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From The President

As you know we lost a regional director in March. Terry Swanburg passed on March 17th. FCRV lost a valued worker, and many of us lost a dear friend. I know I lost a very dear friend in Terry's passing. Over the years we grew close, and I always looked forward to getting together with Terry and Faye at Campvention. I ask our FCRV family to keep Faye in your prayers as she continues this journey we call life. Terry, you are and will be missed as we move ahead in the journey. My dear friend, we know you are watching over us from the campfire in the sky!

This is a very last-minute reminder. You received an email with a link to cast your vote. If you have not voted, please take a couple minutes to find the email and cast your vote by 11:59 PM tonight. Your vote is important so please remember to vote.

Concern exists for the safety of travel to Campvention for our Canadian family. Added to this is the higher cost to Canadians because of the current exchange rate.

Every dollar our Canadian family spends to travel to Campvention costs them \$1.50 (currently). Within our organization, we view our Canadian members as family. I will not, however, discount the concern about safety while getting to and when at Campvention. The reality is that attendance at Campvention will be impacted and potentially reduce revenue. The important thing is that we are aware, and we look out for each other. To our Canadian family I do not take your concerns lightly, and we as a family will do everything in our power to assure your safety while at Campvention. I ask you to please not allow political regulations to dictate your attendance at an important part of your organization, its annual campvention. To those of you attending from Canada, I will be asking parking to park me with you on the grounds. I know that the safety of all members is the uppermost concern of all the Trustees. It is my desire that I see all of you at Campvention.

For many of us the camping season has started or is starting. My chapter did its first campout of the year in March. Good weather and a good time with camping families is the best feeling. We start the new camping season with a new member joining FCRV online and being directed to our chapter. I personally as the Chapter Field Director look forward to welcoming the new family into the Chapter and having Jon and Robin part of the FCRV family.

Exciting news from the membership committee and plans for the future of FCRV are coming soon. Your membership committee meets monthly headed by Amy DeCamp, and the committee is working on new plans and new ideas to grow FCRV. I would like to thank the members of the committee, and as we move ahead more of you will be asked to serve on this planning body. I ask if you have a desire to help with membership, reach out and let us know, and we will add you to a list of possible members for the membership committee.

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



From the Wildlife Director

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By Tom Martinez, FCRV Wildlife Director

Every wild animal needs a place to live. The wildlife habitats are under attack due to developments and climate change. New developments impede natural migration. It is important that wild habitats be large and allow free movement within. There is a need for reproduction and a place for migrating birds to nest and feed.

Per the DGB Group there are seven basic principles to protecting wildlife:

1. Habitat Conservation – need to protect wetlands, wooded areas and grasslands from human development. Reforestation and wetland restoration are needed.
2. Sustainable land and use practices – encouraging good practices can reduce habitat loss and fragmentation. Reduce the use of pesticides and other harmful chemicals.
3. Research and monitoring – is essential for effective conservation management. To identify opportunities for conservation and inform policy and management.
4. Public education and awareness – educating the public of the importance of wildlife conservation. Creating a culture of responsible and sustainable behavior.
5. Creating wildlife areas – by investing in nature-based projects or converting property into wildlife friendly habitats. Provides a safe refuge for birds, butterflies, bees and other species.

6. Recycling – reduces demand for new products, protects the lives of animals and contributes to carbon offsetting. Recycled materials reduce the pressure on the habitats and will preserve them for wildlife.

7. Plant trees – a method to protect the natural habitats of nearby animals is to plant trees. Trees are sources of food, shelter and breeding grounds. They also provide nesting sites, resting places and animal hunting.

Wildlife grants will be awarded on the last evening of campvention. Grant applications must be sent to me by May 20th.



DASAT: The Measles

The Measles

By Joe Boswell, National DASAT Director

When was the last time you turned on the television and the first news article dealt with the spread of measles. Measles has been around for a long time. "A Persian doctor in the 9th century published one of the first accounts dealing with this disease. In 1757, a Scottish physician, Francis Home stated that measles is caused by an infectious agent in the blood of patients. By the year 1912, measles became a nationally notifiable disease in the United States. Over 6,000 measles related deaths were recorded each year. A vaccine became available in 1963 nearly all children under the age of 15 got measles. At that time, it is estimated that nearly 400-500 died, and 48,000 were hospitalized, and over 1,000 suffered swelling of the brain from measles." (1) In 1963 a vaccine for the virus was licensed, and by 1968 a vaccine was manufactured and available for everyone. Since that time, the measles vaccine has been combined with the mumps and rubella. The Center for Disease Control in 1978 set a goal to eradicate this disease from the United States. The goal was not met by 1982, but a drastic reduction of the spread of this disease did occur. As a result of aggressive prevention this disease almost disappeared.

