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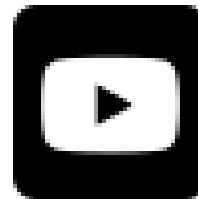
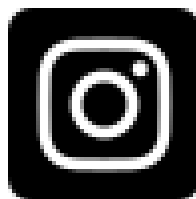
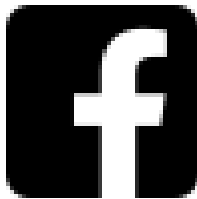
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# From The President

Let me start by asking, "Did You Have a Good Thanksgiving?"

I extend to each of you Holiday Greetings and would like to share the Joy of the Season with you and your household. May Blessings Abound in your home through this Season and The Year to come.

Some of us have retired the campers for the season and have started planning for the next.

Remember to get your camping outing in and listed with National. That deadline is February 1, 2025. I will be getting insurance quotes for the next year, and it helps me to know what the possible liability will possibly be.

The Field Manual update is now being cleaned up, edited for spelling, indexed and will soon be electronically distributed. It will also be placed on the website for quick access. Let me thank each of you on the Executive Board and Advisory Council that took the time to look at and vote on the Manual.

Over the coming months you will hear from each trustee here in Camping Today. This is an effort to give each of you a chance to get to know each of your trustees just a little bit better.

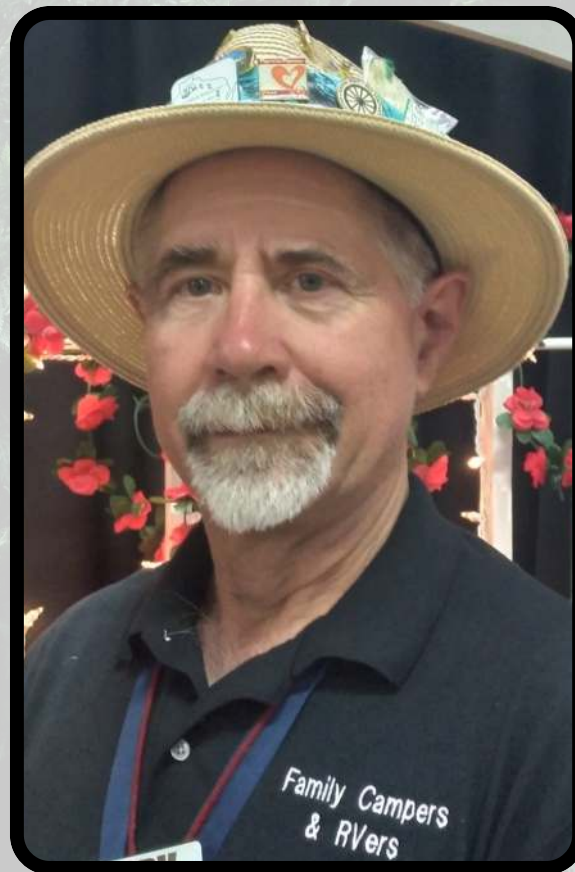
Share the joy of the season as well as the joy of camping with a friend or a neighbor this year.

Your Chair Awaits.

See you at the next campout.

Gerry Pfirsch

FCRV International President





# NCHA/FCRV Hank Nathan Scholarship 2025

## NCHA/FCRV Hank Nathan Scholarship 2025 Is Now Open

By Stan & Fran Vozar, NCHA/FCRV Hank Nathan Scholarship Director

We are excited to announce that once again we are offering scholarships to our members of NCHA/FCRV as well as your children and guardians. Complete details are explained in the application portal listed below.

Applications can only be requested and accepted through this web portal:

<https://fcrv.org/hank-nathan-ncha-fcrv-scholarship/>

This year's scholarship is non-competitive. So, if you follow the guidelines and meet our expectations, you could receive up to \$4,000. We are happy and excited to offer scholarships of this nature because of the generous donations from past and present members of NCHA/FCRV. So, spread the news to all FCRV members.

After you receive the application and review each section, you may email

[ncha.fcrv.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:ncha.fcrv.scholarship@gmail.com) for questions or clarification. Title it "Scholarship Questions".

