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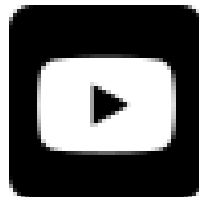
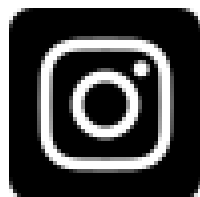
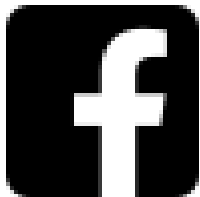


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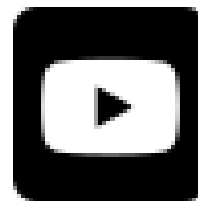
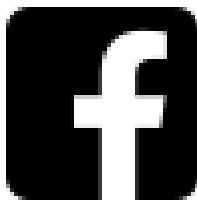
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Words From One of Your Trustees



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By Teresa Worlorski

FCRV National Corresponding & Recording Officer

Well, another camping season has been put to rest by most of us. We are now enjoying some fall temperatures, reminding us that winter is just around the corner. Holidays are coming up and we are looking forward to spending time with friends and family sitting around the table enjoying a meal.

Thank you everyone for sharing your adventures again this year. We all enjoy seeing you enjoy the outdoors together, making memories.

For those that are in areas hit by hurricanes, we hope that you are all safe.

Your Trustees have been meeting monthly to go over plans for the 2025 Campvention. You will see some new events and lots of fun. Hope you are all putting this on your 2025 camping schedules. July 20 – 26, 2025 with early bird days July 18 – 19.



As of 9/30/2024, FCRV has had 87 new members. This is down from the past couple of years. Your Trustees are meeting monthly to discuss new and improved ways to bring in new members. But also, to help keep our current members. We welcome your suggestions and what works for you to bring in members. The more the merrier!

We all make FCRV! If you are not happy with 'FCRV', maybe you are just not happy with your current chapter. Are you participating with your group? If you are not happy with the friends and family you are camping with, did you know you can change chapters or be a part of more than one, or just be a member at large? We all joined FCRV to camp with others who have similar interests.

Sharing your experiences in the 'Camping Today' is very helpful with showing others what we are all about. Posting and commenting on those Facebook posts, adding the hashtag #YourChairAwaits is working to tag your posts so that they show up for all to see. If you are not sure how to do this, please reach out to your Field Director or one of your Trustees as we will help.

FCRV will be saving \$156 per year on the new software that helps to build 'Camping Today', thank you to Shari Weber, Past President, and Carl Fromholzer, FCRV office, for working to get that done. Every dollar counts!

As a reminder, you can purchase the Your Chair Awaits banner for \$35 plus shipping and handling.

Stay safe and enjoy each other!



National Election

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By Shari Weber, Chairperson

There are three positions up for election in March 2025. The chairman of the nominating committee was appointed by International President Gerry Pfirsch and approved by the Board of Trustees. That chairman is Shari Weber, Immediate Past President. Two positions, Vice President Planning and Development and Comptroller, will be elected in March 2025 by the general membership. Vice President Operations will be elected by the Executive Board and Advisory Council.

A nominating committee has been recommended to the Trustees and approved by them. The people who have agreed to serve on this committee along with me are Rick Boatwright, Region 1, JeAnne Selby, Region 3, Rhonda & Mike O'Neal, Region 4, Carolyn Downey, Region 5, Reg & Brenda Price, Region 6, and Rudy Sandau, Region 7. If you or someone you know is interested in any of these positions, please reach out to a member of the nominating committee. I would also ask those of you who are asked by a member of the committee to serve the organization in this way to consider it a compliment to be asked and respond with a yes! Your consent to run and willingness to serve needs to be in writing and can be an email.

