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# From the President - Gerry Pfirsch



Well, here we are in May and as I write this, I have just returned from the first campout of the year. I must say it was cool and we had a little of snow on the ground. Given this it was still great to get out and get together as a group. Staying socially distanced and following the guidelines. I hope that you can start getting out and able to do a little more camping this year. Last year with COVID was a challenge for all of us and remains a challenge as we start this new camping season. Keeping in mind that you follow the required safety practices in your area. Stick to the guidelines of the local, and state health guidelines. Rely on the CDC information at the time. This information is changing rapidly and is updated as the status of COVID changes. WE have been extremely fortunate here in the US to not have the strict lockdowns that our Canadian Family has had to endure. They have repeatedly not been able to go for any reason out of their own homes. They have been on an extremely strict lockdown in some areas. We have had a challenge for camping they just have not been allowed to go camping. We here in the US need to count our blessings and thank God that we have not been on as strict lockdown. This has its drawbacks; however, one is our death count. Often the Canadians view us as irresponsible as we cry about some minor shutdowns. I often think if we were more responsible last fall and avoided some of the holidays if we would be better off now. I do not have the answer to that. It is my desire that we stay safe and do our part to lessen the spread of COVID and in doing so that we can move ahead with the Campvention in July. As you see the Health Policy, we as Trustees have adopted and if we are able to hold Campvention we will be operating under it. This policy will also apply to your local and state functions. If the function is an FCRV function the guidelines apply. State and Regional Directors should encourage the members to follow the guidelines. Your safety and the safety of your fellow members depend on the steps you take to protect each other in these challenging times. Your actions can and do make a difference. You know I was told that

if we must wear masks at an FCRV function that many of you would not come! I hope that this is not true! It is my belief that you the average member of FCRV is a better person than that. No, I know that you are a better person than that. I know that you care for your fellow members enough to tolerate the mask at the indoor gatherings if for no other reason than to protect one another. This is because we are family, not just friends.

We have had a great roll out of vaccines here in the states and are going to see a light at the end of the tunnel if we continue to be diligent in our safety efforts in the weeks to come. If you have had your vaccine, great, just remember that many have not been so lucky yet. Like our family in Canada, they have not been as fortunate with the vaccine rollout as we have. As a result, we can see the border remaining closed for some time. There is a particularly good chance that they will not be able to cross the border for Campvention again this year. Just another reason for us to be thankful. Having said this I know that none of us like to wear masks, but I will ask each of you to be diligent in doing so at our FCRV functions. In doing so we share in keeping each other safe and hopefully healthy. One last thing I encourage each of you to get the vaccine when it is your turn as one more step in protecting our camping family.

I am going to ask that if you were able to camp in March to send a photo that campout with only the state and the date of the pic with no explanation and in the June issue, of Camping Today we will share with all FCRV. This is only one photo per entry, prefer no people, and with no explanation. Just a photo. This might even turn into a guessing game with a winner at Campvention being selected for most correct answers submitted at Campvention. Let us have some fun. Send your pictures to me at: [ger-ryp.fcrv.pres@gmail.com](mailto:ger-ryp.fcrv.pres@gmail.com) We will put these together in camping today if for nothing other than fun. Let us see who gets involved with this one.

I would also like to challenge each of you to make every effort to sign up a new family in FCRV to join your camping family. Take them camping and get them involved with your group and share the fun time



we have camping together. Membership is an area that we all need to work extra hard on building up our numbers in FCRV. It is up to all of us, this will not happen without you and me. It is as much my responsibility as it is yours. This is a team effort on all our parts. Who knows your friends better than you? Just as with my friends. Let us sign up a new member! Remember that for \$52.50 you can sign the new member up for 2 years with their payment at the time of signing up. They are paying for a year and a half and getting two years of membership.

Many of you know of the changes to the Executive board. The Executive Board met recently, and we reduced the number of voting members on the board. The Board member that are no longer voting members will be forming an Advisory committee. They will take up issues that FCRV faces and advise the Executive Board on the items before us. They may not be voting members of the Executive Board, but I believe that their voice will have more sway than some think. We are making efforts to streamline FCRV and bring it into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This will present us with challenges and changes but will hopefully bring us into a better place for the years to come. Change of any kind is challenging but often necessary for the greater good. We desire your honest opinion but also need your support to try to make things work for the good. I will always take your criticism as long as it has your support after a decision is made. I will always be open to what you have to say but may disagree with your assessment and that is good. We will find common ground and make it work. I ask for your support in the changes as we move ahead.

I plan to see each of you at Campvention this year and until then stay safe, stay kind and stay in touch with your camping family!

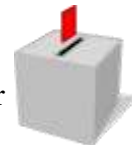
Till we see you at the next campfire!

Gerry Pfirsch



## ELECTION RESULTS

I would like to say Thank you to the Law Firm of Gohn Hankey & Berlage for counting the ballots in the VP of Operations. I would also like to Congratulate Jeff Kendle for a victory in this election. Jeff will become the VP of Operations at Campvention.



Gerry Pfirsch  
FCRV President

## OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED AT CAMPVENTION



Jeff Kendle  
VP of Operations



Debbie Swanson  
Comptroller



Matt Mantia  
VP of Planning & Development

## FCRV MEETING & SOCIAL GATHERING RULES

Effective as of March 1, 2021 until further notice.

These FCRV Meeting & Social Gathering Rules are based on the National CDC Guidelines of Canada & US as found on their respective websites and have been adopted by FCRV for everyone's protection.

These Rules supplement—*and do not replace*—any state, provincial, local, territorial, or tribal health and safety laws, rules, and regulations that govern any meeting or social gathering.

Organizers should continue to assess, based on current conditions, whether to postpone or cancel events.

These RULES apply to both vaccinated and unvaccinated participants.

The purpose of these Rules is to promote healthy behaviors during FCRV Meetings & Social Gatherings.

1. Masks, correctly worn over mouth and nose, must be worn during meetings and social gatherings. Face shields are not a substitute for masks.
2. Social Distancing must be maintained whenever possible.
3. Proper hygiene and respiratory etiquette must be followed.
4. Adequate cleaning/sanitizing supplies and equipment must be supplied.
5. No one who suffering from Covid-19 or otherwise should be in quarantine is to participate in person.
6. Copies of these Rules must be displayed prominently.



## 61<sup>st</sup> INTERNATIONAL CAMPVENTION

FAMILY CAMPERS & Rver's

"WANDER WISCONSIN"

Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St.

Elkhorn, WI 53121

**Campvention Days:** July 11-16, 2021 fees cover  
(6 nights)



## WANDER WISCONSIN

By Shari Weber, Wander Wisconsin Chairperson

The Wander Wisconsin Team is still optimistic that we will be able to hold campvention this year. The team is meeting at the grounds the end of April to finalize plans. We just hope the Canadian border will open! Be sure to check the articles in this issue about the various things available to you at campvention.

Please know that our favorite way of traveling is considered by all travelers to be the safest method of travel. RVs are the ultimate in social distancing and camping is an outdoor activity and offers easy social distancing. We enjoy being outside which the CDC has recommended as a safe environment. While fuel prices rose in February and March, they appear to be declining again. Fresh air, campfires, and friendship. That is exactly what we will find in Elkhorn.

I am pleased to announce that "4 Men and a Can" otherwise known as Carl Fromholzer, Joe Wittmeyer, Chuck Carlsen, and Dave Swanson will be making sure the opportunity to recycle cans and bottles is available during campvention. We must request that you make sure that only cans and bottles go into the recycling cans. It only takes one piece of trash to cause an entire can of recycling material to be relegated to landfill. Your help in keep trash and recycling separated is appreciated. They are also collecting can tabs for the Milwaukee Ronald McDonald House.