Be sure to check future Camping Today issues for updates and helpful information.



# FCRV Media & Press Release Policy

Effective 09/11/2024 Revised 11/12/2024

## 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

FCRV is committed to maintaining a consistent, professional image through its messaging and branding. All media releases, publications, newsletters, website content, social media posts, and other public communications representing FCRV must meet the following criteria:

- Portray the organization in a professional and positive manner.
- Avoid political, religious, or editorial content that could be perceived as negative or critical towards the international organization or its leadership.

Failure to comply may result in pre-publication review and approval by the VPPD, President, or designee for a specified period.

## 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/>

# Happy Holidays

May the magic of the holidays bring you  
peace, love, and happiness

Leon & LaNelle  
Ishmael



## MERRY *Christmas*

WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HAPPINESS  
AND LOVE IN THE COMING YEAR

*Paul & Beth Standiford*



# Welcome New Members

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

Simmons, David	Simmons, Patty	KS	Referred by: Karie & Tamra Barnes
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# Retiree Rally 2025 - Dothan, Alabama



## Rally Coordinators Sharing - **Update** By Steve & Diane Hitchens, Rally Coordinators

Winter is here, but we are not hibernating!!!! We are working on special things for Spring. What are those special things? Get registered and attend to find out!

<https://fcrv.org/retiree-rally-2025/> is the link to the 53rd Family Campers & RVers International Retiree Rally, March 24-30, 2025, information. Early Bird Days, March 21-23, will give you the opportunity to explore Dothan and the surrounding area. The pre-registration deadline is March 1st.

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

Hope to see you at our "Spring has Sprung" in Dothan!

[Click here for event info & registration](#)

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

Click the link above or scan the code below.



Steve & Diane Hitchens  
Rally Coordinators

# Retiree Rally 2025 - Dothan, Alabama

## 'Spring has Sprung' Pet Parade - **New**

By Donna Powell, Pet Parade Chair

Welcome all who are coming to the Retiree Rally in Dothan, Alabama! If this is your first time, we have a pet parade! This year's theme is going along with the Rally theme. So let's see how springy we can be. I am thinking of bright, colorful spring looking contestants. There will be 5 categories for our pet parade- 1) Theme; 2) look alike pet/owner; 3) best behaved; 4) best trick; 5) Best of show. If we have cats or other animals, they will be judged also! So get your thinking caps going; come up with some great ideas and costumes!



## Retiree Rally Flea Market - **Update**

By Richard and Frances Jackson, Flea Market Chairs

We will have a signup sheet at central registration for those interested in bringing items to sell at the Flea Market. Booth space is free.

## Last Chance, Kings & Queens - **Update**

By LaNelle & Leon Ishmael, King & Queen Coordinators

Last chance. Will there be royalty to be elected in Dothan? Not unless one of you decides to run. Please don't let this tradition die. Contact us for an application ASAP. Deadline is January 1 in order to get trophies ordered and picked up.

[lanelleishmael@yahoo.com](mailto:lanelleishmael@yahoo.com)  
[leon\\_ishmael@yahoo.com](mailto:leon_ishmael@yahoo.com)

## Games in Dothan - **Update**

By Shari & Craig Weber & Carol & Ray Yates, Games Co-Chairs

Put a 'Spring in your Step' and get ready to play games at the rally in Dothan, Alabama. We are going to feature some of the table games this month. Those table games you have come to enjoy will be played. You can look forward to enjoying 5 Crowns, Mexican Train Dominoes, Card Bingo, and Euchre. As always tables are available for you to gather with friends to play other games.

Card Bingo. This game is played with regular decks of cards. A group of 4 players share one deck of cards. The deck is dealt to each player until all cards are dealt. The caller has his own regular deck. The caller will draw a card from his deck and call it. All players who have that card remove it from their set of cards. When all cards are removed, the player calls Bingo! There are prizes for all winners.

Another very popular table game is 5 Crowns. It is a card game played with a special deck that has 5 suites (the extra one is stars). Played similarly to rummy you are making sets of the same number or runs of consecutive numbers in the same suite. The object is to be the first to play all your cards in the round and score zero points for the round. Other players can play their sets or runs with cards remaining in their hand scoring points. There are 11 rounds starting with 3 cards and building to 13. At the end of the game, you want to have the lowest score.