"In the year 2000, the United States declared that measles was eliminated from this country, thanks to a highly effective measles vaccine, a strong vaccination program targeted towards children and a public health education campaign." (2) It is important to fully understand that since this date, the cases of active measles have increased from year to year. Why, because many people have taken to circulating false information and have taken the stance that the measles "shots" have or

will have adverse effects for their child. Medical experts can provide you with precise information about the dangers of various vaccinations, but an ounce of prevention can go a long way towards your health and the health of others. Becoming proactive is very important in today's society. Acquire accurate information from reliable sources, investigate, and make a health decision. Let us all help prevent such outbreaks of measles in the future.

"Moving forward, people are on the go, traveling to faraway places near and far. It is important to realize that other countries do not have aggressive preventive measures in place and what may be obsolete in one country may or may not be eliminated in another. Thus, this virus has spread once again creating large outbreaks and spreading of this disease. "Measles is the most contagious virus out there and it can stay in a room for up to 3 hours after an infected person has already left that room" (2) If by chance you were one of those people in the room who did not have the preventive "shots" of prevention you have a 90% chance of being infected by this disease. The infected person, the carrier, travels about and unknowingly infects many other individuals. Unknowingly by their activities they have spread the measles germs to many unsuspecting individuals.

"Briefly, what are the signs and symptoms of measles? The signs of measles begin one to two weeks after exposure. It is not just a little rash that appears on your body. Measles can be dangerous, especially for the young. It begins with the presence of a high fever, a cough, runny nose, and red watery eyes. After about 2-3-days tiny white spots begin to appear inside the mouth. Three to five days later, a rash breaks out which usually begins as red spots that appear along the hairline

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and the face. They spread quickly down the neck, trunk, arms, legs and feet. Small bumps may also appear on the very top of the red spots. It is possible for the spots to become joined as they spread. When the rash appears, it is possible for the body temperature to rise to 104 degrees, which is very dangerous. (2)

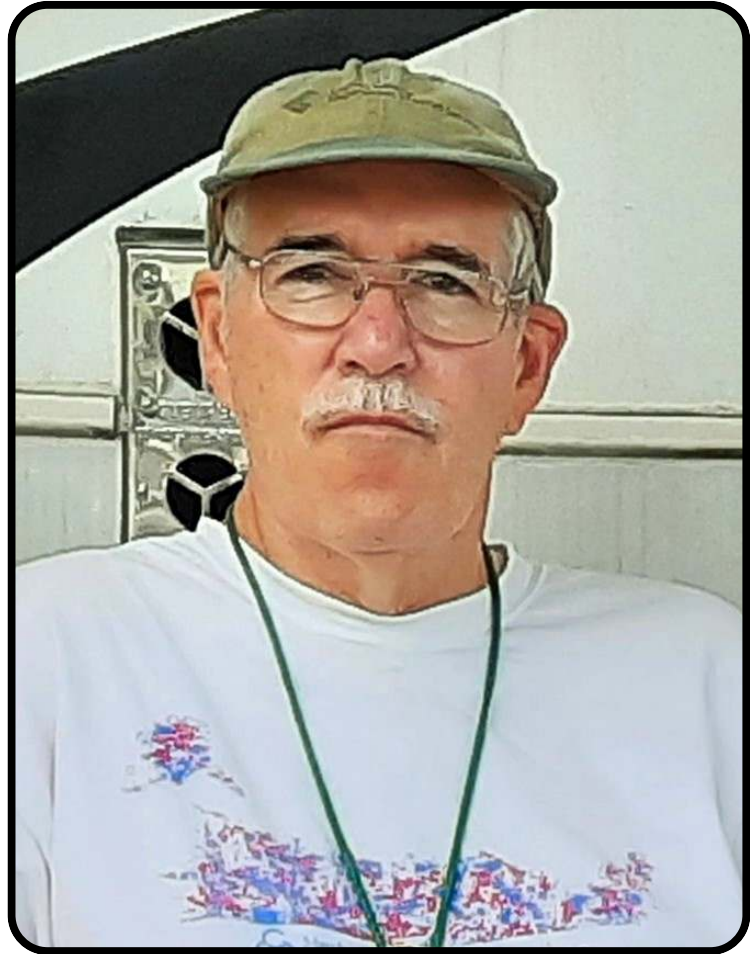
“The question that has caused the most attention in society today, is am I protected against this disease? The answer is a simple yes, once you have received the measles vaccine, and the booster shots. Without this simple measure of prevention, you can be exposed to measles. Most school districts in the United States require proof that the student has received the proper measles vaccine. If by chance you have not received this “shot” it is best to consult with your doctor. An ounce of prevention means all the difference. “The measles vaccine is very effective. Two doses of measles vaccine are about 97% effective at preventing measles if exposed to the virus. One dose is about 93% effective.” (2)