For the first time we are trying something new. Our event is scheduled along with an annual event held at the fairgrounds. It is the Elkhorn Ribfest 2021. It starts on Thursday of our campvention and continues through Sunday. Lots of music and many ribbers cooking ribs will be available to enjoy. This is an opportunity for us, but it is separate from our campvention. The sounds and smells of ribfest may make it to our campground, but ribfest attendees will not enter our area. Larry Gaffey, Manager of the Fairgrounds is giving each of us a pit pass while attending the fest Thursday and Friday. This pit pass gets you preferred seating in the main tent and assistance in ordering food to reduce wait time in line. The pit passes are given to the entertainers and us only. Your campvention fee covers Thursday and Friday for ribfest. If you wish to stay Saturday and Sunday to enjoy more ribfest, you will need to contact the grounds (262) 581-1351 to indicate you plan to stay. The camping fee is \$70 for Saturday and Sunday. In addition to the music and ribs there are Carnival rides and Artisan Vendors. To get more information about the ribfest go to [www.wisconsinribfest.com](http://www.wisconsinribfest.com).

See you in Elkhorn Wisconsin in July!





**July 15-18, 2021 \\ ELKHORN \\ WISCONSIN**



**HILLBILLY ROCKSTARZ**  
Thursday, July 15



**TOO HYPE CREW**  
Thursday, July 15



**7TH HEAVEN**  
Friday, July 16



**BELLA CAIN**  
Saturday, July 17



**CHERRY PIE**  
Sunday, July 18







## CAMPVENTION 2021 PARKING INFO

The 2021 FCRV Campvention plans are under way. The campvention is being held in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. Watch for your registration in Camping Today. **This year's parking for the campvention will be hobo-by-state. If you would like to camp with your state/province, your registration must be postmarked no later than June 1st. Canadian registration must be postmarked by May 15, 2021.** Hope to see everyone in July.

**Parking note from Cushings** -- There is a parking lot on the road into Campvention right by the gate. All those pulling a toad can pull in there to unhook and get back in line. This way they will not back up traffic inside the grounds and can be parked without that worry.

## GOLF CARTS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Please Read!**



### Change in policy:

In the past the Campvention Team has sub-rented golf carts for use during Campvention. Starting with the 2021 Campvention, FCRV will no longer be the middle person for golf cart rentals. Members wishing to rent a golf cart may contact the company and make their own arrangements. FCRV will identify the company along with contact information.

#### The information is:

Brown's Service Wisconsin Golf, Inc.  
459 Madison Street  
Walworth, WI 53184  
Phone 262-394-5505  
[brownswisgolf@gmail.com](mailto:brownswisgolf@gmail.com)

If you wish, you may have your golf cart delivered to the grounds the same time the carts that FCRV requests are to be delivered. Any issues you have with the cart, YOU will deal with the golf cart rental company yourself.

## ENTERTAINMENT

### WANDER WISCONSIN'S TUESDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINERS

by Kip Cushing, Entertainment Chair

I count 26 awards for our Tuesday Night Entertainment, as well as, numerous written remarks on the quality of music and entertainment of their concerts. In 12 years "THE JIMMYS" have performed across the Midwest, up into Canada, across the Atlantic to Europe, and around the Caribbean, showcasing their exciting style of Blues and R & B music. The award-winning keyboardist/organist Jimmy Voegeli has assembled a



renowned and unmatched rhythm section. Consisting of Drums, Bass, Guitar, Trumpet, Saxophone, and Trombone of the best musicians that emit the greatest sound imaginable.

Their newest hit album released Dec. 31, 2019 with 13 remarkable tunes “**Gotta Have it**” has already been getting awards. The Unique song of the year for 2020 “*Write a Hit*” is a blockbuster! Visit their website [www.thejimmys.net](http://www.thejimmys.net) and on the Home page take a listen to a bit of “Write a Hit” featuring Marcia Ball. After listening to that, scroll down and read about a “Monticello Man has a passion for Farming and the Blues”. Hopefully Jimmy will have the cows milked before he comes to perform. As you explore the website, you will find out much more about this fabulous musical group than I could put in this article. You will see why this is one of Wisconsin’s and the Midwest’s most desired Bands. Plus, there are music samples throughout the site. I believe I will need to leave room for dancing, (just like Lima) for they will make you want to get out there and dance your cares away!

## The Jimmys



As a reminder our Monday Entertainment will be “**FOUR GUYZ IN DINNER JACKETS**”, giving you more reasons to get out and dance to some sock hop music. Singing the hits of yesteryear and favorites you sang as a kid. See the February issue of Camping Today for their write-up.

The rest of the week following the Teen Pageant on Wednesday Night, entertainment will be offered by the RibFest. They will start up on Thursday night – Friday afternoon and evening – Saturday and Sunday with up to three stages of music performers. There will be a tent set up for us to use while listening to the music so bring your favorite chair and stretch out and relax. There will be some carnival rides available. Plus, the many vendors trying to be the BEST BBQ Rib maker at the Festival. So, carry your little handie wipes to wipe off your fingers after eating the mouth-watering BBQ Ribs

For those of you who are musically inclined or care to tell a few jokes our stage on Thursday night may have a home-grown variety show, if you do not go to the Rib Fest music tent. Friday night may have Karaoke after closing ceremonies for your listening pleasure.

Yet, I feel you need to know more in the line of Entertainment while you’re here in Wisconsin at the Fairgrounds. There is lots going on within 15-25 miles. First, running July 15 – July 18 in Twin Lakes, WI just 25 miles south on Hwy 12 is “Country Thunder” ([www.countrythunder.com/wi](http://www.countrythunder.com/wi)). For those who love country music you can go on line for concert day tickets. Headliners include Dustin Lynch, Kane Brown, Morgan Wallen, and Blake Shelton along with 16 other top notch artists including Neal McCoy, Tanya Tucker, and Chicks with Hits.

So, a change of entertainment just north of the Fairgrounds about 15 miles “**Balloons over Mukwonago**” a **Hot Air Balloon Event** will take place starting Friday Night the 16<sup>th</sup> of July. Drive up and watch the Launch Window 6:30-8 and stay for the Glow from 8:30 – 9:15. Saturdays Launch window is 6 AM - 7:30 AM and during the day visit Maxwell Street Days in the Park from 8 – 5PM. If you want to write off a Hot Air Balloon Ride from your Wish List contact *Lake Geneva Balloon Company* ([lakegenevaballoon.com](http://lakegenevaballoon.com) 262-206-3975) now and book a flight during campvention early bird days or be available during the week for a makeup date. I just may be crewing for that ride. Tell them you are with Family Campers and RVers or mention our names. Look for an ad in the program book.

I checked the Brewers and Cubs and White Sox’s schedule and they will be playing before the All-Star Break at home the weekend we start Campvention (early bird days). Brewers will be playing the Reds at American

Family Field, and the Cubs will face the Cardinals in historic Wriggly Field. The White Sox's resume play at Cominsky Park with the Astro's the weekend after the All-Star Game.



## CAMPVENTION TEEN ROYALTY INFO



Hello!

As Campvention planning is fully in swing, I wanted to let you all know of the amazing things that are being planned for teens at nationals this year thanks to our wonderful chairman and cochairman. I have also included the International Teen Royalty Registration form. I encourage all State Directors and Teen Directors to reach out to the teens in your state/province and encourage them to run in this pageant and participate in teen activities at Campvention. As a reminder, we are extending the age limit for ALL teen activities this year due to not having Campvention in 2020! I know from my experience as a teen, the friendships and memories you create will last a lifetime. We hope to see many of our teens join us this year at nationals and bring a friend along to experience all the fun that is planned! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out by phone or email!