We have plenty of decks for both of these games, just come with a fun spirit. We will teach anyone who hasn't played before.

If you have questions or comments or want to volunteer, feel free to reach out to us at [shari.fcrv.pastpres@gmail.com](mailto:shari.fcrv.pastpres@gmail.com).





# Retiree Rally 2025 - Dothan, Alabama



## Collections Request - **New**

By Karin Snyder, Food Bank/Lap robes/Collections Chair

Have you been collecting? As noted earlier, we will be collecting plastic bread tags that come on loaves of bread, bags of bagels, potatoes, lemons, etc. These will be donated to an organization called Danielle Cares for Chairs. These help purchase wheelchairs for people in need!!! Visit <https://daniellecaresforch.wixsite.com/daniellecareforchair>. And we will again be collecting pop tabs.

Make sure you are all saving up.....have your family and friends save up too as again we will have first place prizes for both of these areas (pop tabs & bread tags)!!

Have you been knitting, crocheting, or sewing? Reminder for lap robes: Typical size for wheelchair patients is 27"x36". Lap robes sizes chart: Small – 36"x45"; Medium – 30"x60"; Large – 45"x60".

Food Bank: non-perishable foods will be collected. Monetary contributions are also encouraged.

We look forward to receiving your contributions in Dothan, Alabama in March.



## Door Prizes Info - **New**

By Denise Hudson, Door Prize Chair

The manner in which we chose to do the door prizes last year in Mineola was to give everyone who brought a door prize a ticket. Each person put their name on the back of the ticket, and each ticket went into the bucket. When the time came to do the door prizes, we pulled the tickets and called a name. The person whose name was called would put up their hand and we had several people who volunteered to be runners. One of these amazing people would then deliver the door prize to the winner. This seemed to work out very well, and the procedure was well received. We will be following the same way of doing door prizes at Dothan. If you bring a door prize, you should be getting a door prize. I will need volunteers to act as runners to keep things moving smoothly. Looking forward to seeing everyone and catching up.



# Retiree Rally 2025 - Dothan, Alabama

Visit Auburn, Alabama - [New](#)

By Barb Turner, Rally Publicity Chair

Auburn, Alabama is a day-trip north of Dothan, site of the 53rd FCRV International Retiree Rally March 24-30, 2025.

Auburn is the largest city in eastern Alabama and is an historic college town, the home of Auburn University. The first settler arrived in the winter of 1836. A mere three years later Auburn was incorporated. By the mid-1840s, separate academies for boys and girls were established. The academies led to planter class families moving to Auburn in the 1840s and 1850s. Interestingly, by 1858 there were about 1000 free residents in Auburn, half of them were students. In 1858, the state legislature chartered a Methodist college, the East Alabama Male College in Auburn. This college, now Auburn University, opened its doors in 1859, offering a classical and liberal education.

“With the advent of the Civil War in 1861, Auburn quickly emptied. All of the schools closed, and most businesses shuttered. Auburn was the site of a hospital for Texan Confederate soldiers, but only saw direct combat with the raids of Rousseau in 1864 and Wilson in 1865.

“After the Civil War, Auburn's economy entered a prolonged depression that would last the remainder of the century. Public schools did not reopen until the mid-1870s, and most businesses remained closed. A series of fires in the 1860s and 1870s gutted the downtown area. East Alabama Male College was turned over to the state in 1872, and with funds from the federal Morrill Act was renamed Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical College with a new mission as a land grant college. Passage of the Hatch Act in 1887 allowed for expansion of agricultural research facilities on campus.

“In 1892, the college became the first four-year college in Alabama to admit women. This, combined with increased interest in scientific agriculture and engineering and new funding from business licenses, allowed the city to start expanding again. By 1910, Auburn's population had returned to its antebellum level. SIAA Conference championships won by the Auburn college's football team brought attention and support to Auburn, and helped fill the city's coffers. Today, Auburn's economy is centered on Auburn University and its affiliated services.”