“If you find yourself exposed to this virus, the first and most important step is to seek medical care immediately and let them know you have been exposed to measles. They will help you take the necessary steps to formulate a treatment and provide you with information to protect others from this disease.

“Measles, like a lot of other unknown diseases from centuries ago, is preventable. Educate yourself with the facts. It is important to become proactive to prevent this and other diseases from spreading. Having a healthy body will result in a very long productive life. Look to the future....an ounce of prevention is worth its weight in gold.

Sources:

- (1) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- (2) MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center HEALTH/Summer Publication 2019, pps 8-9



Now it is up to everyone to attend a DASAT program at your local, regional, state/provincial, retiree and national campouts. Education is the key-remember it can save your life and the lives of others. A word to the wise, National Campvention is coming up soon, are you going to attend a DASAT seminar/workshop? All are welcome, come and see how you can be better prepared for the next disaster.

Let's Save Some Trees! - From National Office

Let's Save Some Trees!

By: Pat Wittmeyer, Membership Liaison

Most of our FCRV members are aware that the National Office sends out hard copy letters reminding our members that their membership dues are up for renewal. A reminder letter goes out two months prior to the due date, a second letter goes out just prior to the due date, and finally one goes out after the due date, stating it's not too late to renew. This is a drain on financial resources and employee time. As a group with a strong conservation focus, we can reduce our use of paper.

The office is adopting a slight change in the process of letting our members know that it's time to pay their membership dues. The "first letter" will now go out electronically. (Yet another reason why the office needs to have current emails for all our members!) Two months prior to a membership due date an email from the FCRV National Office (fcrvoffice@gmail.com) will be sent telling them their due date, and the available rates of renewal for one-year, two-year and three-year options. The message will also include a hot link to our payment page, making it all the easier to just click, fill out your information, and pay your dues, all in one sitting.

Don't worry, if you don't have an email, your inbox is full, (now might be a good time to do a little purging here at the beginning of the year) or your email is on the fritz, we will still send the second reminder letter and the last letter out via mailed hard copy to our members who need to renew in Family Campers & RVers.

FCRV is working hard to keep the cost of operations down. Utilizing the features of current technology is a great way to do that. And it's an excellent way to have a positive impact on the natural world around us.

NCHA/FCRV Hank Nathan Scholarship 2025

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From Stan & Fran Vozar, NCHA/FCRV Hank Nathan Scholarship Directors

Applications can only be requested through this web portal:

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

It is not too late to request an application. The completed applications must be submitted by May 1. This is a non-competitive Scholarship which means you could receive as much as \$4000 to apply to your tuition, room, board and books. Winners will be announced at this year's Campvention in Tennessee.

Welcome New Members

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

Rhea, John	Rhea, Elizabeth	CO	Referred by: No Reference
Rogers, Rick	Rogers, Robin	CO	Referred by: Dorothy Clark
Davis, Carl	Davis, Paula	CO	Referred by: Chapter: Silver Foxes
Henderson, Randall	Henderson, Sandra	WI	Referred by: RV Show: Kip & Jan Cushing
Jeffries, Jason	Jeffries, Jem	PA	Referred by: Lucian Jeffries
Kratzer, Michael	Kratzer, Nikki	PA	Referred by: Kimberly Trefny
Roberts, Jon	Roberts, Robin	CO	Referred by: Online: Internet Search
Hill, David	Hill, Mary	CO	Referred by: Online: Facebook
Kruesh, Robert	Kruesh, Janet	WI	Referred by: RV Show: Kip & Jan Cushing
Winder, Jim	Winder, Carol	WI	Referred by: RV Show: Kip & Jan Cushing
Sporea, Elizabetha		MI	Referred by: Chapter: Camping Nomads
McCann, Randall		NC	Referred by: Mary McCann
Blasius, Lisa		PA	Referred by: Lisa Michael
Lake, Craig	Lake, Joan	WI	Referred by: RV Show: Kip & Jan Cushing