Thanks,

Emily and Anne Kurburski, National Teen Directors, [emilykurburski@gmail.com](mailto:emilykurburski@gmail.com), (231) 526 -7102



## VOLUNTEER FOR SECURITY AT CAMPVENTION 2021

by David Blair, Security Chair

As usual Security is going to need volunteers. It is our understanding due to other events going on during the Campvention we will not be the only security on the grounds. This being the case we are still going to need help checking for problems, water leaks, chairs blowing around, people not associated with our Rally in campsites, and monitoring teens out after hours, etc. Contact David at [ritadave2369@aol.com](mailto:ritadave2369@aol.com) to help.

## VOLUNTEER REQUEST

by Pat Wittmeyer, Campvention 2021 Registration Chair



As we move forward to Campvention 2021 the Teams are all assembling personnel to assist with various jobs in Wisconsin. Registration is no exception. Several people will be needed to assist campers at the gate with getting their site information, confirming personal information, and processing our attendees in a prompt and friendly fashion. Would you like to help? If so, please contact the National office (yours truly is overseeing registration for 2021!) by email at [FCRVNAT@VERIZON.NET](mailto:FCRVNAT@VERIZON.NET) and let me know. Thanks so much!



**PARADE REGISTRATION FORM MAY BE FOUND AT THE  
END OF THIS MAGAZINE**

## CAMPVENTION 2021 PROGRAM BOOK INFO



Here's another article as we prepare to put on the 2021 Campvention at Elkhorn, WI. Sue Carlsen and Beth Standiford are putting together the Program Book and are looking for your input.

Is there someone in the organization for whom you'd like to show support? Your favorite Teen King or Teen Queen candidate? Is there someone you'd like to thank for a job well done? Perhaps someone is having a major milestone event in their lives and you'd like it to receive some special recognition (birthday, anniversaries, etc.) Or perhaps you'd like to remember one of our own who has passed and is missed so very much at campvention. Well you can do any or all of these things in the Program Book! Here's an example of what's possible:

Best wishes to our Teen Representative (THEIR NAME HERE).

You make our state proud!

Thank you, (person/group) for all the hard work you have done to put on such a great event.

John Doe – 1953-2019 – Campvention isn't the same without you

\$2.50 gets you two lines of print or \$5.00 gets you a business card sized box with your sentiment.

Send your check, payable to NCHA and send the wording you want on a separate piece of paper to

Beth Standiford, Recording Secretary  
7 Oakrail Drive  
St. Peters, MO 63376



### RED HAT - HARD HAT - NO HAT BRUNCH



By Ivalee and Earl Vanderhoff

Still waiting and praying that we can gather this summer. We were asked to make the Red Hat and Hard Hat different this year - so - it will be Red Hat, Hard Hat, No Hat Brunch. Let's have some fun. It will be outdoors at a pavilion so we can have lots of the fresh Wisconsin air around us to help with safety. Make your plans to join us.



### SPECTACULAR STATES

By Dave and Linda Hennie, Door Prize Chairmen



We know there are many spectacular features about your state/province, so why not brag a little about your state/province's products and specialties by donating a State/Province Basket as a door prize at this year's Campvention, Wander Wisconsin. You could combine donations from all areas of your state/province to create a State/Province Basket with goodies and items from your state/province. Don't overlook your sports

teams and arenas for donations. Have fun in creating your Spectacular State/Province Basket. You can contact us at [Rpalace1170@aol.com](mailto:Rpalace1170@aol.com) to let us know if your state/province will donate a basket



## "WANDER WISCONSIN" MARKETPLACE -- CRAFTS & PROJECT SALES

Duane & Ruth Keegan, Chairpersons

[dentec957@att.net](mailto:dentec957@att.net)

As a final reminder as time draws closer to July National in Elkhorn, the deadline for Marketplace registration is June 15, 2021. See the registration form in this issue and register now! Thanks, and see you in Wisconsin.

### CRAFTS

By Mary & Ginny

Sign-up sheets will be available at Campvention for two different crafts: 1) Beaded jewelry; 2) Antique notepads. Each craft will be limited to the first 25 signed up.



### CAMPVENTION 2021 SEMINARS

By Ray Suennen, Seminars Chair



If you or you know of someone who would like to be a seminar presenter during the 2021 FCRV Campvention in Elkhorn, Wisconsin from July 12 – 16, 2021, please contact Ray Suennen at [raysuennen@yahoo.com](mailto:raysuennen@yahoo.com) or mobile phone 920-606-0289.

Ray will be presenting one seminar on cast iron cooking and another on seasoning and salvaging cast iron cookware, and discussing vintage cast iron cookware. Bring your cast iron pans for cleaning ideas and for show and tell.

### FIRST-TIMERS INFO

By Donna and Delbert Powell, Matt and Marla Mantia



Hello from the First-Timer Chairpersons: Delbert and I, along with co-chairs, Matt and Marla Mantia, are planning to welcome you to the Wander Wisconsin Campvention in July 11-16, 2020. There will be a sign-in booth at registration; please stop by. We are busy putting together a welcoming/get-acquainted meeting for all to meet us, some of our National Officers, maybe even some of our Trustees. We welcome you to this year's Campvention in Elkhorn, Wisconsin





## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth Chairman, Judy Elenburg



My Co- Chairman, Betty Smith, and I have several activities planned for the youth this summer in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. These activities include some crafts and games. We will make different styles of paper airplanes to race and find out which flies better. Please bring a recent picture of your child. I hope to see you at the Youth Center each day.



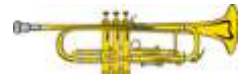
## PULL TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

For many years, NCHA/FCRV has been donating pull tabs to the local Ronald McDonald House wherever Campvention was held. Campvention 2021 is continuing this tradition. Please bring your pull tabs to Campvention in Elkhorn. Arrangements have been made to donate the tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Wilwaukee, Wisconsin. Be a part of this tradition and bring your pull tabs to Campvention!!



## FCRV INTERNATIONAL BAND

Craig Weber, FCRV International Band Director



Greetings to all my musical FCRV friends. It is time to start thinking about the FCRV International Band concert for Campvention 2021, July 12 -16 in Elkhorn, WI. After a very successful program on line last year we are looking forward to having an great in person concert at Campvention. WE NEED YOU! Our core band of six people has always worked very hard every year to entertain the attendees at Campvention. We will continue to work to provide the best program that we can. WE NEED YOU!! It would be a great boost to the FCRV International Band if any one who plays an instrument would join us in fun and fellowship. The music we play is fairly simple and we spread out our practices to allow those who have not played in a while to be comfortable and get in shape. WE NEED YOU!!! This years program will include several pieces that we will play together and several options for solos or duets or trios or whatever. If you do not want to play with the FCRV International Band but have a solo or talent you would like to share you can be part of the show. WE NEED YOU!!!! Music the band will attempt to play will be available after May 1st. If you wish to join us copies of the music can be sent to you so that you can practice ahead of time.. Simply e-mail Craig Weber at [cdweber50@yahoo.com](mailto:cdweber50@yahoo.com) with your request for copies. I found last year that it worked fairly well for me to take a picture of the music and email it to you upon your request, just let me know what instrument you play in your request. WE NEED YOU!!!!!! As usual, all band members receive an official FCRV International Band tuxedo t-shirt, FCRV Band Member pin, year tab and pre-concert pizza party. Come join the fun. WE NEED YOU!!!!!!

FCRV International Band will be concerned for your safety at Campvention. Special band masks are being ordered and will be supplied. Bell covers will also be provided to filter air coming out of your instrument. Band practices will be held either outdoors or in open sided building and seats will be at least six feet apart. All efforts will be made to keep you as a band member and our wonderful audience safe. See you all in Elkhorn.

