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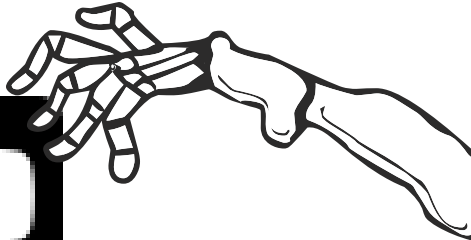
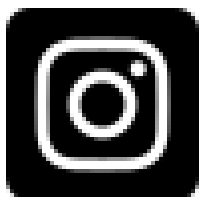
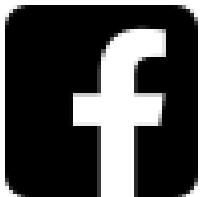


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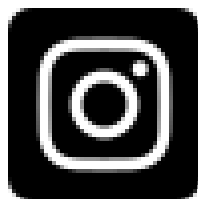
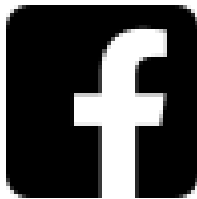
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From The President

As I write this update to everyone, we await the second stage of the updated Field Manual Voting. As you know, the Executive Board reviewed and voted. After their approval, we sent the revisions to the Advisory Council for their approval. The revised Field Manual passed the voting bloc of the Executive Board overwhelmingly. We now await the closing of the Advisory Council. Their support is critical to the Field Manual. and its status.

A reminder to Chapters, States, Provinces, and Regions, as we move into the close of the camping year and we start our planning for the next camping year remember to send in your camping Schedule. They are needed for several reasons. A good reason is in showing the true amount of liability coverage we need to carry in the upcoming year. This is something that is a cost to FCRV. Another very good reason is if members are traveling through the area, they could join you for a day or two and enrich the camping experience. This expands friendships and, in my opinion, will be a wonderful highlight of any trip. Along this line many Chapters will be having elections.. Remember to pass the new officers' information along to your State/Provincial Director as well. It is important

for your State/Provincial and Regional Directors to be informed as to who your Officers are. With this National can distribute news and information to the right people. This will help with the timely flow of information. We at National often hear that you are not informed, however if you fail to keep Officers names, email addresses and phone numbers updated, we have no way to pass information along to them and ultimately you. Also, please, if you hold a position within FCRV, make sure that you do not have emails from National blocked. Also, assure your correct phone numbers and email addresses are on file with the National Office. This is something simple and important to how we function. Let me thank all of you in advance for helping with the flow of information keeping FCRV moving ahead.

Many have asked about the YOUR CHAIR AWAITS BANNER. We are making it available to Chapters and Individuals for \$35.00 plus shipping and handling. It is our hope that if you get one and display it. We will benefit as an organization by having the exposure. It is important that we let the world of camping know who we are. Let's start seeing the new banner in our camping photos. It is time that we make FCRV known in the camping world.

Your Chair Awaits, See You at the Next Campout
Gerry Pfrisch
FCRV International President



FCRV Media & Press Release Policy

Effective 09/11/2024

INTRODUCTION:

Family Campers and RVers' foundation is built on a storied history of uniting camping families in fellowship and service across the U.S. and Canada, and has its roots firmly planted in dedication to the support of wildlife preservation and environmental conservation. All members must strive to represent and market the organization in a professional manner.

An organizational media and press release policy should include the development of positive, consistent messages to be disseminated by an authorized spokesperson(s) versed on issues that are important to the organization. By having a media/press release policy and establishing a designated media contact(s), FCRV can avoid content inaccuracies and conflicting messages, control how FCRV events are reported to the public to promote organizational growth, and enhance its commercial partner marketability.

FCRV recognizes the importance of effectively communicating with the public and media to promote our mission, activities, and events. This policy outlines the guidelines for media interactions and public communications.

DESIGNATED SPOKESPERSONS

Only designated spokespersons are authorized to communicate with the media on behalf of FCRV. Those designated spokespersons are:

- President
- Vice President of Planning & Development (VPPD)
- Any other individual(s) specifically authorized by the President or VPPD as designee

MEDIA INQUIRIES

All media inquiries, including requests for interviews, statements, or information, must be directed to the VPPD, President, or designee. No other individuals are permitted to speak to the media on behalf of FCRV without prior approval.

MEDIA RELEASES AND PUBLICATIONS

All media releases, publications, newsletters, website content, social media posts, and other public communications representing FCRV must be reviewed and approved by the VPPD or President before distribution or publication.

CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS

In the event of a crisis or emergency situation, all media inquiries and communications will be handled by the President or designated representative. A crisis communications plan will be activated to ensure consistent and accurate messaging.