There will be bios and platforms in the March issue of "Camping Today". Ballots will be emailed to all FCRV members on file with the national office as of March 15, 2025. Members of FCRV are entitled to one vote per membership. You should check with your State/Provincial Director to assure your contact information is correct. Ballots will be distributed by the email address on file with the national office. A request for an absentee ballot, if you do not have an email address, can be made by phone, Carl 716-668-6242 or Pat 716-327-5748 or email fcrvoffice@gmail.com by January 15, 2025.

Nominating committee:

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NCHA/FCRV Hank Nathan Scholarship 2025

Greetings from your Hank Nathan Scholarship Team

This month's article shares important information for those of you interested in applying for our NCHA/FCRV HANK NATHAN NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP. Requests for applications will be posted in the December Camping Today. Portal submission deadline closes on May 1, 2025.

High School Graduates and College Enrollees as well as Trade School and part time Students are encouraged to apply based on the criteria listed.

We suggest you start gathering the information requested in a timely manner.

Who Can Apply: Any FCRV member or their dependent children planning to enroll or are currently enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate, post-graduate or trade school, may apply for an FCRV scholarship. An applicant must be a member for at least 18 full calendar months before application and in good standing. Dependent children of members applying under their parent/guardian's membership must be a dependent thereof for the year of the scholarship award, and be eligible as an income tax deduction.

Scholarship Considerations Overview:

1. High School and College students must have at least a 2.3 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 point scale submitted from their transcript.
2. Consideration is taken for GPA, maturity, leadership, related activities, and goals of the candidate as related to the objectives of FCRV.
3. This is a non-competitive Scholarship. A scoring grid will be used to determine awards and their values.

How to Apply:

Applications will only be accepted online. The application MUST include the FCRV member holder's name, membership number, postal mailing address, and, most importantly, an email address at which the applicant can be contacted. Pay special attention to the entire website and follow the directions closely.

Applications must include the following:

1. A current, complete transcript of grades. Grade reports are not accepted. Transcripts must display student name, school name, grades, credit hours for each course, and term in which course was taken.
2. Two online recommendation letters are required, both may be from FCRV members, not related to each other or to you (can be a trustee, regional director, state director, district director, or any member who is not related). Or, one of your two recommendations may come from a school principal, coach, band director, club supervisor etc. or your immediate supervisor if you are working. Your application will be complete when all required materials are submitted electronically by May 1st.
3. High School and Full Time College Students: You should have at least a 2.3 grade point average on a 4.0 point scale submitted from your transcript.
4. Part-time, and Trade School Students: You must be enrolled with the equivalent of 6 credit hours. You will be evaluated accordingly. Scholarships are for one year. Recipients may reapply for a scholarship each year they meet the eligibility requirements.
5. The Schuh Award recognizes applicants who major, minor, or explore elective classes in fields related to Forestry, Conservation, Ecology, or Outdoor Education.

The Annual Scholarship budget is based on 6% of the Scholarship Account for the previous calendar year. Applicants' scores will be tallied. Stipends will then be awarded to those whose application meets the scoring standards set in advance by the scoring team. Annual Scholarships awarded carry a stipend ranging from \$1,000 to \$4,000.

The Scholarship Board of Directors present the awards at, or after, the Annual General meeting held at Campvention.

Applicants receiving an award must submit a headshot of themselves, along with an education bio. These will be posted in Camping Today so that the members who donate to the scholarship fund can see who is getting the FCRV Scholarships. These items must be received after notification from the scholarship committee and prior to the award being given to your school. A thank you in Camping Today would be nice.

We are no longer affiliated with a professional scoring agency.

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/>

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:

Tiley, Dave	Tiley, Lou	OH	Referred by: Chapter - Ohio Stars Camping Club
Knittel, Calvin	Knittel, Pearl	KS	Referred by: Chapter - Sunflower Ramblers
Trujillo, Alfred	Trujillo, Christine	CO	Referred by: Earl Petersen
Peck, Richard	Bixler, Sharon	PA	Referred by: Kim Laudenslager
Jamieson, Pamela		VA	Referred by: Colonies Travel RV Park
Creager, Scott	Creager, Dianne	IN	Referred by: Paul Shlup





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Retiree Rally 2025 - Dothan, Alabama



RR Rally Coordinators Sharing..... - Update By Steve & Diane Hitchens, Rally Coordinators

We are humming along like little bees getting ready for 'Spring Has Sprung' and you all to come!! We can't wait. We're in the process of getting people to speak for our seminars. Let us know if you have an interest in something, and we will try to find a speaker for that topic.