Thank You

# WANDER WISCONSIN

By Kip Cushing

## Cliffside County Park – Racine County



Just going to throw you out a couple places you may want to camp at to unwind from Campvention in Elkhorn. Heading East/Northeast in Racine County you will find this beautiful park along Lake Michigan with sites that are so close to level you can back right in. There are NO pull thru sites they are all back in, all sites have 30 Amp some have 50 Amp, Water is available within reach of a hose to most sites. There isn't a bad site in the park. There is very good cell phone reception. As you can see by photos there are trees available for shade, with a good amount of distance between sites. You need to contact Racine County Parks to make your reservations on line. As Barb found out this early in season you won't reach a live person. But,

making reservations is easy on line, we favor the West loops (more 50-amp sites), but the East loops all have electric and 30 Amp good service. It is a short ride from Elkhorn in Hwy 11 to Hwy 31 north to Cty G east under RR a left at sign and ½ mile up dead-end road. Lake Michigan is a short walk through the park and two blocks to the lake. Be careful on the trail down the cliff to the shore, and if you take the trail through the field to the lake watch for the cliff. Lake Erosion has taken away some of that trail and one must watch where you're going.

Heading West of Elkhorn to the Mississippi River our favorite site to camp is a Corp of Engineers Campground, even though there are other campgrounds.

## BlackHawk Island – Just North of DeSoto, Wi –Off Hwy 35

As you can see, we are backed up to a channel off the main river. If you invest in a fishing license for 3 days, you could catch most anything right off your site. We have limited out on Bluegills for a chapter fish fry one weekend parked along that channel. If walleye is more your fair hop back on Hwy35 to Genoa and go out to the Clements Barge and fish below the dam. Clements bait shop with get you all set at the north end of town behind the gas station. Or if you're lucky drive back on the island farther south to the main channel and fish from shore. The sites are huge, we camp in the west loop. The East loop has flooded out so much they pulled the electric boxes from the sites there. The picture of the channel faces south, if you turn around you can watch the Barges going up and down the river. They are best viewed from the East loop where you are on the main channel. Watch out for turtles there are many. In June when they come into the CG looking to bury some eggs it is amazing, the different types you see. Again, you need to go on line to reserve a site and the west loop has all very good sites even if you don't get one along the channel. If I ever had to level it was only a 1x8, and there is a spot for your car or boat and your RV. Oh, the train is far enough away to not bother you like it does down river at Potosi Corp Park. Take Hwy 11 out of Elkhorn to Hwy 18 in Monroe all the way to Hwy 35 the Great River Road in Prairie du Chien and go north to the park signs just past DeSoto.



BlackHawk is just south of La Crosse and Grand Dads Bluff a must-see view as well as just south of the park across the bridge to Lansing and the bluff park there is super, but not as well known. (My Dad is from

DeSoto so I learned all those spots that only locals know.) If you care to move up river (or BlackHawk is full) Goose Island a La Crosse County Park is a great county park we have camped at many times. Get a site at the south end where the black top sites are located with good electric, and away from the picnic area up close to the office. Yes, you can fish from the banks there and the many ponds on the road to the campground. La Crosse offers many places to eat and visit. Prairie du Chien south of the park on 35 has Villa Louie Homestead to visit. A Casino across the river. And Cabela's as you head back north on 35 to the park.

## Campvention Tip:

Bring leveling boards that you can easily get your tires parked on. This is for two good reasons. The grass you will be parking on is like your back yard. There are no designated parking pads like at campgrounds or other fairgrounds nice and packed down. So, you may need them to level your trailer or rig. You may also want to pull onto a 2x8 so, should your rig or trailer settle down in the grass during the week, you will be on a dry, good surface, to pull out. If boards sink in, we can get them out easily while you're on firm ground.

Should it leak from the sky while you're at campvention and get the grounds wet/soft you will say thanks for the tip – Kip.



## WILDLIFE GRANTS

Joanie Stone National Wildlife Director

**WILDLIFE GRANTS** It is time for you to be getting in your Wildlife Grants in to me by May 30, 2021. Remember it must be for an organization that is serving wildlife, must be a tax free organization, parks that are building areas to preserve our wildlife, such as areas to help pollinators which effect all of us by our food, medicine and textile industries. Parks that are working to help with education to individuals to preserve our wildlife for future individuals to enjoy. You can find the wildlife grant applications on the wildlife program website. The grant must have documentation sent with the app and an authorized FCRV member submitting the applications. If questions please free to call me.

## 2021CAMPVENTION BIRD HOUSE RULES



Join in the fun by building a bird house to be used outside. If you wish to sell the bird house after the competition the monies will go to the National Wildlife Program in which the monies are used for grants each year that are given out. Only rules are that they must be made by you and not purchased and that they can be used outside. Three categories adult, teen 13 years to 19 years and youth 6 years to 12 years. Have fun building your bird house.

Joanie Stone

## NATIONAL WILDLIFE DIRECTOR 2021 RULES FOR PHOTO CONTEST

The photos that you submit must be taken since July 2020 until June 30, 2021. They must be of wildlife in their own environment. Not domestic animals or those in the zoo. The photos must be 4x5, 5x7 or 8x10. There are three categories for the photos, adult, teen 13 years to 19 years of age, and youth 6 years to 12 years. First place winners in adult will receive 20 dollars, teen 15 dollars and youth 10 dollars.



D.A.S.A.T.

## DROWNING PREVENTIONS

By Joe Boswell, National DASAT Dir.

Our natural resources can be a dangerous place. The river, ponds, streams, the ocean and even the pool at a campground or in your backyard can be a place of great danger to children under the age of 14. According to the National Safety Council, "10 people die from drowning every day in the United States. The National Safety Council and the Consumer Product Safety Commission are encouraging everyone to

keep water safety on top of their mind and reduce child drowning.” (1) “According to the World Health Organization and the Center for Disease Control and prevention, drowning is a major health problem worldwide.” (2) Consider this disturbing information, “The USA Swimming Foundation reports nearly 90 children younger than 15 drown in a pool, from January through May of 2018. About 19 individual drown during the July 4 Holiday. (1)

Look at it this way; it is a matter of life and death for children and adults. It affects families all around the globe, regardless of geography, race or economic status. How big is the problem? Between the years of 2005-2014 and over 3,536 fatal unintentional drownings occurred in the United States. One in five people who die are children ages 14 and younger. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention states that more than 50% of drowning victims treated in emergency rooms require hospitalizations. Nonfatal drowning can cause severe brain damage that may result in long-term disabilities, even death. (3) “Of the 3,709 drownings in 2017, more than 12% were children age 4 and younger. Bathtubs, toilets and event buckets can pose a danger for young children.”(1)

Therefore, here are some basic tips about Water Safety from the National Safety Council to prevent Drownings