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Auburn, Alabama](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Auburn,_Alabama)

Visit to plan your visit to Auburn.

<https://thetouristchecklist.com/fun-things-to-do-in-auburn-al/>

<https://www.southernliving.com/auburn-al-8682955>

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g29006-Activities-Auburn Alabama.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g29006-Activities-Auburn%20Alabama.html)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P5n315GZRh0>







# Campvention 2025 - Lebanon, Tennessee

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## Campvention 2025 Chairman's Info - **Update**

*By Ed Shaneyfelt, Chair*

Hopefully you all have your schedules planned for next year. With that being said, I, as chairman, hope that means you are planning on going to Campvention in Lebanon Tennessee in July. Remember to get your \$25.00 discount; you have to register before Dec. 31

To have a parade this year we need to have 10 entries by Jan. 1, 2025. If you are sending in an entry, you need to send it to [shari.fcrv.pastpres@gmail.com](mailto:shari.fcrv.pastpres@gmail.com) with what type of entry it is.....whether it is a national, chapter, state/province or individual one.

The planning is going very well, but we still have some openings for chairpersons. They are Parking, Photographer, Camp co-chair, and Parade if we get enough entries.

We are doing hospitalities all at once with the exception of this year's and next year's Campvention teams. It sounds like it will be a good time for all. If you are interested in hosting a booth or have questions, get with Loretta Hebert at [ffcc.fcrv@gmail.com](mailto:ffcc.fcrv@gmail.com).

Hopefully, we will see you in Lebanon, Tennessee in July. Keep watching Camping Today and Facebook updates for more information about the exciting Campvention that is fast approaching.

Until next time.



## Seminars - New

*By Pat Wittmeyer, Campvention Seminars Chair*

Over the years we have had a variety of topics at our seminars during Campvention, ranging from beekeeping to ghosts. Now is the time for our members to weigh in on this, and let us know what topics they would like to see repeated, updated or brought in for the first time as a presentation at our annual rally. Along with planned presentations from our National Conservation Program Director and our National Wildlife Program Director, we want to bring in speakers on topics that our members enjoy. So let us know what you would like to hear about. Send ideas to [pwittmeyer175@gmail.com](mailto:pwittmeyer175@gmail.com). There's no guarantee that we will be able to get all the ideas and suggestions on the schedule, but we definitely want to hear from you and your ideas. Thanks, everyone, and I look forward to seeing you next year in Lebanon, Tennessee!

## Volunteers - New

*By Rick Walorski, Volunteer Coordinator*

Why do you volunteer at the FCRV International Campventions? Do you enjoy meeting and sharing a laugh with your fellow campers? Is it the fulfillment in contributing your efforts in this large-scale FCRV Event? Or are you like me? I simply want to surround myself with optimistic, good-natured people.

I find that volunteers are usually very busy, but they find the time to give to a worthy cause. They are typically reliable and hardworking which makes them a higher caliber person. I like associating myself with volunteers which is why I have stepped forward to be the Volunteer Coordinator for our 2025 International Campvention.

I'll ask again: Why do you volunteer at the FCRV International Campventions? Send me (Rick Walorski) an email to [Walorskihome@comcast.net](mailto:Walorskihome@comcast.net).

I look forward to reading your reasons for volunteering for the FCRV International Campventions!

## Hospitality - New

*By Loretta Hebert, Campvention Hospitality Chair*

I'm excited to say we have our first group registered to have a table at our "one night" hospitality. Thank you, Indiana State Organization, for being the first. Who wants to be next? I know change is often difficult, but I encourage you and your group to participate. This will only be successful if we have your participation. Advantages of this new method of hospitality: 1) you don't have to remember to go to all the different hospitalities during the week or miss one because you have other obligations; 2) you get to meet others all in one place; and 3) you get fun treats from various groups/states/provinces.

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 or province, whether manufactured there or a specialty or just something your state or province 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, please contact Loretta Hebert at 630-564-0172 or email [ffcc.fcrv@gmail.com](mailto:ffcc.fcrv@gmail.com).