PERSONAL OPINIONS

When communicating with the media or expressing personal opinions in public forums, individuals must clearly state that they are not speaking on behalf of FCRV unless they have been explicitly authorized to do so.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Confidential information about FCRV, its members, or operations must not be disclosed to the media or public without proper authorization.

LOCAL AND REGIONAL RV SHOWS, FESTIVALS, FAIRS, & EVENTS

FCRV recognizes the importance of community events as opportunities to promote the organization, engage with potential members, and support the current marketing plan.

All club chapters representing FCRV at local, state/provincial, regional, national, and international events shall:

- Enthusiastically support and align with the organization's current marketing plan and messaging.
- Display only banners, signage, and materials that have been approved by the VPPD or designee.
- Distribute only authorized promotional materials, brochures, and information approved for dissemination.
- Chapters must obtain prior approval from the VPPD or designee before participating in or representing FCRV at any local or regional event.

Note: All event media contact, publications, releases, and materials for events must be approved by the VPPD or designee.

COMPLIANCE

All members, volunteers, and staff of FCRV are expected to comply with this media policy. Violations may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of membership or employment.

REQUEST FOR SHOW ASSISTANCE

If you plan to participate in a local or regional show, festival, fair, or other event and want national assistance follow this link to the request form.

<https://fcrv.org/rv-show-assistance-application/>

Upcoming FCRV Elections

Here's your chance to be
an FCRV Trustee (officer)!

Shari Weber
Chairman, FCRV Nominating Committee
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Nominations are being accepted for one half of Trustees (nationally elected officers) who will govern the operations of the Family Campers & RVers (FCRV) during the 2025/2027 term of office.

International President, Gerry Pfirsch has established a nominating committee of which I am the chair to find and vet suitable candidates for election. The deadline for nominations is December 15, 2024.

The positions to be elected are Vice President Planning and Development, and Comptroller who are voted by the membership. Vice President Operations is also up for election and is elected by the Executive Board and Advisory Council.

Any FCRV member in good standing is eligible for nomination consideration. Please immediately contact your respective State/Provincial Director, Regional Director, any member of the nominating committee (list to be posted shortly), or me if you are interested in any of these offices (or can suggest a person whom we should seek).

Once a nomination slate has been selected by the nominating committee, each candidate will complete a resume and platform which will be published in the February 2025 issue of "Camping Today". Ballots for a contested election will be distributed at the beginning of March 2025 with the deadline for voting as April 15, 2025.

If you cannot participate in electronic balloting and will not be at your membership residence on file with the office, absentee ballots must be requested by January 15, 2025 indicating the alternate address. Make your request for an absentee ballot to the FCRV National Office via Phone (716) 668-6242 or by email FCRVoffice@gmail.com.

NCHA (FCRV) Hank Nathan Scholarship Inc

From Your Scholarship *Directors*

By Stan & Fran Vozar

Greetings Fellow Campers

We are the Vozars, Fran and Stan. As your newly appointed Scholarship Directors, we bring to you 40 years of camping experience with NCHA/FCRV, 35+ years as professional educators and 20+ years of active participation with the Ohio SERVE Scholarship Committee.

Fran's career as an intervention specialist blends the many styles and characteristics of the learning disabled, behaviorally challenged and traditional students, and will lend insight into the program. Stan is a retired teacher, coach, assistant principal and principal. Regardless of our busy careers, we still make time to camp the "NCHA/FCRV WAY": Lifetime Members, State and National Campventions, and monthly camping with our club, the Cuyahoga Patriots.

'Camping Today' will be our number one source of communicating scholarship news beginning in November.

We look forward to offering our time and experience to the members of NCHA/FCRV who seek financial assistance as they travel the road to career success.

Full Disclosure: one or more members of the Scholarship Board may have relatives from time to time apply for scholarships. Be assured that no Board Director will participate in the scoring or decision making process.



Message from the National Office

Adding a Second Email Address With The National Office

Over the last few years the National Office has been slowly adapting older physical systems or outdated computer systems it used and moved them into newer tech based cloud based systems that have allowed us to work more streamlined. One of these changes is a whole new membership database system.

Along with this new membership database system is the ability to add in more variables to track much needed info about our members. Previously our old systems only allowed us to track one email address per membership account. We now have the ability to have two email addresses per account and are asking you to submit that information. Please submit this information through your state/prov or regional directors which will give our leadership experience using the new systems. This is also a good time to check with your state/prov or regional directors that your current email you have on file is up to date.

