26	MICHIGAN ILLINOIS OHIO STARS WISCONSIN	St. Louis Pinckneyville Archbold Elkhorn	Church of God Campground Perry County Fairgrounds Sauder Village Walworth County Fairgrounds	State Spring Campout State Spring Campout Ohio Stars May Rally Wis-Cow Campers
June: June 5-16 June 6-8 June 20-22 June 24-30	WISCONSIN OHIO OHIO STARS WISCONSIN	DeSoto Homerville Port Clinton Shipshewana	Blackhawk Park Camp HiYo Tall Timbers Campground Road Trip to INDIANA	Wis-Cow Campers State Spring Campout Ohio Stars June Rally Wis-Cow Campers
July: July 11-15 July 20-26 July 26-27	MISSOURI TENNESSEE TENNESSEE	Herman Lebanon Lebanon	Herman State Park Wilson County Fairgrounds Wildon County Fairgrounds	Illinois Campvention Great Lakes Regional
August: August14-18 August 22-24 August 22-24 August 22-24 August 26-Sept 1	WISCONSIN INDIANA OHIO STARS MICHIGAN MICHIGAN	Racine Nashville Zanesville Charlevoix Evart	Cliffside County Park Friends O Mine Campground Wolfie's Campground Charlevoix Family Campground River Country Campground	Wis-Cow Campers State Summer Campout Ohio Stars August Rally State Summer Campout Traverse Bay Travellers Chapter
September: September 2-4 September 5-7 September 12-14 * Reservations must be September 19-21	MICHIGAN MICHIGAN OHIO STARS made by 11/21/2 QUACKERS	St. Louis St. Louis Lebanon 2024 * Indiana	St. Louis Campground St. Louis Campground KOA Salamonie State Park	Retiree Rally State Fall Campout Ohio Stars September Rally Midwest Quackers Annual
October: October 1-3 October 3-5 October 10-12 October 17-19	-		r Region/State/Field Directors. If yo se contact Connie Black for informat Shipshewana Campground Nor Shipshewana Campground Nor Foxfire Campground Foxfire Campground	ion on chapter/position.)
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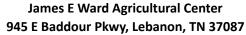
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# FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers 2025 CAMPVENTION "Spirit of Friendship"

Website: www.mifcrv.org







### **REGISTRATION:**

Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Welcome to Campvention 2025. 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 <u>AFTER</u> the conclusion of 2025 Campvention.

At Gate

Registration deadline May 15th - Pay before December 31, 2024, to receive a \$25 discount (\$325.00).

Registration

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: July 18 - 19 @ \$30/night ( Saturday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday 8 a.	• • •	ck). The gates will be open Friday at 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.,	
Are you an FCRV member: Yes No	_ Please provide your Men	nber # if known:	_
Last Name:Fi	rst Name:	Spouse/Guest:	_
Address:			_
City:	State/Province:	Zip Code:	
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We would like to help with event(s) at Can	npvention. Staff will follow ບ	up with a contact if yes: Yes No	
CAMPVENTION PARKING: (There will be n	o special needs sites availab	ole at the gate.)	
Check if you are requesting a special need	s site: (Valid Handi	cap parking proof must be presented upon arrival.)	
Please note the LENGTH of camping rig be			
		Pop-Up Number of slide outs	
		Handicap first. Then first come, first served.)	
**Bring extension cords. Water available.	Bring hoses and Y connector	rs.	
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FCRV Campve	ntion 2025 Funds		
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FCRV Campvention 2025			
137 Crandon Blvd.			

For inquiries please call (716) 668-6242. Confirmations will be sent via Email. Please allow a month for Processing.

# Northern District FCRV Mixer

Website: www.mifcrv.org

August 22-24, 2025 Church of God Campground

13603 Veenstra Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720

# Summertime in Northern Michigan!



Early arrivals are welcome on Wednesday after 5pm **Activities** 

- •Tours •Crafts •Hot Dogs and Chips- Friday •Walking Tacos-Saturday
- •Breakfast-Saturday and Sunday •Family Games •Horseshoes •Hospitality
  - •Homemade cookies all weekend
  - Just enjoying the beautiful North

Send Registrations to: Anne Kurburski 9278 Middle Village Dr. Harbor Springs, MI 49740 Make Checks Out To: Northern District FCRV Cost:

Activity Fee.....\$25 Camping Fee (\$25/night)...\$50

Total Amount Enclosed \$25x\_\_ (# of days) +\$25 activity fee=\_

Name:	Phone:				
Address:		City:			
State/Prov.:	Zip:	Email Address:			
Chapter Name:		Chapter No.:	M.A.L:		
FCRV #:		Expiration Date:			
Type of Unit:		Length ft.:	No. of slide outs		
We are handicapp	ed and MUST be p	parked in the handicapped area.	We understand that we will not		
be with our chapter. We	e have a valid state	handicapped certificate, license	, or doctor's certificate.		
* Handicapped registra	tions MUST be rec	eived by the registration deadlin	e to be parked in the		
handicapped area.					
# of Teens # of	Youth(p	lease provide names and ages or	n back of form)		

The campground has two cabins for \$25 a night, two cabins for \$35a night, fourteen dorm rooms for \$25 a night, and two apartment rooms for \$45 a night. If you are interested in these accommodations, please contact Anne Kurburski at <a href="mailto:akurburski@yahoo.com">akurburski@yahoo.com</a> or 231-838-2335.



# **MSA Retiree Rally**

Website: www.mifcrv.org

September 1-5, 2025 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.

You do NOT have to be retired to join us!

Food provided includes:

- Breakfast Tuesday-Thursday
- Friday Breakfast Potluck...bring an item and we will cook it!
- 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.

<u>Camping Fee is \$25 per night payable to the campground</u> 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: \$25 per person payable on arrival.

For planning purposes, PLEASE let Jim/Donna know on or before August 15, 2025: Jim/Donna Setzler

jimsetlzer@gmail.com

734-497-5380

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

Reminder: *MSA's 60 Anniversary* will be celebrated at the State Fall Campout immediately following the Retiree Rally. Early arrivals begin Thursday. We hope you plan to attend this exciting celebration!



# MSA's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Website: www.mifcrv.org



2025 MSA State Fall Campout September 5-7, 2025

Early arrival any day! \*
St. Louis Campground is a public campground; you may arrive at any time!

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

This is an exciting year for our Michigan State Association as we plan for the celebration of our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We are looking forward to celebrating with you! Come enjoy the lovely grounds and St. Louis area. We have many new things planned for this celebration!

The camping fee is \$25 per night payable upon arrival at the campground office. You must let them know you are with FCRV to receive the discount camping fee. There are two apartments and several cabins available to rent at this campground. You <u>must</u> call the campground in advance to reserve...we recommend the sooner the better. They are very popular!

Bring an item Friday morning for a breakfast potluck...we will cook it for you! Dinner Friday and Saturday night will be provided. Donuts and coffee will be served on Saturday morning. There will be games and prizes! **Please** register by the deadline for meal planning purposes.

We hope to see you in St. Louis!					
Name:	Phone:				
Address:					
FCRV Membership Number					
Type of Unit:	Length of Unit:	Slide Out (s):	Handicap parking		
No. in Family: Adults:	Young Adults:	Teens:	Youth:		
PLEASE return this registration payable to <b>Michigan State Ass</b>			5 per adult* with a check made		
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	Check number	:	Amount enclosed: \$		

\*Our MSA Board has approved the reduced activity fee for this campout only.