Remember we still need someone who is certified in first aid!

Don't forget to mark down on the registration form to donate a little bit of your time. You get to meet new friends when working along with others. Get registered to help us plan! Looking forward to seeing you in Dothan in March!

[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

International King & Queen - Update By LaNelle & Leon Ishmael, King & Queen Coordinators

We hope those that were affected by the storms are safe and have minimum damage. We are still seeking contestants for the 2025 FCRV King and Queen. Please consider running. You may email us for an application and information at

leon_ishmael@yahoo.com
lanelleishmael@yahoo.com

Retiree Rally 2025 - Dothan, Alabama

From your Co-Registration Chairs - **New**

By Millie Pauwels & Joanne Rich

We await your registrations for the 2025 FCRV Retiree Rally in Dothan, Alabama!!

Plan to come early! The early days of the rally will be March 21-23, 2025 which will give you time to explore the area.

The rally starts on March 24th – March 30th.

The cost for two people in a unit is \$350.00; what a bargain as you will receive full hook-ups, ice cream social, two dinners, entertainment, games, and crafts and lots of fun to be had by all.

The Rally will be held at the National Peanut Festival Fairground, 5622 Hwy 231 S, Dothan, AL.

If you go into town, there is plenty to see, lots of peanut statues and beautiful murals on the buildings.

The registration form for the International Retiree Rally can be found on the FCRV site.

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



Retiree Rally Door Prizes - **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.



RR FCRV Retiree Choir - **New**

By Kip Cushing, Choir Director

We will have signup sheets for Choir at central registration for those interested. We will be singing for Sunday service and the Memorial service. We would be happy to have anyone join us.

Retiree Rally Flea Market - **New**

By Richard & Frances Jackson, Flea Market Chair

Plan now to 'Spring into the Flea Market' at the 2025 Retiree Rally. Gather unused items you have around the house or craft some items to sell. Flea market booth spaces will be free!



Retiree Rally 2025 - Dothan, Alabama



Visit Troy, Alabama - **New**

By Barb Turner

The early days at the 2025 FCRV Retiree Rally (March 21-23, 2025) will provide you time to explore. Over the next few issues places of possible interest will be shared for your consideration.

Fifty-one miles northeast of Dothan is Troy, Alabama. Football fans will recognize the university which calls Troy home, Troy University. (<https://www.troy.edu/>) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I1KA7elZeiM>) Those who wanted to avoid I-75 to Florida may have taken I-65 through Troy as we did a couple of times. Did you stop to visit? Did you explore Troy and the area? If not, the rally early days will give you that opportunity.

What we know as Troy was the home of various Native American tribes for centuries. With the arrival of Europeans, present-day Alabama was claimed by Spain, France, and Great Britain. "Originally known as Deer Stand Hill (an Indian hunting ground), which was first settled about 1824, it was later known as Zebulon and then Centreville before being renamed Troy in 1838. Troy became the county seat that same year after a new county courthouse was built in the city, replacing the previous county seat town of Monticello." https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Troy,_Alabama

Visit <https://www.thecrazytourist.com/15-best-things-to-do-in-troy-al/> to plan your visit to Troy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V4BWe7AouYQ&t=39s>

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Campvention 2025 - Lebanon, Tennessee

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Campvention General Information - **Update**

By Shari Weber, Co-Chair

In the October issue of Camping Today, we told you that we wanted 10 entries for the parade by January 1, however, we didn't provide a method to register. Please send the following information: your name; is it a National, Chapter, State/Province, Individual entry; and your contact information to shari.fcrv.pastpres@gmail.com. Remember January 1, 2025 is the deadline.