A list of state/prov or regional directors contact info can be found at: <https://fcrv.org/contacts/>

Discord

National and our leadership has moved on from using Zoom as our go to product for Video Communication and moved over to using Discord. Along with using Discord as our main source of video communication comes a slew of other benefits that Zoom did not allow.

Discord is a FREE social media platform that allows users to communicate in real time using text, voice, and video through public or private servers. You can find servers for all types of hobbies, from anything like knitting, bee keeping, video games, or sports, to things that FCRV exhibits like camping, RVing, wildlife and conservation

Your trustees, National Office and 'Camping Today' team have been using it for the last few months to test it out and get experience with using its features before we opened our server up to membership and the general public.

Discord, while giving us a platform for our leadership and members to communicate also comes with a MUCH needed benefit of moving FCRV into spaces used by younger generations. Discord has 3 options for using its services. Those options are a phone app, an app for pc/mac, or you can even access it right through a web browser. So it makes communication VERY easy and FAST with how accessible it is compared to Zoom.

Using Discord requires creating an account for it. Please make sure to take measures to log the name and password you create to reference logging back into it whenever needed. Also please keep in mind that the minimum age to create a Discord account is 13 years of age.

For more information, here is a great video explaining what discord is while showing off its features: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xRMD8ley3ZE>

You can get the discord apps at: <https://discord.com/>

You can access the FCRV server here: <https://discord.gg/KjNMve2Rhh>



Discord

Calling for News!

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By the "Camping Today" Team

The "Camping Today" team is looking for articles from members sharing their experiences and photos with the rest of the membership.

Leadership, you can help. Please reach out to the members of your region, state or province and ask them to provide us with articles sharing their adventures. Simply copy and paste the following into an email going out to your state/region/province etc. and have them submit an article through the "Camping Today" portal.

Membership, you can help, too. If you see a member doing something interesting or amazing, write about it. Another option is to reach out to the member asking them to share their story.

FCRV members have so many interesting stories to tell. There's something about sitting around a campfire with friends that just brings out the storyteller, who fascinates their audiences with tales of camping or life adventures.

Have you recently taken a trip? You know, that trip with the fun stops, restaurants, and sightseeing anywhere in the world would make an interesting article for others to read especially when pictures are included.

Tell us about what's happening in your life. Are you celebrating a major event in your life? An anniversary, birthday, graduation or other life event? Did you take on a challenge, decide to run a marathon, or try your hand at something you've never done, but always wanted to try? Tell us about it. Include pictures.

Students, are you writing for your English class? We would enjoy seeing your work.

Does your line of work give you unusual experiences? Let's hear about what is happening in your area of expertise. Don't forget those pictures!

Do you have a hobby? Woodworking, ceramics, needle arts and fabric work all make for interesting projects that the rest of us can only look at, but we definitely want to look at them! In short, we would like to hear about it. Be sure to include pictures.

Favorite recipes from fellow FCRV members would be fun for others to try. Submit them. They can be appropriate for camping trips or for use at home. Be sure to include a picture of the finished product.

If it's facebookable, we want it!

Tips:

- Pictures by phone should be taken at a 1:1 ratio. Our Publication, The FCRV Website and ALL social media platforms use this ratio as their best/default/preferred ratio for uploading media.
- Do not edit photos(cropping or resizing) before submitting. Let the "Camping Today" team handle that. Doing so takes your photos out of the 1:1 ratio we are requesting.
- NO CLIPART! The aspect of publishing a professional looking newsletter heavily frowns upon the use of clip art. As well as puts FCRV into copyright infringement issues. Overwhelming amounts of clipart gets sent to us that we can't use. Save yourself and our team, the time in dealing with it, by just not sending it to us, please.
- Thumbnail pictures are not usable, they are blurry when made big enough for social media or "Camping Today".

The deadline for each issue is the 1st of the month of issue. Eg: For an issue published on November 15th, the deadline for articles would be November 1st

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Holiday Greetings

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By the 'Camping Today' Team

We know it's early, but we wanted to share exciting news!

Would you like to send a holiday message to all your friends in FCRV? We have designed over 60 graphic greetings for you to choose from to celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. These will be published in the December issue of Camping Today, our national newsletter. For a fee of only \$5.99, that's right – only \$5.99 - While the designs are already created, members can personalize their greeting. Visit <https://fcrv.org/holiday-greetings> to see the various options for your holiday greeting. Payment can only be made online via the Paypal portal with a credit card. You do NOT have to have a Paypal account in order to purchase your greeting. It's a great way to share your holiday spirit with the members of FCRV who have "become family". The last opportunity to select a greeting and pay for it will be December 10, 2024 for inclusion in the December 2024 issue. Proceeds will help with publishing & producing "Camping Today."