Please register to host a table by June 1st. [Click HERE for registration form](#)

# Campvention 2025 - Lebanon, Tennessee

## **Pet Parade - New**

*Event Coordinators: Linda DeCamp & Lou Tiley*

Calling all pet owners! Get ready to showcase your furry, feathery, or scaly companions at the highly anticipated Pet Parade during the 2025 FCRV Campvention in Lebanon, TN. This exciting event is an opportunity to celebrate the special bond between humans and their animal friends in a fun and lighthearted manner.

The Pet Parade is open to all domestic animals, and there is no entrance fee. Participants will have the chance to strut their pets' unique personalities and talents. A panel of judges will be awarding prizes in various categories. Registration information will be forthcoming in future announcements.

Get creative with costumes, accessories, and training your pets for the parade. This is a chance to have fun and celebrate the joy that our animal companions bring to our lives.

Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your pet and join in the festivities! For more information and updates, stay tuned to the FCRV newsletter and social media channels.

Sign-up Here: <https://fcrv.org/campvention-pet-parade>

## **Visit Bowling Green, Kentucky - New**

*By Barb Turner, Campvention Publicity Chair*

Bowling Green, Kentucky is 50 miles north of Campvention 2025 at Lebanon, Tennessee on I-65. It is the county seat of Warren County and the third most populated city in Kentucky.  
<https://www.visitbgky.com/>

"Some controversy exists over the source of the town's name. The city refers to the first county commissioners' meeting (1798), which named the town 'Bolin Green' after the Bowling Green in New York City, where patriots had pulled down a statue of King George III and used the lead to make bullets during the American Revolution. According to the Encyclopedia of Kentucky, the name was derived from Bowling Green, Virginia, whence early migrants had come, or the personal 'ball alley game' of founder Robert Moore.

By 1810, Bowling Green had 154 residents. Growth in steamboat commerce and the proximity of the Barren River increased Bowling Green's prominence. In 1821, the Kentucky Legislature built a toll road between the town and Cloverport on the Ohio River. Canal locks and dams on the Barren River made it much more navigable. In 1832, the first portage railway connected the river to the location of the current county courthouse. Mules pulled freight and passengers to and from the city on the tracks.

"In 1859, the Louisville and Nashville Railroad (currently CSX Transportation) laid a railroad through Bowling Green that connected the city with northern and southern markets. Bowling Green declared itself neutral in an attempt to escape the Civil War. Because of its prime location and resources, however, both the Union and Confederacy sought control of the city. The majority of its residents rejected both the Confederacy and the Lincoln administration. On September 18, 1861, around 1,300 Confederate soldiers arrived from Tennessee to occupy the city, placed under command of Kentucky native General Simon Bolivar Buckner. The city's pro-Union feelings surprised the Confederate occupiers. The Confederates fortified surrounding hills to secure possible military approaches to the valuable river and railroad assets. In November 1861, the provisional Confederate government of Kentucky chose Bowling Green as its capital.

"On February 14, 1862, after receiving reports that Fort Henry on the Tennessee River and Fort Donelson on the Cumberland River had both been captured by Union forces under Ulysses S. Grant, the Confederates began to withdraw from Bowling Green. They destroyed bridges across the Barren River, the railroad depot, and other important buildings that could be used by the enemy. The city was subject to disruptions and raids throughout the remainder of the war. During the summer of 1864, Union General Stephen G. Burbridge arrested 22 civilians in and around Bowling Green on a charge of treason. This incident and other harsh treatment by federal authorities led to bitterness toward the Union among Bowling Green residents and increased sympathies with the Confederacy.

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# Campvention 2025 - Lebanon, Tennessee

“After the Civil War, Bowling Green's business district grew considerably. Previously, agriculture had dominated the city's economy. During the 1870s, many of the historic business structures seen today were erected. One of the most important businesses in Bowling Green of this era was Carie Burnam Taylor's dress-making company. By 1906, Taylor employed more than 200 women.”

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bowling\\_Green,\\_Kentucky](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bowling_Green,_Kentucky)

Jumping ahead to the 21st century, several manufacturers, including General Motors, Spalding, and Fruit of the Loom, have established manufacturing facilities in Bowling Green. All Corvettes have been built in Bowling Green since 1981. It is also the home of Western Kentucky University and the National Corvette Museum

The 2016 FCRV Travalong visited the Corvette Museum (350 Corvette Dr), and the assembly line. Those participants would encourage you to visit both facilities.