- A..Learn to swim, take swimming lessons if you do not know how to swim, remember this does not make you “drown” proof. Swimming lessons save lives.
- B. Never swim alone or in unsupervised places
- C. Keep toddlers in shallow areas-zero-depth entry pools have water games, and spray fountains with no water depth that are safer for small children
- D. If you do not know how to swim wear a life jacket while in the water
- E. Pay attention to posted signs-know the safety rules and regulations for the various swimming locations
- F. Avoid water wings, (the air filled devices that many children put on their arms and push up to the shoulders) they give a false sense of security. Use a life jacket instead
- G. Learn CPR and rescue techniques, have a first aid kit handy
- H. Make sure the body of water matches your skill level, remember swimming in a pool is different than swimming in a lake, river or the ocean- as currents can carry you away
- I. Swim in protest areas with a Lifeguard-they are not your baby sitter-watch your child constantly
- J. Don’t push or jump on others already in the water
- K. Don’t dive in shallow water-it’s dangerous
- L. Do not let children play around drains and suction fittings-they can get caught
- M. Boys younger than 15, are more likely to drown verses girls
- N. Emergency departments treat about 6,400 injuries in children young than 15 every year for drowning accidents
- O. Teens and young adults do not think about water safety
- P. Alcohol and swimming do not mix, alcohol is involved in half of all male teen drownings
- Q. Younger children are at a greater risk for drowning-never leave them alone-keep a close “eye” on them at all times and pay close to younger children when they are in the water
- R. Understand the basic principles of the water-heavy currents and undertows can carry you away quickly
- S. Take note of the weather conditions prior to your swimming activities
- T. Use sunscreen-protect your skin, wear a hat and shirts when not in the water to prevent sunburn
- U. If you are swimming in water, such a river, that has a swift current, don’t try to fight it, stay calm, and float with it, if you can swim parallel to the shore until you can free yourself from the swift current
- V. Teach your children and teens not to drink the water in which you have been swimming. It is contaminated. To prevent choking hazards, never chew gum or eat while swimming, diving or playing in the water.



Swimming is part of the summer fun. Learn to be safe around the water. By following these simple rules, you will be able to protect yourself and others from the possibility of drowning. Swimming is healthy, enjoy it and be safe.



For additional Information about drowning prevention and basic water safety, can be found on the Centers for Disease Controls and Prevention's, and the World Health Organizations and the American Academy of Pediatric's websites.

<https://www.cdc.gov/HomeandRecreationalSafety/Water-Safety/waterinjuries-factsheet.html>

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## 2021 FCRV TRAVALONG – July 17-30



Because of Covid & the possibility of not holding Campvention 2021, we got a late start on Travalong 2021. Getting campgrounds proved to be difficult. Many do not open till May 1<sup>st</sup> and all did not answer the phone. Some would take reservations by e-mail only, not an option for us with a group. The ones who did call us back were filling up already. Two of the campgrounds only have 6 sites available for the dates we need, so we are limited to 6 units on the Travalong. On the last few Travalongs, we've had less than 6. As in the past, feel free to 'drop in or drop out', join or leave the Travalong, whatever works for you.

### Arrive Saturday July 17 – leave Tuesday July 20 (about 33 miles)

Jefferson, WI

Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 503 N. Jackson Ave., Jefferson, WI. (<https://www.jcfairpark.com/p/camping>)

The Travalong will start at the YARs campout. Make your reservation with Jim Turner; pay him before we go to the fairgrounds; \$85.45 W/E for the 3 nights. Jefferson is located between Madison, the state capital, and Milwaukee on Lake Michigan.

#### Some things to see and do

Madison: Capitol Square, State Street, Wisconsin Historical Society, Elvis Fight Sight Mini-Monument, Frank Lloyd Wright House

Milwaukee: Harley-Davidson Museum, Milwaukee Public Museum, Pabst Mansion, Basilica of St. Josaphat, Miller Brewery Tour, Milwaukee River Walk, Grohmann Museum

Jefferson: Old World Wisconsin, Aztalan State Park (Wisconsin's most important archaeological site!), Ten Chimneys (estate lovingly created by Broadway legends Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne), Octagon House

### Arrive Tuesday July 20 – leave Friday July 23 (about 125 miles)

#### Green Bay, WI

Brown County Fairgrounds, 1500 Fort Howard Ave, De Pere, WI Full hookups - \$32 per night

Like Jefferson County Fairgrounds, make your reservation with Jim.

### **Some things to see and do**

Lambeau Field, Green Bay Packer Hall of Fame, National Railroad Museum, the Automobile Gallery, Neville Public Museum, Door County (It is named after the strait between the Door Peninsula and Washington Island. The dangerous passage, known as Death's Door, contains shipwrecks and was known to Native Americans and early French explorers.) – enjoy the Door County Maritime Museum as well as the cheese shops, wineries, and lighthouses.

**Arrive Friday July 23 – leave Monday July 26 (about 80 miles)**

### **Rapid River, MI**

Vagabond Resort, 8935 County 513T Road, Rapid River, Michigan (<http://www.vagabondresort.com>) Make your reservation with the resort **by May 15<sup>th</sup>** at **906-474-6122**. Ask to park with Jim Turner group.

### **Some things to see and do**

Rapid River: Peninsula Point Lighthouse, Rapid River Knifeworks

Escanaba: Sandpoint Lighthouse, Ludington Park, Delta County Historical Museum

**Arrive Monday July 26– leave Friday July 30 (about 125 miles)**

### **St. Ignace, MI**

**Lakeshore RV Park Campground, W1234 Pointe LaBarbe Road, Saint Ignace, Michigan**

(<https://lakeshoreparkcampground.com>) **Make your reservation with the resort by May 15<sup>th</sup> at 906-643-9522** Full hookups at \$56.92 (includes tax) per night. Ask to park with Jim Turner group.

### **Some things to see and do**

Day trip to Sault Ste. Marie: boat trip through the locks, Canadian Bushplane Heritage Center, Sault Ste. Marie Museum, enjoy the shops & the fudge.

Day trip to Mackinac Island

Explore St. Ignace and possibly cross the Mackinac Bridge & explore Mackinaw City, including Colonial Michilimackinac.

## **HAPPY GLAMPERS**

The Happy Glampers with State Membership Director, Denise Weiss and National Membership Director Christopher Weiss. FCRV Membership Directors, Chris and Denise Weiss would like to hear from member in person or by mail/phone/email on any ideas you may have to promote membership growth.

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## 4 TIPS FOR PROTECTING YOUR RV

By Adam Hoge and Patrick Alicki of EmpireCovers.com

It's the start of camping season and the bright days of summer. But what about the days that we're not camping? It's important to think about how to protect your RV when it's not in use and sitting out in your driveway. Neglecting protection can lead to a list of expensive repairs down the road, so we've got 4 tips focused on proper maintenance and preventative measures that'll protect your investment and have you ready to hit the road as soon as possible.

### Cover it Up



If your RV is stored outdoors, the weather can cause rust, chipping, or even more significant damage. Water can pool on the roof, and collect even more debris like pine needles and leaves, which are a hassle to clean. Constant exposure to the sun and UV rays can wear down the roofing material, dry out seals, and cause fading or discoloration. Use an RV cover, like the ones from EmpireCovers.com, to protect your vehicle from these harsh weather elements. A fully waterproof and UV resistant cover will offer the best protection, as well as keep debris off your RV. Use the exclusive FCRV code "FCRV20" at EmpireCovers.com for an additional 20% off your purchase!

### Clean Your Roof:

Having a clean roof is essential to making your RV last. The rooftops of RVs are covered by a clear film that protects the RV from leaks. Over time, buildup on your roof can affect the overall durability. To prevent this, it's a good idea to clean the roof of your RV at least 4 times a year. You can do this by cleaning it in the same way you would a normal car, perhaps with dish soap and a sponge. Please note to follow your manufacturer's guidelines as some cleaners could potentially damage your vehicle.

Additionally, EmpireCovers.com sells rooftop RV covers that you can use while camping. These are meant to protect the roof of your RV from falling tree limbs, bird droppings, and more, all being able to use the RV at the same time.

### Add Fuel Stabilizer:

Own a Class A, B or C RV? Then you're going to want stabilize your fuel. Gas begins to oxidize and deteriorate when left sitting for several weeks, forming resin deposits. These deposits can damage your RV's engine, so it is important to add a fuel stabilizer to prevent any issues with your gas lines. First, fill your tank with gas and add the fuel stabilizer. Then, run the engine and generator long enough for the stabilizer to run through the entire fuel system, the length of time can often be found on the directions of the fuel stabilizer. You should also change your oil and oil filter to prevent acids in the engine oil from causing corrosion.



## Protect Your Tires:

When your RV isn't in use, it is important to protect and maintain your RV's tires. Make sure that your RV is being stored on level ground so that the weight is being distributed evenly between the tires. Inflate your tires to the pressure indicated on the sidewall. The tires may lose pressure during the storage period, so make sure you know where to find proper tire pressure info for your RV and fill prior to taking your RV out on the road again. UV light from the sun can be damaging in every season. While RV covers protect your RV from UV light and other harsh conditions, not all covers provide full coverage for the tires as well. You can get RV tire covers to ensure that your tires are fully protected.

Although taking these steps to protect your RV may seem like an arduous task, it is a vital step in ensuring that you make your investment last. The time put in now to protect your RV can save you a lot of time and money in the long run.

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## CAMPING WORLD REPORTS OPENING OF NEW WISCONSIN SUPERCENTER

By: [RVBusiness](#) | Published on: Apr 9, 2021

Camping World Holdings Inc. today in a press release announced the opening of its RV and outdoor dealership in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

The SuperCenter located just off I-94 at 6440 Scully Drive in Eau Claire is now open for business and will operate under the Camping World brand. The company now has a total of five locations in Wisconsin.

The grand opening celebration begins on April 16 and will run through April 18, featuring special deals on new 2021 RVs and huge discounts on a variety of RV and outdoor gear. Customers are encouraged to visit during the Grand Opening weekend to receive special gift incentives.

Camping World Holdings, the nation's largest network of RV and outdoor lifestyle centric locations, currently owns and operates over 170 SuperCenters nationwide and a comprehensive e-commerce platform, specializing in RV sales and service, RV parts and accessories, outdoor lifestyle products and its entire portfolio of Good Sam products and services. From new strategic acquisitions, new store development and facility upgrades, the Company's network will continue to expand and evolve while serving its customers' outdoor, RV and camping needs.

Camping World is always looking for seasoned and professional RV sales associates, technicians, and retail support to assist with locations across the country. Individuals interested in applying for a position may visit <http://www.campingworldcareers.com/>.



## OIA WELCOMES INTRODUCTION OF CIVILIAN CLIMATE CORPS ACT

By: [RVBusiness](#) | Published on: Apr 7, 2021

The Outdoor Industry Association (OIA) Monday (April 5) applauded a new [bill](#) to provide \$10 billion to create a Civilian Climate Corps, according to a release. The legislation is based on the framework outlined in President Biden's American Jobs Plan announced on March 31.

"Investing in the outdoors provides opportunities for people, businesses, and the environment to thrive. This important measure would create new jobs, help address challenges like catastrophic wildfires and other impacts of a changing climate, and ensure the outdoor economy remains a key part of our country's economic recovery," said OIA executive director Lise Aangeenbrug. "It could also help the nation fully realize the tremendous potential of the 'Great American Outdoors Act,' which is still in the process of being implemented. We commend the leadership and foresight of U.S. Representatives Joe Neguse and Abigail Spanberger and Senators Chris Coons, Martin Heinrich, and Ben Ray Lujan."

### About the Outdoor Industry Association

Based in Boulder, Colo., with offices in Washington, D.C., Outdoor Industry Association (OIA) is the leading trade association for the outdoor industry. OIA unites and serves 1,200 manufacturer, supplier, sales representative and retailer members through its focus on trade and recreation policy, sustainable business innovation and outdoor participation. For more information, visit [outdoorindustry.org](https://www.outdoorindustry.org).



## SPRING INTO SCIENCE

### 5 Ways You Can Help Track the Signs of Spring and Climate Change

**Boston, MA, April 6, 2021** — Springtime is a season that is shifting around the country. With balmy weather and "winter weather whiplash" in the Northeast, the Polar Vortex driving record low tempera-

tures in the South, among other weather oddities, these unusual seasons are unpredictable interruptions that are signs of change. Climate change isn't just the long, gradual ramp-up (or shifting baseline) of warming temperatures. It also manifests in extreme fluctuations in weather conditions, which overall show us a picture of more variability and increasing intensity of storms and extreme conditions, causing outsized impacts on ecosystems, economies and infrastructure.

Dr. Sarah Nelson, Research Director for Appalachian Mountain Club, America's oldest outdoor organization, shares five ways you can help scientists track the seasons and further understand the sensitivity of spring:

1. Listen to the science. Information is power; learn and do your own research. Vet the things you read and hear before spreading falsehoods. AMC shares information about climate change science and impacts here, and debunks myths about climate change here.
2. Reduce your carbon footprint. Data proves that we will see more loss of cold and winter if we continue on a high emissions scenario than a lower-emissions scenario. Greenhouse gases drive our climate and directly translate to changing temperatures. More about AMC's efforts in this arena, and a carbon footprint calculator, here: [www.outdoors.org/AMCAAtWork](https://www.outdoors.org/AMCAAtWork).
3. Get your boots muddy! With earlier springtime weather, you may be hitting the trail but earlier mud season and more mud days could mean more damage to sensitive vegetation and trails. Even if it means muddy boots, stay on the trail to avoid damaging tender plants along the edges. More about Leave No Trace from AMC, here: <https://www.outdoors.org/articles/amc-outdoors/leave-no-trace-travel-and-camp-on-durable-surfaces>.
4. Chase the Spring. Now, scientists use plant phenology—the timing of life-cycle events like budburst and flowering—as an indicator of shifting seasons. To help understand how seasons could be shifting in the mountains, you can chase the seasons right through spring and summer by joining iNaturalist and AMC's Northeast Alpine Flower Watch program when you are out hiking. The data will help to identify how spring phenology is changing in the region.
5. Join AMC's Conservation Action Network. Learn about and speak up on issues that threaten the Northeast outdoors as well as opportunities to ensure that treasured locations and landscapes can be enjoyed for

generations to come.

Appalachian Mountain Club's Dr. Sarah Nelson brings more than two decades of scientific scholarship to her role as AMC's director of research. Before joining AMC in September 2019, Nelson spent 21 years at the University of Maine, most recently directing the Ecology and Environmental Sciences program and serving as associate research professor in the School of Forest Resources. She helps lead a national program she cofounded, called The Dragonfly Mercury Project, collecting citizen science data on mercury levels in dragonfly larvae—engaging more than 4,500 citizen scientists in 100 parks across 47 states over 10 years. For more information about AMC and Dr. Sarah Nelson, please click [HERE](#).

To learn more about the Appalachian Mountain Club, please visit: [www.outdoors.org](http://www.outdoors.org)



## RV ROADSIGNS QUARTERLY FORECAST

### RV Shipments Projected to Reach Record High in 2021

RV wholesale shipments are expected to climb to their highest level on comparable record in 2021, according to the Spring issue of RV RoadSigns, the quarterly forecast prepared by ITR Economics for the RV Industry Association.

The latest projection shows total 2021 RV shipments ranging between 523,139 and 543,572 units with the **most likely year-end total being 533,356 units**. That total would **represent a 23.9% increase** over the 2020 year-end total of 430,412 units. It would also be a **5.7% gain over the current comparable record high of 504,600 units** in 2017.

“RV shipments in 2021 are forecast to reach record highs as the industry continues its over 40 years of long-term growth,” said RV Industry Association President & CEO Craig Kirby. “We expect consumers to continue to turn to RVs not only because they allow people to recreate responsibly, but also because RVs allow people the freedom to live a fun, active outdoor lifestyle.”

“A year ago when RV plants shut down for nearly two months, who would have thought we would be talking about record-breaking shipments less than a year later,” said Jeff Rutherford, President & CEO of Airxcel, Inc. and RV Industry Association Chairman. “The fact that 2021 is projected to be the best year ever for RV shipments speaks to the strengths of our industry and the incredible appeal of the RV lifestyle.”

According to ITR Economics, the strong forecast is attributable to three main factors: relief from supply constraints; OEM plans to expand capacity; and robust consumer demand outpacing very low inventory levels. Shipments could finish in the lower end of the forecast range if supply chain problems persist. The upper end of the forecast range is possible given exceptionally low inventories and strong consumer demand. This scenario would likely require negligible supply chain issues, increased industry capacity, and another hard push through the typical seasonal slowdown late in the year.

## THIS AND THAT

**Camping World** is opening a new Superstore at the former Hilltop RV Store in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Escabana and Ishpeming. CW is also building a new store at Cheyenne, Wyoming on I-80. West Virginia will get its first CW store in Fairmont at the former Trailer City location. CW.

**Airstream** is offering 20 year financing to qualified buyers through Bank Of America.

The new edition of “**RV Buyers Guide**” is out. See [www.rvtrader.com](http://www.rvtrader.com).

**Elkhart's RV Open House** will be held September 27, 2021, a week after the Hershey, PA show.

Since 2020 **Terra Cycle** has diverted 4.2 million plastic bottles (51,000 lbs. of Plastic bottles) from landfills. They also recycle plastic bags.

# Products

## MITSUBISHI INTRODUCES INFLATABLE CABOVER TRUCK CAMPER

By: [RVBusiness](#) | Published on: Apr 1, 2021



Mitsubishi Deutschland has debuted a 59.5-pound, full-inflatable, cabover truck camper for their mid-size trucks, introducing what might be the

lightest truck camper ever made, and that's without using helium, [according to a report at TruckCamper-Magazine.com](#).

In the Spring of 2017 Truck Camper Magazine exclusively debuted the [AirWalken inflatable truck camper](#). It was designed purely as a practice truck camper to allow truck camping newbies to learn to load and unload without risking their real truck and camper.

And it was entirely an April Fools joke. If I can't have some fun with this magazine we started, what's the point? We are not exactly reporting on medical research and that means I'm keeping fun (and a bit of harmless mischief) on the menu.

Well, nearly four years later, it happened. Mitsubishi Deutschland has unveiled a real inflatable truck camper developed in partnership with Gentle-Tent, the GT Pick Up.

The GT Pick Up inflates with a portable air compressor or an inflatable watercraft hand pump. When fully-inflated, the camper has a 5-foot floor length, a 7-foot interior height, five ventilation windows with screens, and an entry door.

The cabover portion of the camper is large enough for a full-size mattress. The sidewalls are manufactured from weatherproof Tencate and are reportedly safe in winds up to 70 miles per hour.

When deflated and stowed in the travel position, the camper is just 7-inches tall and weighs just 59.5-pounds.

See the full TruckCamperMagazine.com report [here](#).

## SPOT--a leader in satellite messaging and emergency notification technologies

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**SPOT Gen4: Satellite GPS Messenger.** SPOT Gen4 lets family, friends, and colleagues know you are OK, or if the unexpected should happen, sends your GPS location to emergency responders all with the push of a button.



You can purchase SPOT on <https://www.findmespot.com/en-us/>, REI, Dicks, Bass Pro Shops, Cabela's, Sportsman Warehouse, West Marine, Fry's Electronics, Field & Stream and Amazon. FYI, SPOT is offering \$50 off ALL products starting May 26th – June 1<sup>st</sup> on its website and select retailers.



## CAMPING ESSENTIAL FROM TACTICA



The brand new launch of the **TACTICA M.020 Camping Tool Card**. This all-in-one lightweight powerhouse is packed with a wide variety of outdoor features to help around the campsite.

The M.110 is accessorized with tools like a bottle opener, a ferrocerium striker rod to easily get a fire started without using matches, an internal rope cutter, or even a rope tensioner tent peg puller. This durable and compact tool is completely travel-friendly and fits perfectly in pockets, backpacks or camping gear. Its small and convenient size also eliminates the need for bringing along heavy tools or kits.



**MSRP \$34.95** and available at [TacticaGear.com](https://TacticaGear.com). Color options include black, silver, orange and titanium

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# Farewells

**DONELLA WILKES**  
**PAST SPC/ CAMP DIRECTOR**



Donella Wilkes, Lees Summit, Missouri, passed away March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021. She grew up in an NCHA / FCRV family and became a member as an adult. Her parents are Louella and Don Sprague who became MO State Directors in 1994 and when Don Passed away, Louella Took over the job from 1998 – 2013.

Donella held several state jobs in MO and in 2009 she accepted the job of S.P.C. - Self Propelled Campers (aka Hiking). The program name was changed to C.A.M.P - Campers Actively Moving.

In 2011. Shari Weber said, “Donella did a great job of coming up with new activities, including some for people with physical limitations, keeping members actively moving. She also gathered and kept records of activities done by members and presented annual awards at Campventions. which she often attended with her mother. Donella reluctantly gave up the job due to health problems.



Shari Weber also noted that Donella was always supportive of the FCRV band. A check would arrive even if she wasn't at Campvention. She never made a musical selection, just wished the band well.

Donella Wilkes is survived by her mother, Luella Sprague, a daughter, Melissa Partin, also sisters, Diane, Denise, Deborah, Donna, and Dawn plus several

nieces and nephews.

The family has asked that any memorials be given to a charity of choice. Condolences may be sent to Luel-la Sprague at [luellamofcrv@comcast.net](mailto:luellamofcrv@comcast.net).

## ROGER LUTE PAST PA STATE DIRECTOR



Roger Lute, 79, past PA State Director, North Cambria, PA, passed away 4-13-21. Roger and his wife, Kathy were very active in the PA Stat association early on and eventually served as State Directors in the 90's. They often represented NCHA /FCRV at RV shows. Roger taught math for 34 years at Purchase Line High School and was a longtime ham radio operator.

Roger Lute is survived by his wife of 52 years, Kathy and several nieces and nephews. Condolences may be sent to Kathy at [kathleenlute@yahoo.com](mailto:kathleenlute@yahoo.com).



**Michael 'Mike' Hiatt** , 83,4-7-21. DesMoines, Iowa. Longtime active in Iowa FCRV with wife, Judy who were FCRV's International Retiree King and Queen In 1968. U.S. Navy veteran, Coached softball, accomplished bowler and golfer. Iowa, Winter Texan, YARS chapters.



**Jo VanWagner**, 83, 4-15-21, Lothrop, Michigan. Life Member and Field Director with late husband Clarence. Hosted many activities. Showboat Wheelers and Mid-Florida Snow Birds members



**Dortha M. Motter**, 94, 4-19-21, Wharton, Ohio. Worked on '83 Ohio Campvention with husband Robert. Survived by daughters Bettie Pfeiffer and Lydia Young.

**Barry Bruce**, 4-2021, East Hartford, Connecticut. Husband of Connie. Happy Wanderers Chapter

**Robert Lewis**, 4-17-21, Cromwell, CT. Husband of Pam. Life Member and member of Happy Wanderers Chapter.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## JUNE

### June 4 - 6, 2021 - SE Regional Campout

Tom Johnson's Rally Park, 1885 US 70 Hwy West, Marion, NC 2875. Early Days - June 1 - 3. \$35 per night. Full hookups, 30 and 50 AMP available. Do not register with the campground. Registration fee \$35. make checks payable to Traveling Tarheels. Send to Pam Likens, 212 Morris St., Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Phone: 386-365-0823 Email: pamf104@gmail.com

## JULY

### July 11-16, 2021 – 61<sup>st</sup> FCRV Campvention

Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn, WI

### July 22 - 25, 2021 - Region 3 Regional Campvention

Hosted by NE FCRVers at York County Fairgrounds, York, NE. Registration and camping are \$65.00 for 2 nights and 3 days, or \$85.00 at the gate. Early Bird camping is \$15.00. All sites have 30 or 50-amp electricity only. Handicap parking is available near facilities. Saturday breakfast is available, with pre-registration, for \$5.00/person. E-mail questions and/or requests for registration form to NE State Directors Rob and Joleen Baker at [rojopapio@cox.net](mailto:rojopapio@cox.net). Make checks payable to Nebraska FCRV and mail, along with registration form, to Anita Mueller, 207 East Liberty, Exeter, NE 68351.

## AUGUST

### August 4-8th, 2021 - Great Lakes Regional Campout

Shipshewana Campground North - Shipshewana, IN. This campground only has 50 sites and also a few cabins, call and book now! The number is 260-768-7770, let them know you are with FCRV. For more information or a registration form (\$20 activity fee/\$25 at gate), please email [angieshaneyfelt@hotmail.com](mailto:angieshaneyfelt@hotmail.com)



### Bluebonnet RV Resort

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Daily rate \$28.50. Includes Elect. Weekly rate \$159.00 includes Elect.

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Elect.

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5th & 6th Monthly rate \$185 Plus Elect.

This rate is for FCRV International Camping Club Members.

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**61<sup>st</sup> INTERNATIONAL CAMPVENTION**  
**FAMILY CAMPERS & Rver's**  
**"WANDER WISCONSIN"**  
Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St.  
Elkhorn, WI 53121



**Campvention Days:** July 11-16, 2021 fees cover (6 nights)

**Early Bird Days:** July 9 & 10 2021 @ \$30/night (pay @ registration – cash/check)

**Registrations are needed by:** June 1, 2021

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!!!

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

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ST/PRV:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **e-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

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:**

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

**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 and in the form of check or money order.

	<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

**WIFI is included in your registration fee**

**PAY BEFORE DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2020 TO RECEIVE A \$30.00 DISCOUNT (\$305.00)**

Motor Home \_\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel \_\_\_\_\_ Travel Trailer \_\_\_\_\_ Pop-Up \_\_\_\_\_ Want in shade trees \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:** NCHA

**Mail to:** Sue & Carl Fromholzer

137 Crandon Blvd

Cheektowaga NY 14225

**Refund policy:** If you are unable to

attend, all except \$ 25 will be refunded

Contact them at: 716-683-5723 email: [FCRV.VP.OPS@gmail.com](mailto:FCRV.VP.OPS@gmail.com)

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

**All attendees agree to comply with Campvention guidelines, including the golf cart guidelines, which applies to all golf carts on the premises.**



## 2021 Teen Royalty Pageant Registration Form

Family Campers & RVers

Registration deadline May 31, 2021

State/Province Representing:

Teen King ☐ Teen Queen ☐ Escort ☐

Name:

Parent/Guardian Name :

Address:

Phone Number:

E-Mail address:

Chapter Name :

Number of Years in FCRV:

Age as of 7/14/2021:

Birth date (month/day/year):

\*You must be between the ages of 13 and 20 the day of the Competition. We have extended it to those that are 20 as there was no campvention in 2020

Grade in School:

Name of School:

Explanation of Talent:

Will you need special equipment (besides CD player)? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain

Hobbies:

Ambitions/Goals:

Notable awards:

Please send a recent photo of yourself along with this registration form to:

Katie Kurburski

9278 Middle Village Drive

Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Phone: (231)881-6209

E-mail: kkurburski@gmail.com

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of participants are paid members of Family Campers & RVers for the current year.

State Director's Signature & stamp: \_\_\_\_\_

## "WANDER WISCONSIN" MARKETPLACE

### TABLE REGISTRATION FORM

NOTE: Basic space is for an 8 foot table (provided). There is 'NO FEE CHARGE' for Chapters for tables, a two table limit. There is a \$15.00 fee for Individuals who sell crafts or other items, for an 8 foot space with table provided. If a second table (limit 2) is needed an additional \$10.00 fee is required for a total of \$25.00. Providing your own table does not change the fees.

Remit fee with form.

#### CHAPTERS::

Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person \_\_\_\_\_

Cell ph number/email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tables (limit 2)(Space is 8' per table) \_\_\_\_\_

(No fee for Chapters)

Describe products sold \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

#### INDIVIDUALS::

Contact person \_\_\_\_\_

Cell ph number/email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tables (limit 2)(Space is 8' per table) \_\_\_\_\_

(1 table= \$15.00; 2-tables + add \$10.00 ==Total \$25.00)

(Supply own table—NO change in fees!)

Describe products sold \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration to: Duane & Ruth Keegan 957 N Lois Ave Addison, IL 60101-1237

Information: e-mail [dentec957@att.net](mailto:dentec957@att.net) or 630-487-8873 (C)

**DEADLINE:** No later than June 15, 2021

Make checks payable to: 'NCHA' write "*Campvention 2021*" on the memo line



### Youth Registration

Youth name \_\_\_\_\_

Boy Girl Age \_\_\_\_\_

Interests \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/medical concerns

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

State/Providence \_\_\_\_\_ Site # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## 2021 PARADE REGISTRATION FORM

TO: State/Provincial Directors and Chapter Presidents

SUBJECT: Parade Theme: Wander Wisconsin

PLEASE FORWARD THIS REGISTRATION FORM TO YOUR STATE/PROVINCIAL PARADE CHAIRMAN. DUPLICATES OF THIS FORM MAY BE MADE IF MORE THAN ONE ENTRY FROM YOUR STATE/PROVINCE WILL BE ENTERED IN THE PARADE. HAVE YOUR PARADE CHAIRMAN OR THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF YOUR PARADE ENTRIES CALL OR WRITE TO US AND WE WILL SEND THEM THE GUIDELINES, RULES AND REGULATIONS AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING FLOAT BUILDING. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR CAMPVENTION AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH EACH OF YOU.

### 2021 FLOAT REGISTRATION FORM

Indicate CATEGORY and SECTION for your entry: \*CATEGORY # \_\_\_\_\_ SECTION \_\_\_\_\_ (A,B or C)

CHAPTER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE/PROVINCE: \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL FAMILY: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ENTRY: \_\_\_\_\_ WALKING UNIT \_\_\_\_\_ FLOAT  
\_\_\_\_\_ OVER 8' LONG \_\_\_\_\_ UNDER 8'  
\_\_\_\_\_ TEEN QUEEN

MOTORIZED: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO TOWED: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

TYPE OF UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_ (Wagon, Car, Small Truck, Large Truck, Semi, Etc.)

NEED WAGON OR TRAILER?: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO (If yes, further information will be provided)

NEED CONVERTIBLE?: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO (If yes, further information will be provided.)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON IN CHARGE OF THIS UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_

#### RETURN COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS TO:

Rhonda O'Neal  
PARADE CHAIRMAN  
2730 N Waterford Dr.  
St Louis Mo 63033

PH: (314)495-6985 or E-Mail: Rhonda\_oneal@yahoo.com

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY June 15, 2021.

#### \*CATEGORY LIST

Chapter Float #1  
Teen Chapter Float #2  
State/Province Float #3  
State/Province Teen Float #4  
All Teen Queen Floats #5  
Individual Family Float #6  
National Entries #7