Welcome New Members

Family Campers & RVers would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

Spangenberg, Gerhard	Spangenberg, Margie	SC	Referred by: Internet Search
Coito, Joseph	Coito, Ericka	CO	Referred by: Ron Servant
Hoffman, Kevin	Hoffman, Renee	MI	Referred by: Marci Mcintosh
Bisi, Chris	Bisi, Amanda	CT	Referred by: Mark & Anne Brayman





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Retiree Rally 2025 - Dothan, Alabama



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[Join in on the discussion at the 2025 Retiree Rally Facebook group](#)

Click the link above or scan the code below.



53rd Family & Campers & RVers International Retiree Rally 2025 - Update

The 53rd Family Campers & RVers International Retiree Rally will be held at the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds, 5622 US-231, Dothan, AL 36301. The rally starts March 24-30, 2025. The early days are March 21-23 at \$40 per night per unit which will be collected by the treasurer at central registration. The theme is "Spring Has Sprung". The rally coordinators are Steve & Diane Hitchens.

Retiree Rally 2025 link: <https://fcrv.org/retiree-rally-2025/>

Included In the Fee: Full Hook-Ups, (30/50 Amp), Ice Cream Social, 2 Dinners, Entertainment, and a lot of fun.

Before deadline/after deadline:

- 2 people in unit: \$350/\$375
- 1 person in unit: \$320/\$345

Camp pass on-grounds staying in someone's rv (must pay \$10 per day for early days).

- 2 people \$110
- 1 person \$80

Camp pass off-grounds:

- 2 people \$110
- 1 person \$80

Registration deadline is March 1, 2023.

Remember, you do not have to be retired to come to the Rally, you just have to be ready to have a good time!





Retiree Rally 2025 - Dothan, Alabama



Retiree Royalty 2025 Info - Update

By LaNelle & Leon Ishmael, Retiree King & Queen Coordinators

Can you believe that in just a few months we will be back in Dothan? Leon and I are looking forward to working with our next Retiree king and queen. Will it be you? We are saddened that as we are getting older interest has dwindled. We get a thousand excuses as to why couples won't run. It is really a lot of fun for both the candidates and the rest of us. We want to encourage each state or province to elect a royal couple to represent their state or province. The next step is for them to fill out an application to run. They can contact us for this. One of the myths of being elected is that you have to travel. The only travel asked of you is to return to the next year's rally to relinquish the crowns, and even that has not always been possible. In a couple of cases due to death or illness the crowns were mailed back. You run your campaign as you want to, doing as little or as much as you desire. It is nice to hold hospitality, but due to the small number of members in some states/provinces, we understand if you can't do it. Please, no more excuses! Email us today!

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Games in Dothan - New

By Shari & Craig Weber and Carol & Ray Yates

Spring into playing games at the rally in Dothan. Bring a fun attitude and competitive spirit to join us throughout the week as we play and compete in a variety of table games and indoor/outdoor games. You will be able to sign up for any of the games you want to play at the beginning of the rally during registration. Read "Camping Today" each month for details on the various games. We will share a table game and an indoor/outdoor game each month until March.

Your help is needed! Cornhole is a game enjoyed by many. Since the retirees do not have boards, we ask that you bring boards, we will need several sets. The only way we can play is with your help in bringing boards.



EMT Needed! - Help

By Diane & Steve Hitchens, Rally Coordinators

Spring will definitely be "Springing" in Dothan soon. Our house has lots of flowers already waiting to see you all in March!!!

We have a small problem! We need an EMT!! If anyone has their certification, please let us know at beetledee@cox.net. We want everyone to be safe and have a great time while in Dothan. We have been fortunate to have Delbert and Jack help us in the past. They have done a great job. Thanks, you two!

We hope to see everyone this year as we celebrate "SPRING HAS SPRUNG".

Campvention 2025 - Lebanon, Tennessee

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Campvention 2025 - **Update** *Ed Shaneyfelt, Chairman*

Hopefully you are planning on coming to Lebanon Tennessee in July for Campvention 2025. We are still in the planning stages with about 60 percent of the job done and more falling into place. I would like to clear the air on a subject that has been brought to my attention. On the no alcohol policy of the fairgrounds on the contract....yes we are all adults but for 1 week, (as I told people in New York) we will have to make sure that we keep all alcohol cans or bottles unseen. It will make some of us feel like we are kids again, just like when we were in high school. We will have to carry cups and be smart about concealing it.

Entertainment is progressing. Hopefully, we can update you soon on who will be performing along with one night of Let's Make a Deal. Something new for some of us this year will be hospitalities all happening at once. My understanding is that it will be like a trade show with booths set up all around the building. Make sure to start thinking as a chapter, state, province, or region about signing up for one of the booths.