Trustee Meeting Notes

These notes are now being stored in the Virtual Office by National and sent via email to the executive and advisory boards. These notes can and are encouraged to be shared throughout the organization. The archive and single page notes are set up as a shareable link that is viewable by any 3rd party.

A history of past minutes can be found [HERE](#).



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'Spring has Sprung'

The 2025 Retiree Rally has come to a conclusion. Thank you all who attended and all that participated in this years fun! Please look to next months issue for a full recap of the event.

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Announcement

The currency exchange between the United States dollar & the Canadian dollar is at 1.45 causing our Canadian family members to pay over \$500 for the Campvention 2025 fee of \$350. Due to this the trustees have offered a special price for the upcoming campvention for those Canadians who have not yet registered.

Your Board of Trustees

Wanted: Campvention Photographer - HELP
By Linda English, a Campvention Team Lead

We need a volunteer who will take the lead and take photos during Campvention week. No experience necessary. We need you!

Please contact:
Amy DeCamp amydecamp.fcrv@gmail.com
or
Linda English lindae.fcrv@gmail.com

Parade - New
By Rhonda O'Neal, Parade Chair

GOOD NEWS!!! There will be a parade this year at Campvention! This year it will be competition free. No categories, just a fun parade for everyone. I want to encourage you to decorate a bike, scooter, wagon, golf cart, car/truck and just come out and have fun!! I will hold a brief meeting at Campvention Monday morning, time and place to be announced just to go over some information and the parade route. Hope to see you in the Parade!!

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Campvention Tour Opportunities - Repeat By Shari Weber

There are four tour opportunities planned for Wednesday July 23, 2025 at Campvention in Lebanon. Below are links to each tour which include descriptions of the tour, the cost, and time of the tour. You will need to make individual reservations for the tours. For example, if you plan to go on the E-Bike tour and someone else is going with you, you will use the link twice to make the reservations as pricing is for individuals. There is no opportunity to select a quantity for the tour. Be sure to pay attention to requirements for the tour. The E-Bike tour minimum age is 13 and Jack Daniels the minimum age is 21 (there are tastings included) and you will need to have a government issued ID.

<https://fcrv.org/campvention-tours/>



Additional tour Opportunities - Repeat By Shari Weber

There are two tours we were unable to set up this way although they are still available to plan on your own. They are as follows.

[**Nashville's Dark Secrets: Murder & True Crime Walking Ghost Tour \\$34.95 per adult.**](#)

Hear the scary past of Nashville through the experiences of a LOCAL! Our ADULTS ONLY TOUR is a must for anyone who loves ghosts, history, and especially true crime.

Prepare to be captivated by the dark history of Music City. Our knowledgeable guides will lead

you through the blood-stained pages of Nashville's past, recounting stories of murder, betrayal, and revenge that have left an indelible mark on the city's psyche. From infamous serial killers to unsolved mysteries, each stop on this tour will send shivers down your spine.

We'll take you to the locations where these heinous acts occurred, allowing you to stand on the very ground where the perpetrators and victims once walked. Along the way you'll hear about the investigations, the suspects, and the lingering questions that still baffle criminologists and historians to this day.

Outdoor Escape Room from \$75.00 per group (up to 6).

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!

Follow the storyline around town as you find clues and use them to crack codes. Then enter solutions on the app to find out where to go next. Clues can be anywhere - murals, statues, landmarks, and more!

Plan about two hours of playtime, depending on your experience level and how much time you spend exploring along the way. Difficulty level is adjustable - take as many or as few hints as you'd like!

Please Note: When planning your adventure, keep in mind that shipping can take up to 7 business days.

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Crafts - **New**

By Misty Stuckwisch, Craft Chair

Two craft projects will be offered at Campvention this year. I provided the crafts at Campvention 2023 in Richmond, Indiana and had a lot of fun. I hope to bring the same enthusiasm to Tennessee!

Each session is \$5 for all supplies and instruction. Each craft should take no more than an hour (Max) to complete.

The first craft option is going to be a Tennessee magnet. You will be decoupage decorative paper on a wood cutout of the state, then doing the finish work to complete the edges, adding a fun charm, the year, and then a magnet to the back. You could also add string to make it a Christmas tree ornament if you prefer. This craft is good for all ages and skill levels so everyone can join in. I hope this will be a sweet reminder of the TN Campvention.

The second craft will be a beaded ink pen. This fun craft allows your personality to show by choosing your pen color and all the beads to complete it. This craft will utilize silicone beads to make a standout pen of your own. Again, this project is good for all skill levels, so I hope everyone joins in!

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at mistystu21@yahoo.com, I look forward to seeing you in TN!



Wildlife - **Update**

By Tom Martinez, FCRV Wildlife Director

I am looking forward to seeing as many as possible at Campvention. We will be accepting bird houses, gift baskets and other donated items for the silent auction. Bring them to the wildlife table. We are hoping to get wildlife photos, 8 ½ by 11 for judging. There are two categories, seventeen and younger and eighteen and older. You may submit up to two photos. See the activity brochure for any wildlife seminars we may offer. We will be auctioning off a refrigerated cooler on the last evening and a gift basket. Grants will be awarded on the last evening. Grant applications must be sent to me by May 20th.

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Hospitality - Update

By Loretta Hebert, Hospitality Chair

As your groups start camping again this season, please consider having a Hospitality table at Campvention. All you need is a small gift item or snack for each attendee. Do you or your state or province have a specialty item you can share? Do you work for a company that can donate product samples or provide at reasonable cost? Are you crafty to provide a simple gift item? Put on your thinking caps and consider a table for Hospitality!

So far, we have a group from Michigan and Indiana.

If you have any questions, please contact Loretta at ffcc.fcrv@gmail.com. Thanks for your consideration.



Gift Basket Raffle - New

By Betty Andrews, Door Prize Chairman

The excitement is building as we get closer to the FCRV Campvention in Lebanon, TN, this July! Get ready for an unforgettable experience filled with fun, friendship, and fantastic prizes. Join the Fun – Support the Gift Basket Raffle! One of the highlights of Campvention is the Gift Basket Raffle—and we need your help to make it bigger and better than ever! The more donations we receive, the more incredible prizes we can share.

How You Can Contribute:

- Turn it into a club project—gather items as a group!
- Ask each club member to bring one item for a basket or tote.
- Get creative! Themed baskets with state/provincial-made products, camping gear, or handmade crafts are always a hit.
- All items must be new and unopened to ensure a great experience for the winners.
- Include a 3x5 card with your name and address so the lucky winner can send a thank-you!

Let's make this year's raffle the best one yet! Who's ready for Campvention 2025? For more details, contact Betty Andrews at UBetUKen2@gmail.com.

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Visit Murfreesboro, Tennessee - **New** By Barb Turner, Publicity Chair

Early days at Campvention 2025 provide the opportunity to visit various sites and attractions in and around Lebanon, Tennessee. This month Murfreesboro, which is about 30 miles south of Lebanon, is being highlighted.

“On October 27, 1811, the Tennessee General Assembly designated the location for a new county seat for Rutherford County, giving it the name Cannonsburgh in honor of Newton Cannon, representative to the Assembly for the local area. At the suggestion of William Lytle, it was renamed Murfreesborough on November 29, 1811, after Revolutionary War hero Colonel Hardy Murfree, great-grandfather of author Mary Noailles Murfree.[11] The name was shortened to Murfreesboro in January 1812 when the town was formally chartered.”

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Murfreesboro,_Tennessee

With the expansion of settlement to western Tennessee, Murfreesboro was named the capital of Tennessee in 1818, but eight years later Nashville was named as the state capital.

“On December 31, 1862, the Battle of Stones River, also called the Battle of Murfreesboro, was fought near the city between the Union Army of the Cumberland and the Confederate Army of Tennessee. This was a major engagement of the American Civil War, and between December 31 and January 2, 1863, the rival armies suffered a combined total of 23,515 casualties. It was the bloodiest battle of the war by percentage of casualties.” More information about Murfreesboro’s history, check out the above Wikipedia link. The post-Civil War history is interesting, especially in the area of education.

Murfreesboro sites to visit:

Cannonsburgh Village: 312 South Front Street.

“Historic Cannonsburgh Village is located on 6 acres in Murfreesboro, and represents approximately 100 years of rural Tennessee life from the 1830s to the 1930s. The village features a gristmill, schoolhouse, telephone operator’s house, the University House, the Leeman House, a museum, a caboose, the wedding chapel, a doctor’s office, general store, working blacksmith’s shop, a well, and other points of interest, including the World’s Largest Cedar Bucket! The village is open Tuesday through Friday, from 9 AM to 6 PM., Saturday 9 AM to 4 PM, .and on Sundays from 1 PM. until 4PM.”

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60970-d277912-Reviews-Cannonsburgh_Village-Murfreesboro_Tennessee.html

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XQhEN7VaTok>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=knmhm8CLQwI>

Oaklands Mansion: 900 North Maney Avenue. “Oaklands Mansion was a symbol of wealth and prosperity in pre-civil war Middle Tennessee. From approximately 1818, until its completion just before the war, Oaklands was built in four distinct phases for two generations of the Maney family by their enslaved workforce. Later, sold at auction to cover debt, the mansion’s evolution is a demonstration of the adaptive reuse of a structure by multiple families over an extended period. By the 1950s the derelict mansion was abandoned and scheduled for demolition. Ultimately, it was restored and transformed into a house museum that serves the community as a cultural and heritage tourism destination. Book your tour today and experience the unusual evolution of this nationally registered historic structure. The home’s collection of furnishings, artwork and personal items are as unique as the building itself. Self-guided tours can become conversational in nature depending upon visitor needs. Staff members are always available to our guests.”

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60970-d561768-Reviews-Oaklands_Mansion-Murfreesboro_Tennessee.html

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kLnMMROSvw>

Earth Experience - Middle Tennessee Museum of Natural History: 816 Old Salem Road. “The Earth Experience, the Middle Tennessee Museum of Natural History, is the first natural history museum in Middle Tennessee. The museum has displays from all over the world but has a very large number of items from Tennessee. Come see our dinosaurs, fossils, gems, minerals, rocks and archeological relics. This is not your typical natural history museum! We have an interactive, dynamic museum where visitors will not only see ongoing research and activities they will be offered chances to participate. Visitors will see a working paleontology laboratory where they will see real dinosaur bones cleaned and repaired. A molding and casting operation will be making dinosaur displays as well as the souvenirs for sale in the gift shop. The Mid Tennessee Gem and Mineral Society offers workshops on jewelry making in the museum. The current location for the museum is just the first step to creating one of the top Natural History Museums in the country.”

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60970-d8143953-Reviews-Earth_Experience_Middle_Tennessee_Museum_of_Natural_History-Murfreesboro_Tennessee.html

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2f5A3P7k6c8>

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Discovery Center: 502 SE Broad Street. "Discovery Center at Murfree Spring is a hands-on children's museum and nature center. The 32,000 square foot facility, in the heart of middle Tennessee, includes permanent exhibits and rich programming focused on science, technology, engineering, the arts, and math (STEAM). Situated adjacent to 22 acres of natural, urban wetlands, the museum offers daily programs, camps, school tours, and special events."

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60970-d1627946-Reviews-Discovery_Center-Murfreesboro_Tennessee.html

Murfreesboro offers many more attractions. Visit

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g60970-Activities-Murfreesboro_Tennessee.html
or <https://thetouristchecklist.com/things-to-do-in-murfreesboro-tn/> to explore and prepare your Campvention 2025 'to-do list'.



Campvention 2025 - Lebanon, Tennessee

Entertainment Announced - Repeat By Connie Black, Entertainment Chair

Monday night entertainment - Jeffery Steele
Jeffrey Steele is an American country music singer and songwriter. Along with recording his own material, Steele has become a prolific Nashville songwriter, having co-written more than 60 hit songs for such artists as Montgomery Gentry, Tim McGraw, Faith Hill, LeAnn Rimes, Rascal Flatts, Billy Ray Cyrus, and others.

Between 1990 and 1996, Steele was the lead singer and bass guitarist in the country music band Boy Howdy, which recorded two albums and an EP on Curb Records, in addition to charting seven singles on the Billboard country music charts. After Boy Howdy disbanded, Steele embarked on a solo career, recording seven studio albums (one of which was not released). He also charted four singles as a solo artist, with the highest-peaking ("Somethin' in the Water") reaching No. 33 on the country charts in 2001.

Wednesday night entertainment - The Eldorado Band

The Eldorado Band is a rockin' country band with powerful vocals, blazing guitars, honky-tonk piano, and a tight rhythm section.

In January 2007, bassist César Sánchez and guitarist Nano Paramio formed the band Eldorado. The band drew inspiration from 1970s classic rock groups Bad Company, Deep Purple and Led Zeppelin. After distributing some demo songs, the group was picked up by producer Richard Chycki, who has worked with Aerosmith, Dream Theater, Gotthard, and Rush.

Friday night entertainment – Sweetn3

Sweetn3 is one of Middle Tennessee's top "go to" Classic Rock and Roll Cover Bands. Sweetn3 loves the music they cover and it shows on stage, which is why they are so popular among the rock and roll crowd.

Sweetn3 covers bands like The Allman Bros, David Bowie, Chili Peppers, Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin, Joan Jett, Janis Joplin, Van Halen, Sheryl Crow, Heart, The Who, Yes, ZZ Top and many more. Even though their main focus is classic rock, they occasionally drop other music genres in their sets like folk, jazz, soul and country, and they're not afraid of taking on requests either.



Event Schedule & Recaps



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Family Campers & RVers - FCRV
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Our Mid-Florida Snowbirds gathered for lunch at Dixie Crossroads, Titusville. Jean Wisby , (front middle) our Great Lakes Region original 'Mama Duck', her son Bob Wisby & his wife, (standing on left) and Charlotte Webster, (standing middle) who is still doing our FCRV engraving, joined us. It was so good to catch-up with them. Others in photo Jim & Barb Turner (standing second & third from left), Mark & Sharon Shaneyfelt (standing far right), Craig & Shari Weber (standing 2nd & 3rd from right)

Family Campers & RVers - FCRV
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April 9 at 5:00 AM

The CO Trailblazers camped in Del Norte, CO, at the Woods and River RV Park . A potluck lunch was enjoyed by everyone. There were campfires in the evenings. A local mobile RV business gave a presentation on RV care and maintenance. Attendees played bocce ball. Much fun!





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

Our new-to-us rig is a 50 amp rig. Our question is can we use it if the campground we are at only has 30 amp at the site?

Thanks.
Just not sure.

Not Sure, the answer is yes. You will need a converter dogbone (available where RV supplies are sold) to reduce your 50-amp plug down to a 30-amp plug. You need to keep in mind that you will not be able to operate everything in your rig at the same time. More amps are required to start an electric device than to keep it running. Let's say that if you have 2 air-conditioning units on the rig; at 30-amp you will only be able to operate one air-conditioner. The reason for this is the 50 amp is 220 volts, often known as 240 volts. This is two 120-volt legs in the unit. Each air unit is generally on a 20-amp breaker, one air-conditioning unit is on line A and the second unit is on line B, both being 120-volt units but operating on separate legs. On most rigs, everything operates on 120 volts like your air-conditioners but are on separate breakers. Some rigs on 30-amp will be able to handle 1 air-conditioning unit, a microwave, the fridge, and lights, just not both air-conditioning units at the same time.

Thanks for asking, and I hope this helps. See you soon.
Dear RV

Dear RV

We are getting ready to start our camping season. What do we need to do to get ready for a new year? Excited to Camp Again

Dear Excited, I have a list of things that I do each year. I repack the wheel bearings every other year. The RV antifreeze in the water system needs to be drained and the system flushed until water runs clear. After this process it is necessary to sanitize the water system every year. Then wipe down the ceiling, walls, and clean the carpet. I usually make a mess and track in dirt and or mud during these processes. The pantry gets reloaded with items as needed. The water heater and furnace also need to be checked. Moving to the outside, it is a good time to check and reseal all seams and joints on the rig's walls and roof as water intrusion is the enemy for the rig. Be sure to look at every seam on the roof as that is a place that seems to be most vulnerable for water damage. Verify that the gray and black tank valves are working correctly. Add tank treatment to both tanks, gray and black. Evaluate what is in the cargo hold. If it was not used last season, consider removing it. This is something to do at a lower level when getting ready to go to Campvention. Often things I need on a camping trip I will not need for Campvention.

Thanks for asking, and I hope this helps. See you soon.
Dear RV



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