Kathy Howell is working hard to get advertisers for our program book so we can have a book. Please help her by sending her referrals of campgrounds and other businesses who want to promote themselves to our members. Kathy's email is Kathleen.Howell.RN@gmail.com.

Wednesday at Campvention in Lebanon is tour day where the on-site schedule will be light to allow you to select a tour (maybe even two!). We have identified several tours that might be of interest. We are also looking into getting bus or train transportation. There is an e-bicycle guided tour of Nashville at about \$120 per adult including the e-bike. Enjoy a 4-hour cruise on the General Jackson to see the Cumberland River and have lunch or dinner. Pricing starts around \$115 per person. There is a 3 ½-hour city tour of Nashville including entry into the Ryman Auditorium and the Country Music Hall of Fame at about \$105/person. A Jack Daniels Distillery Bus Tour complete with premium Tennessee whiskey tastings is available for about \$120. Nashville's Dark Secrets: Murder & True Crime Walking Ghost Tour for adults only is about \$35 a person for those who love ghosts, history, and especially true crime. Finally, Outdoor Escape Room in Nashville - Downtown from \$75.00 per group of up to 6. This is one part scavenger hunt, one part escape room, and one part urban crawl. Can you escape your city? Search for real-world clues, solve puzzles, and discover your city with an experience you will never forget! Some expressed interest in these tours at Campvention in New York. After the first of the year, I will be reaching out to those who expressed interest to see if they still are interested and see what I can do with getting group rates for us. Please email me at shari.fcrv.pastpres@gmail.com letting me know which tour you would like to take.

[Click here to join in on the discussion at the 2025 Campvention Facebook group.](#)

FCRV Wildlife Program - **New**

By Tom Martinez, FCRV Wildlife Director

We are looking forward to the second year as Wildlife Director. I thought last year's grant and auctions went well. I would like to silent auction the birdhouses again and have a photo contest for adults and youth, 18 and older, 17 and younger. Each person may submit one or two wildlife photos.

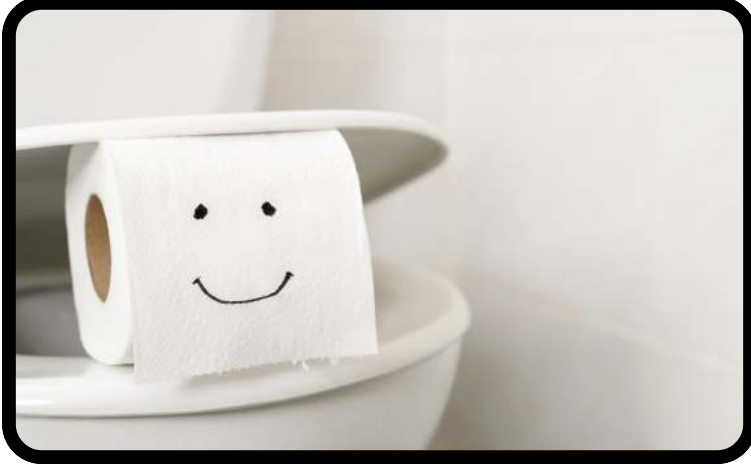
Wildlife Grants

"The Family Campers & RVers Wildlife Refuge Inc. operates on donations received from individuals, chapters and organizations. These donations may be used as deductions from taxable income. The donations are then used for Wildlife Grants. The program awards grants to many worthwhile wildlife conservation projects in the U.S. and Canada. These grants may be applied for through the National Family Campers & RVers Wildlife Director. Wildlife Grants may be mailed by USPS or emailed, fcrvwildlifedir@gmail.com, to the National Wildlife Directors by May 20. The grant application, the organization's proof of 501(c)3 status, and a letter from the organization must be mailed along with any other supporting documents that you feel will help the program get a better understanding about the organization."

The grants are reviewed by the director and FCRV president, or trustee, with consideration given to first-time submissions. The grants are for the preservation of wildlife habitat, rehabilitation and caring for wildlife.

Click here for [Grant Forms](#)

Submit to: Tom Martinez, 1602 Dover St., Broomfield, CO 80020



TP Raffle 2025 Campvention - **New**

By Kathy Howell, Raffle Chair
Hello, camping family,

Here in Michigan the regular camping season has ended, campers are winterized, and those that don't do winter camping have stored their camper until Spring. Now we're looking forward to the coming holiday season.

During the holiday season my daughter, Jessica, will be very busy looking for great deals for raffle items. Black Friday is usually a great time to get deals. Online deals are the best, just have it delivered to the house, and no crowds!!

As you are looking at those deals, please consider donating an item to the raffle. I was recently asked what types of things are good to donate. Always any camping item for sure, like chairs, campfire items, tablecloths that fit picnic tables, collapsible wagons, games, tools. A well-liked and easily transported item are gift cards, Visa, Walmart, Starbucks, Tim Hortons, Loves, anything that is nationally/internationally available.

This raffle helps our teens. It allows the teens to have educational experiences. Including how to speak to people, how to be responsible, and how to have fun. During the 2024 Campvention, the teens went to the Root Farm Challenge Course, taking on high ropes courses of varying degrees of difficulty, Wolf Mountain Nature Center to volunteer help with a wolf habitat, and bowling. The teens also made tie-dyed t-shirts and had pizza. Your participation in the TP raffle helps to fund activities like these and cover supply costs.

Our teens are our club's future; they are a great investment!!





Campvention 2025 - Lebanon, Tennessee



Visit Lebanon, Tennessee - **New**

By Barb Turner, Campvention Publicity Chair

Lebanon, Tennessee is the site of Campvention 2025 July 20-26, 2025. Lebanon hosted Campvention 1993 when d.b.a. Family Campers & RVers was introduced. Lebanon and NCHA/FCRV have changed over the intervening years. If you attended in 1993, explore Lebanon and see the changes. If Lebanon is new to you, plan to explore our host city.

Lebanon was established in 1802 on an overland stagecoach route and was named for the biblical Lebanon which has an abundance of cedar trees. In the area stands of junipers were mistaken for cedars by the early settlers. It developed as a trading center for livestock and farm products. Lebanon was the scene of several minor skirmishes during the Civil War, mainly during 1862.

Cracker Barrel Restaurants: "The company's headquarters are in Lebanon, Tennessee, where Cracker Barrel was founded by Dan Evins and Tommy Lowe in 1969. The chain's early locations were positioned near Interstate Highway exits in the Southeastern and Midwestern United States but expanded across the country during the 1990s and 2000s." <https://www.crackerbarrel.com/about>

Lebanon is also the home of Cumberland University, a small private liberal arts university founded in 1842. <https://www.cumberland.edu/>

Be the tourist while in Lebanon for Campvention by starting at Fiddlers Grove Historic Village as noted in the October issue of Camping Today. The historic village is located on the Campvention site, James E. Ward Agricultural Center.

Visit Silver Ridge Pottery, 3712 Chicken Rd, one of America's favorite potters.

Cedars of Lebanon State Park, 328 Cedar Forest Rd, features the cedar glades and its unique ecosystem that has acclimated to the thin soil layers or no soil.

Lebanon History Museum, 200 N Castle Heights Avenue, is a Lebanon 'must-visit.' Several galleries in the museum tell stories of the city's humble but promising beginnings.

<https://thetouristchecklist.com/things-to-do-in-lebanon-tn/>

Wilson County Veterans Museum, 304 East Main Street, is "dedicated to veterans of all conflicts and features a treasure trove of artifacts from World War I & II, Korea, Vietnam, and Desert Storm. The crown jewel of the museum is a UH-1 Helicopter better known as a "Huey." American soldiers who fought in the Vietnam War between 1966-68 flew in the helicopter. You can see many of the bullet holes from intense combat. And from 1980-95, it was used by members of the Tennessee Army National Guard in a variety of missions."

<http://wilsoncountyveteransmuseum.com/about/>

While attending Campvention 2025, plan on exploring Lebanon, Tennessee, our host city.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kcuzN63VQ_0&t=61s

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z99xd3F605Q>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L_1z_Yxtr9M



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24 RVs rolled into the Brigden Fairgrounds for Bubba's Redneck Campout Fall OPA. Campers enjoyed Redneck games, Bubba's Bingo, Washer Toss, Ice Cream Sundaes, Bubba's Sunday Meetin', a Road kill Cafe BBQ lunch ending in a corn boil and campfire.

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The Michigan State Assc. met for the Retiree Rally and State Fall Campout. Highlights included Family Games, a Soup/Chili Cookoff, a Michigan Painting Craft, CAMP walk & Evening Entertainment: FCRV Feud.

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October 28 at 5:00 AM

Indiana State FCRV held their Summer Campout at Jasper County Fairgrounds in Rensselaer. We had a wonderful tour of their fire department and art walk in the town to see their murals. Food and fellowship was also provided at this campout!

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October 24 at 5:00 AM

The national FCRV plaque recognizing the largest gain in membership for large states in 2023-2024 was accepted by Kansas FCRVers attending the Heartland Region 3 Regional Campvention at Adel, Iowa.

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October 26 at 5:00 AM

Happy Wanderers campout at Natures Campsites, Voluntown, CT - 14 families in Safari field with hot temps offset by pooltime and 2 paddling outings on Pachaug River and ... See more

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October 22 at 5:00 AM

Silver Foxes had a campout at Grape Creek RV in Westcliffe with 6 rigs and 2 guests attending. Walks totaled 45 miles. Ice cream social, crafts, games, chili cook off, ... See more

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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.

It is the time of year many are putting the rig away for the winter. It is time for us to look at the things we need to do so that we are ready for Spring.

Winterization is at the top of the list. This is a top priority in cold areas. This is also a good time to look the rig over and do things like check the roof and set up any cleaning, recaulking, you know, the general maintenance things that we don't have time to do when we are camping. It is also a very good time to evaluate the tires on the rig. Make sure that they are aired up. Look them over. Are they showing wear? Are they showing any cracks, gouges, or damage to the side walls? Checking them now will give you a head start on the next camping year and possibly not delay its start if they need replacement. It is a good time to check over the roof for trouble spots. Look for cracks in the caulking. Also, look for holes or small tears and the like. This will ensure the longevity of the rig. It is also a perfect time to check the battery.

Check the water level in the battery. Do you need to remove it from the rig and store it to protect it from freezing? Or, are you lucky and able to keep a battery minder on it in storage? If storing is a damp area, don't forget to place moisture removing, of your choice, to reduce the chance for mildew. Above all, don't forget to protect the water system from freezing. Some use RV anti-freeze in the system. Some simply blow the water system out with air removing all water, thus no broken pipes. Use the method that you find best for your rig and situation. Many choose to have an RV Dealer winterize the water system.. No matter the method, simply make sure it is winterized and ready for winter.

Thank you for asking Dear RV

Dear RV.

We have a cargo door on the 5th wheel that comes open during travel. What could we do?
Thanks

Without knowing the type of latch on the door, it is hard to say what the cause is. One of the common things that could be causing this is the latch is just a little loose and the vibration of the road causes it to unlatch. You might be able to simply tighten the screws holding the latch in the door and correct the issue. One way to check this would be to open the cargo door, take the latch in your hands on both sides of the latch, and give it a gentle pull back and forth. If the latch moves in the door, this could be the problem. Another possibility is the latch is well-secured but slightly out of alignment and needs to be adjusted. Adjust so it gives you a secure latch.

I hope this helps with the cargo door! There is nothing worse than having things fall out while going down the road!

Thanks for asking Dear RV

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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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