Remember we are planning Wednesday as a free day to go visit the area. If we don't have 10 entries for the parade by Jan. 1, we will be doing something else in that time frame.

If you have any questions, concerns, or looking to help on the campvention planning team, feel free to reach out to me.

Hospitality 2025 New Event - **New** *By Loretta Hebert, Hospitality Chair*

We are going to try something a little different this year for hospitality. Instead of having hospitality at various times during the week of Campvention, we will have a one-night event to meet each other. Tables will be placed in a large rectangle, and guests will visit each table to collect a treat or gift and meet representatives of the group. Items ideally should represent something from your state/province/region, whether manufactured there or a specialty or just something your state/province/region is known for or it should represent you or your group. For example, when FFCC did this at our rallies, California served wine, Wisconsin served cheese, Ohio provided Wet Ones, Illinois provided Dial soap and deodorant, Minnesota served "mosquito juice", others had roasted nuts, snow cones, popcorn, craft items, etc. Your group would provide one item per person, and, if appropriate, optional alternate items for children. Any chapter, group or individual can have a table at this one-night event. After everyone goes around the circle, we will have a Human Bingo sheet for individuals to complete to meet new people while waiting for the evening entertainment to begin. If you have any questions or would like to host a table, please contact Loretta Hebert at ffcc.fcrv@gmail.com.



Campvention 2025 - Lebanon, Tennessee

James E. Ward Agricultural Center - **New**

By Barb Turner, Campvention Publicity Chair

'The Spirit of Friendship' at Campvention 2025 at the James E. Ward Agricultural Center will be FCRV's and guests' destination July 20-26, 2025. The center is the home to the nationally acclaimed Wilson County Fair, the largest county fair in Tennessee. With seven uniquely appointed buildings that can accommodate crowd sizes ranging from 35 to 3000, four existing stages, and multiple green spaces, the facilities can host multiple break-out sessions, competitions, and happenings as part of festivals, fairs, and other large events, including Campvention 2025.

The Ward Agricultural Center's camping facilities can accommodate over 1,000 RVs in 12 sections—including electrical hookups—plus primitive (tent) camping sites, 4 dump sites, 3 bathhouses, and multiple entrances to accommodate large events and crowds.

www.wilsoncountyfairgrounds.com

As a side note, Campvention 1993 was held at the facility. Some of you may have attended. The Family Campers & RVers (FCRV) d.b.a. name was introduced. The facilities have grown and improved, as noted above. The attendance was 2866 families.

In the middle of the grounds is Fiddler's Grove, a 60-building historic village that shares life as it was during the settlement of Wilson County through the Industrial Age. Tour the century-old buildings that include "an original church, blacksmith shop, school house, general store, cobbler shop, train station, corn crib barn with farm equipment of days gone by. There's a model train museum filled with two rooms of trains, a caboose, and many more. The funeral home, hardware store, barber shop, and grocery store are indicative of late 1800s and early 1900s. Docents are available to give educational tours or you can visit on your own. There's something to explore at each building." <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDCeYE1RyWA>

'The Spirit of Friendship' will be alive at the 65th Annual Campvention July 20-26. Come to Campvention 2025 to renew old friendships, form new ones, and see what has changed at the James E. Ward Agricultural Center!

Gentry Building – Central Registration



Event Schedule & Recaps



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October 4 at 5:13 AM
The Ontario Retiree Rally was held in the Town of Norwich. Attendees enjoyed Retiree Olympic games, Bocce Ball, Washer Toss, Live Entertainment, Table games, three meals, door prizes and a hands-free pump out.



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Kathy Murphy Collier ▸ Family Campers & RVers Public Group
September 14 at 12:01 PM
Western district of NY, and friends at Woodstream this weekend...

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Laurie Hayes ▸ Colorado Family Campers & RV'ers (FCRV)
September 14 at 9:29 PM
The Weekend Warriors are camping in beautiful Canon City. Pictures of our day trip to the Royal Gorge.— with Megan LJ Littlejohn.

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September 14 at 11:44 PM



Johnny Woodward ▸ Florida Family Campers(FCRV)
September 14 at 9:28 PM

Golden Lakers got back to camping this week. We had a lot of rain, but maybe that kept the bears away.

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The CO Trailblazers attended the Colorado Retiree Rally at The Riverview RV Park in Loveland, CO. There was an Ice Cream Social, Card Bingo, Three Nickel Poker, lots of outdoor games, a potluck dinner, plus lots more! One day was set aside to explore the area.

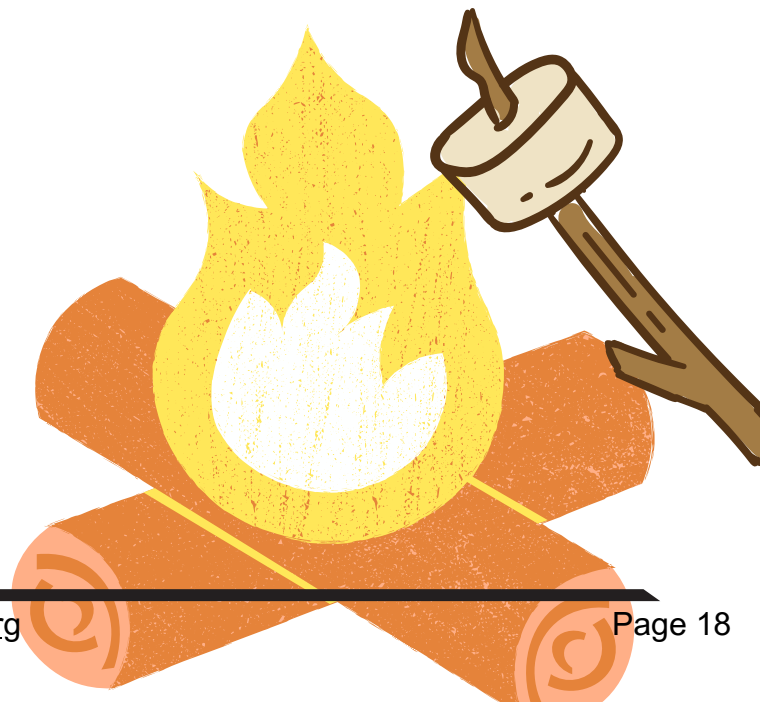


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Lynn Smith Tinter ▸ Family Campers & RVers Public Group
September 3

Happy Wanderers Chapter of Connecticut Ct Family Campers & RVer's Labor Day Campout at Partridge Hollow Camping Area





Do you have questions about your RV, accessories, best practices, etc? Submit them to Dear RV and our staff will attempt to answer them. The answers are based on years of camping experience, but we don't guarantee that the answers will apply to your specific unit or situation. If someone submits a question and you can add to our answer OR have a better answer, please submit below with information about the original question. Your submission will be reviewed for possible publication in a future Dear RV Q&A. So, send us your questions and we will send you an answer. Remember, all submissions are anonymous. Us here at Dear RV! Question(s) or comment(s) for Dear RV.

Submit here: <https://fcrv.org/dear-rv/>

Dear RV

Is winterizing my rig important?
Not wanting to freeze!

Dear Not,
If you live in an area where the temperatures fall into the freezing range, then the short answer is yes! Here are some reasons that you might find helpful. Frozen and broken lines are expensive to repair. A small water leak can and will become costly as it causes long-term damage to the floor or superstructure. Water heaters will split when they freeze, and when the temperature goes back up, you will be working with water damage and possibly a mold issue in the long term. It is important to protect your investment.

Thanks for asking Dear RV

Dear RV,

My question: Is RV skirting an advantage in the winter? Does it help in any way?
Thanks for your input, Drafty

Dear Drafty,
There are many options There are also many factors that play into the answer. If you are living in your RV in a cold climate, this would help with heating. If you are in a warm area, it might not be as large of an advantage. One thing it will definitely do is keep the wind from blowing under the rig and will ease the potential for frozen water lines.

If you are only at a space for a short stay, would it be worth the time to install and then remove a few days later? I would say for me it would not be worth the labor and time to do for short stays. However, on a long stay I would say the benefits in having RV skirting in place outweigh the labor.

The final answer depends on how long you are in the one spot and what type of weather is expected. Other considerations are what does your budget allow and what does the park allow. There are so many different types of products available. There are snap on, Velcro on, as well as more permanent types that are built on the site and fit to the RV. I have also seen an inflatable style that you inflate under your rig.

Thanks for asking Dear RV



Membership

50 YEARS

or longer



Membership 50 Years or Longer

By Linda English, Vice President, Operations
with the assistance of Regionall/State/Provincial Directors

In our 75th anniversary year we wanted to recognize people who have been members for 50 years or more. The regional/state/provincial directors and I have made every effort to verify the accuracy of members listed here. If you have additional information, please let me know. We are happy to correct our database.

Many of these people are still active and hold leadership roles. If you know any of these folks, please be sure to recognize them next time you see them. Noreen Smith of Ontario who joined NCHA (at the time) in April of 1955 is our longest member!



Ontario

- Blenkinsop, Don & Maureen
- Copeland, Keith & Norma
- Ellis, Pamela
- Fediuk, James
- Fields, Shirley
- Finkbeiner, Gerry & Helen
- Henderson, Marg
- Hyde, Edward
- Longley, Donna
- MacDonald, Bonnie
- Park, Larry & Kathy
- Sandau, Rudy & Sharon
- Sandau, Scott
- Smith, Dean
- Smith, Noreen
- Smith, Sidney & Tracy
- Sparling, Lyn
- Webster, David
- Welsh, Robert & Dorothy
- Wilkes, David & Marie
- Young, Ronald

Texas

- Kritsidimas, Eunice
- Lindley, Arthur & Cyntia
- Owensbey, Carolyn

Virginia

- Eugley, Carol
- Horan, John
- Hudgins, Ray & Mary Lou
- Lamp, Glen & Jane
- Sullivan, Joel & Thelma



Membership

50 YEARS

or longer



Alabama

Bates, Marjory
Murray-Micelli, Joan & Richard

Arizona

Fowler, Joseph
Leckrone, Jerome

California

Reiff, Carolyn

Colorado

Benham, Vodean
Christner, John & Denise
Johnston, Jan
Kroupa, Vic & Sharon
Sweat, Robert
Vigil, Alfred & Carolyn

Connecticut

Dirrigl, Robert
Sygrove, James & Cynthia
Weber, Karl
Zimmermann, Jerome

Delaware

Carl, Richard
Joseph, Alfred & Caddie
Nafzinger, Carolyn

Delaware

Carl, Richard
Joseph, Alfred & Caddie
Nafzinger, Carolyn

Wisconsin

White, Ruth
Wisby, Jean

Florida

Allport, William & Nancy
Davis, Ronald & Joan
Dixon, Eleanor
Hickman, Brenda
Larson, Alvin & Carol
Lewis, Elmer & Mary
Patton, Leta
Roscoe, Phyllis
Strassman, Les

Georgia

Bird, Margie
Lawrance, Edward & Nina
Smith, Harold

Iowa

Else, Claudia
Warengo, Raymond

Illinois

Boyd, Deanna
Buley, Pat & Robert
Cochran, Robert
Helmich, Geo
Keegan, Duane & Ruth
McKinnon, Kathy
Ruffino, Eleanor
Shields, Charlotte

Indiana

Roop, Larry
Shaneyfelt, Mark & Sharon
Strahl, Judith
Swick, Paul
Thacker, Petsy
Thieme, Patti

Kansas

Fitch, Elna
Hayes, Sharlene
Newport, Cecil & Anna
Perry, Glenn & Betty
Ramsey, Joan
Smith, Linda
Sutton, Douglas

Kentucky

Royal, James & Lou

Louisiana

Pundt, Mildred

Massachusetts

Riley, James & Marianne

Maryland

Lins, Joe & Peggy

Maine

Belanger, Kim & Brian
Paul C Duggan

North Dakota

Tompt, Clinton

Nebraska

Hill-Carriker, Ina

Nova Scotia

Hamilton, Arthur & Sylvia
Hill, Alfred & Marguerite
Hopkins, Phillip & Farris, Ruth
McPherson, Norma

Tennessee

Vasut, Billy Jane



Membership

50 YEARS or longer



Michigan

- Damron, James
- Decabooter, Jan
- Dick, Joe & Shirley
- Heft, Mary Lou
- Hill, Johnny
- Hinkley, Loretta
- Kinney, Raymond & Doris
- Leaman, James & Joyce
- Lumley, Donald & Chalma
- Mader, Alice
- Prchlik, Mary
- Rider, Raymond & Joyce
- Sutliff, Betty
- Wilber, Barbara
- Wilson, Robert & Betty
- Woolworth, Juanita

Missouri

- Demonet, Lawrence
- Dwigans, Betty
- Hensley, Edie
- Karch, Eo

Mississippi

- Higgins, Leroy & Millicent

South Carolina

- Crosby, Quillie & Ellen
- Crout, Betty
- Derrick, Delores
- Lambert, Jo
- Mayer, Pat

Oregon

- Edgar, Nancy
- Miller, Dwayne & Helen
- Pennsylvania**
- Brookhart, Harold & Olga
- Gossard, James & Cindy
- Grubb, Wilfred & Carolyn
- Johnston, Dewayne & June
- Laughner, Hazel
- Luke, Patric
- Reichard, James & Margie
- Reitz, Ruby
- Spillers, Marcylyn
- Steele, Harold & Betyjean
- Trimble, John & Grace
- Wert, Richard
- Worth, Jane

New York

- Barefoot, Ray & Lois
- Davidson, Arthur & Mabel
- Emmerson, Glen & Joyce
- Latham, Kate
- Lovel, Arthur & Loretta
- Matteson, Judy
- Murphy, Ted
- Opela, Terry & Marian
- Overton, Philip & Joanne
- Randall, Richard
- Rehfeldt, Donna
- Schultz, Theodore & Vonda
- Wittmeyer, Patricia & Joe
- Wolf, Gary & Kathy

Ohio

- Baldinger, Patricia
- Figgins, Janice
- Harris, Nancy
- Hennie, David & Linda
- Hill, Gene & Barbara
- Ittel, Frankie
- Kiger, Gerry & Wilbert
- Krzewinski, Kathy
- Kutz, Charles & Sandy
- Monroe, Raymond
- Moore, Evelyn
- St Hilaire, Ruth
- Westover, David

North Carolina

- Burrus, Mary
- Likins, Pam
- Powers, Walter
- Simpson, Barbara
- Stirewalt, Bill & Mollie





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For FCRV branded items:

https://stores.inksoft.com/fc_rv/shop/home

For other items:

<https://stores.inksoft.com/marshallcreations16/shop/home>

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FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers 2025 CAMPVENTION

"Spirit of Friendship"

July 20-26, 2025

James E Ward Agricultural Center
945 E Baddour Pkwy, Lebanon, TN 37087



REGISTRATION:

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 AFTER the conclusion of 2025 Campvention.

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

	<u>Registration</u>	<u>At Gate</u>
One Family in the Unit	\$350.00	\$385.00
Extra Family in the Unit (separate pay)	\$180.00	\$200.00
Week Drive-in Day Pass (June23-29)	\$175.00	\$190.00
Drive-in Day Pass (per day)	\$30.00	\$35.00

Early Bird Days: July 18 - 19 @ \$30/night (pay upon arrival – cash/check). The gates will be open Friday at 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Are you an FCRV member: Yes No Please provide your Member # if known: _____

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

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____ 2ndEmail: _____

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

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

Total number of people in Unit: _____

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

We would like to help with event(s) at Campvention. Staff will follow up with a contact if yes: Yes No

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

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

Please note the LENGTH of camping rig behind type:

Motorhome _____ 5th Wheel _____ Travel Trailer _____ Pop-Up _____ Number of slide outs _____

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

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

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FCRV Campvention 2025 Funds

Mail checks and completed forms to:

FCRV Campvention 2025
137 Crandon Blvd.
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

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



53rd FCRV INTERNATIONAL RETIREE RALLY
National Peanut Festival Fairground
5622 Hwy 231 S, Dothan, Alabama 36301
Rally Dates: March 24 – March 30, 2025
Early Days: March Wednesday 19th - Sunday 23rd

Please Complete All Of The Following: (Please Print)

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Other _____

Address _____ City _____ St/Pr _____ Code _____

Mailing Address of Other: _____ # of People In Unit _____

Cell Phone #1 _____ Cell Phone #2 _____

Email Address _____ Confirmation Send By: Pdf _____ Word _____

Mailed: _____ Mailing Address If Different From Above: _____

Registering For Camping: On Grounds _____ Off Grounds _____ Camp Pass _____

Is this your first retiree rally? **Yes** _____ **no** _____ Are you a veteran? **Yes** _____ **no** _____

Special Needs: Must have on file with the registrar: License registration including handicap Plate, or handicap placard. This area is reserved for wheelchairs, walkers, or those with limited mobility.

REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE MARCH 1, 2025 DEADLINE.

Registrations received after March 1st or registering at the gate will incur an additional \$25 fee.

Early Days: Early days fee of \$40 per night per unit will be collected by the treasurer at the registration desk.

Included In The Fee: Full Hook-Ups, (30/50 Amp), Ice Cream Social, 2 Dinners, Entertainment, and a lot of fun.

	Early Registration	At gate
2 People In Unit	\$350	\$375
1 Person In Unit	\$320	\$345

Camp Pass Staying In Unit On Grounds As 2nd Family In Unit:

2 People	\$110
1 Person	\$80

I Would Like To Volunteer For:

Camp Pass Staying Off Grounds:

2 People	\$110
1 Person	\$80

Refunds: All but \$35 will be refunded if cancellation notice is received two weeks prior to the rally. After the rally deadline of March 1, 2025, only the camping fee will be refunded. A refund requested after the rally starts will be made after the rally has ended.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FCRV/NCHA RETIREE RALLY

Mail to: Mildred Pauwels, P.O. Box 193, Dana, N.C. 28724

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