On February 12, 2014 at 5:39 AM a sinkhole occurred in the Corvette Museum Skydome. \$5 million worth of classic Corvettes fell in the 30' hole. Today, the glass floor allows visitors to see into the sinkhole. The Travalong members were in awe of both the museum and the attention to detail seen along the Corvette assembly line.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ccOrwFs3No>  
Want to experience driving a Corvette? Include the NCM Motorsports Park, 505 Kimberlee A Fast Drive, on your visit.

<https://www.motorsportspark.org/driving-experiences/#corvette-touring/>

Another interesting fact: Camping World began in Bowling Green!! “Camping World began in 1966 with a small store in Beech Bend Park, an amusement park outside of Bowling Green, Kentucky, which billed its campground as the world's largest. Campers at the park were requesting a store where they could buy supplies, so David Garvin—son of the park's owner—took out a loan and opened the store. Garvin amassed a large customer list as the years went by, which proved to be sagacious later when he added a mail-order division to the company. That division thrived, fueling the company's growth for years to come.”

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camping\\_World](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camping_World)

The 1984 NCHA Campvention was held in Beech Bend Park! The highlight? President Ronald Reagan visited and spoke to the assembled attendees!!

Do your own searches for things to see and do in Bowling Green, Kentucky. You'll probably decide that there is just too much to see in a day-trip from Campvention. Plan on spending a couple of days prior to or after.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KqJx-HnHns>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zNmE-kemiQg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLWybrPHPng>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AKgbTIN9eXQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcd4zQyXc8s>





Hope your  
Holiday Season  
is Ribbetting!

Beth & Larry  
Muschinski

**Panda kisses and holiday wishes.  
Joe and Patty Wittmeyer**





# Event Schedule & Recaps

## Family Campers

A lot of progress has been made to bring our publication into the 21st century over the last few years. In order to continue moving forward and reach our goals of making FCRV more visible and viable for both commercial and membership recruitment, we need your help.

FCRV being a non-profit member owned organization means we need YOU to be active in giving us the information we need to properly promote the organization. This means submitting ALL your state and regional outing info. It also means showing off these outings in "recaps" after you have them. We also want to focus on member submitted articles. If you would ever like to write something for our publication we strongly encourage you to do so.

'Camping Today' now has easy to fill out forms to submit all this information to us via our website and directly from our digital publication. We have been in talks with our brass at all levels trying to push to get this information to us and we thank those of you that have. If you notice your state, district, or regional outings are not on the (<https://fcrv.org/fcrv-events/>), please contact your state, regional directors and ask them why. Also feel free to contact the national office or 'Camping Today' staff to let us know this information is missing.

Without you taking a little time per year to make sure this information is given to us, we can not properly showcase the organization. So please. Keep this in mind in the future. FCRV thanks you for your cooperation and time spent volunteering to make FCRV the best International Camping Club out there!

'Camping Today' Staff



[\[Click Here For Full Event Calendar\]](#)



**Ho! Ho!  
Hole  
In One!**

**May 2025 be a happy &  
healthy one for our  
FCRV family!**



**Jim & Barb Turner**



*Happy  
Holiday*



Craig & Shari Weber







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/](https://fcrv.org/dear-rv/)**

From Dear RV

May the Joys of the Season Bless you and your home this Holiday Season! May the Blessings of Family surround you spreading Joy and Happiness in your life.

Seasons Greetings  
Dear RV



Personalized garments; drinkware; clings; decals; kitchen & bath items. You can choose from our large graphic collection or use your photos or designs.

For FCRV branded items:

[https://stores.inksoft.com/fc\\_rv/shop/home](https://stores.inksoft.com/fc_rv/shop/home)

For other items:

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

Call or text: 410-533-0038

[Marshallcreations16@gmail.com](mailto:Marshallcreations16@gmail.com)





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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.





**53<sup>rd</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

Camp Pass Staying In Unit On Grounds As 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

**NO CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED**