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Clara Dietrich, Teenie Queen; Luke Kurburski, Teen King; Katie Kurburski, Teen Queen; and Alexa Jentzen, Princess

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New Royalty





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Campout and Meeting Announcements

- November 4, 2017, 10:00 a.m.** – MSA Delegates meeting, Burton MI 48519
- April 27-29, 2018** – Southeast District Mixer, Davisburg, MI
- May 18-20, 2018** – MSA State Spring –Branch Co. Fairgrounds, Coldwater, MI
- June 8-10** – Northern District Mixer, Gladwin, MI
- 2018 Campvention** – July 9-13; Early Days July 7 & 8 Meadow Event Park, Ashland, Virginia
- August 1-5, 2018** – Great Lakes Regional Campout –, Brown County Fairgrounds, De Pere, WI
- Sept 21-23** – MSA State Fall, Imlay City, MI
- 2019 Campvention** – July 7-13; Early Day July 5, Noon Kansas State Fairground, Hutchinson, KS
- 2020 Campvention** – Canada, looking for grounds

Please support the many activities scheduled in 2017.

(Also see registration forms on pages 11-14)

Awards

Remember to send in your nominations for the **Family of the Year** and the **Jonsey Award**. Nominations are due by June 1st.

To nominate someone for **Family of the Year**; send a letter listing the family name, chapter name, involvement in FCRV, community involvement, and anything else you may think is relevant.

To nominate a teen for the **Jonsey Award**, send a letter including the teen name, chapter name, involvement in FCRV, school involvement, community involvement, and anything else you feel is relevant.

Please mail your nominations to:

Jamie and Kaylene VanWagner
502 Andres St.
Chesaning, MI 48616

Or e-mail them to: awards@mifcrv.org

Thank you.

Jamie and Kaylene VanWagner

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News from the MSA President

As of this writing the camping season is winding down in Michigan with only a few more campouts. The fall campout in Gladwin was a wonderful time for all that attended. Natures Nuts hosted it in honor of their 50th anniversary. The group pulled together to put on a great campout for this I commend them.

Unfortunately I need to touch on some tough subjects. The attendance was at an all-time low of 30 units and two activity passes. The Michigan State Association of the FCRV (NCHA) is funded by these campouts and unless we increase our attendance at these events the MSA future is in serious jeopardy.

Another thing we need to take a serious look at is the participation in our programs such as the Pageants. This year we had one Princess and one Teen King running. The present Teen Queen graciously agreed to reign another year so our State is represented at National. The previous Teenie Queen also agreed to continue her reign. The dilemma we are faced with is due to decline in attendance at State Campouts and participation in pageants.

Do we eliminate the pageants because it is a big part of our budget? The suggestion of elimination (which I am not suggesting at this time) will definitely stir up a lot of controversy and some anger. So my request is we put on our thinking caps and try to find a way that we can increase the attendance at the State Campouts and also get more participants in the pageants so they can continue on.

Another thing of importance is the individual Districts. The entire MSA needs to support the Districts by attending their mixers but also the Districts need to come together and support the State campouts too because the MSA future depends on it.

At present an inventory of all MSA owned equipment is being done and a report will be given to the board, which we will review and make our recommendations to the delegates as to what we should keep and how to dispose of the excess we no longer use. So please think about what I have said and let's work together to come up with a plan that the MSA can survive on.

The 2018 Spring Campout will be at the Branch County Fairgrounds in Coldwater on May 18, 19, 20th and as of this moment we still need a Fall Campout location and Chairman. If we can make a special effort to attend these campouts and try to bring other people with you it is a step in the right direction.

Thank you
Paul R Jones
president@mifcrv.org

Editor's Note: Please submit campout registrations (Word preferred) to me by email: Michigander@mifcrv.org

Be sure to include DOUCUMENTATION for any pictures or clipart.

Michigander DEADLINE DATES

DEADLINES for submitting articles to the Michigander are:

December 10 for the January issue

March 10 for the April issue

Friday after State Spring for the July issue

Friday after State Fall for the October issue

You can start **TODAY** by sending articles to: michigander@mifcrv.org.

Anyone may submit an article for consideration to be included.



STATE DIRECTOR'S NEWS

We are very thankful for all the planning and work the Nature's Nuts Chapter did to host the MSA State Fall Campout in Gladwin. This is a third-generation chapter and they did not hesitate to jump in with both feet to offer new and fun activities for the weekend.

The weather was perfect and we want to thank everyone who reached out to help them make this campout a rewarding and successful experience.

Congratulations to our 2017-18 Royalty: Teen Queen Katie Kurburski; Teen King Luke Kurburski; Princess Alexa Jentzen; Teenie Queen Clara Dietrich. We hope you enjoy your experience representing our camping family. We also encourage you to attend as many campouts as you can.

This has been an awesome camping season. Besides our chapter, district and state campouts we hosted the Great Lakes Region and many Michigan members volunteered at Campvention in Lima this year. We have a very active membership in Michigan and so many talented people offering their expertise. We are truly blessed.

The trustees are moving forward with a new brand identity and currently asking the executive board for their input. We will provide a short presentation at the November MSA business meeting. We encourage your chapter delegate to attend this meeting.

A new program was established in Lima called the *International Veterans Program* which will focus on our veterans, their needs and interests. If there is someone in Michigan who would like to chair this program and plan additional activities for all members to enjoy, please let us know. We have been told speakers and area tours have been scheduled as additional activities open to all members.

Beginning January 1, 2018, *Camping Today* for a printed version will be available to members only for a subscription rate of \$20 per year. The subscription does not cover the actual cost to provide 12 printed issues. We must be financially responsible to sustain our organization. This was a tough decision we had to make in Michigan many years ago with *The Michigander*.

We are very thankful for all the volunteers and support provided from Michigan members that led to the successful 2017 Campvention in Lima. Our final reports have been submitted and we hope it was a great week for everyone.

We need all members to reach out to prospective campers that do not know our story and share how *Strangers Become Friends and Friends Become Family*. Our organization is the **Best Kept Secret** and it is necessary to grow and share our good news. Please continue to recruit new members for FCRV in Michigan.

To field directors; we are very sorry due to health issues we have not been able to have our annual field director outing this year. Our August campout at Lake of Dreams has been rescheduled for August 10-12, 2018. This campout is open to any member so if you are interested in joining us without a commitment of being a field director, please let us know so we can get you the registration information for this campout.

We wish you all safe travels and look forward to another successful year in 2018.

Sincerely, John & Linda

John & Linda English, Michigan State Directors

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If you desire to see the rest of the pages with the pictures and color; the digital edition of The Michigander may be accessed online at: <http://mifcrv.org/Michigander/>



News from the Scholarship Front

I am pleased to announce there were four scholarship applicants this year and we were able to present awards to each of them at the MSA Fall campout in Gladwin on September 16th.

First Place "A" Scholarship was presented to Elizabeth Kurburski. Elizabeth is attending Michigan State University pursuing a degree in food science; the study of physical, biological and chemical make-up of food. Food science is the gateway to providing food that is delicious as well as nutritious and developing new food items with the maximum amount of nutrition without genetically modified organisms and maintaining organic quality. Elizabeth enjoys cooking, highland dancing and camping with her family and friends.

Emily Kurburski was awarded 2nd Place "A" Scholarship. She is currently enrolled at Kettering University pursuing a degree in Business Administration. She plans to work in the healthcare industry in data analytics to develop reports and visualization tools. She enjoys camping, golfing and highland dancing. She was Miss FCRV in 2016-2017.

First Place "B" Scholarship went to John Kurburski; a student at Lansing Community College working towards an Associate degree in applied physics and mechanical engineering. John was on the Dean's list for the summer semester; is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Grange.

Awarded the 2nd Place "B" Scholarship was Shawn Crookedacre. Shawn is currently enrolled at Flint's Mott Community College, working towards a computer science engineering degree. His life goals include receiving a college degree followed by a good paying job. He also plans to continue to be an active member of FCRV.

Congratulations to all of the award winners. Job well done!! It's never too early to start thinking about next year's scholarship application. I'd like to remind you to be eligible for a scholarship **next year**, one requirement is the applicant **or** applicant's parents must attend at least one (1) Michigan FCRV campout this year and camped/stayed overnight one night. The qualifying campouts are: MSA State Spring, MSA State Fall campout and a District campout. So, get out there and camp with your FCRV family and enjoy our wonderful organization.

Thank you to Tails-A-Wagon for the donation to the Scholarship Fund in memory of Shannon Crookedacre. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Teens living at home planning to attend college or a trade school, upon turning 20 years of age, will need to request a 20-year old honorary membership from the Michigan State Director to apply for a free membership. To be eligible for a National or Michigan FCRV scholarship, you must be a **member in good standing**. (See policy below)

Scholarship applications are available on the MSA website, www.mifcrv.org. Be sure to apply for a national scholarship; the contact information is at the bottom of the Michigan scholarship application. For questions contact: Jane Thornton, Scholarship Director 2084 Madsen Rd. – Saginaw, MI 48601 Ph. 989-777-5958 E-mail: scholarship@mifcrv.org.

Jane Thornton, Scholarship Director

POLICY - TWENTY YEAR OLD HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

1. Any single child of an FCRV member in good standing, may at the age of 20, request of the State/Provincial Director that his/her name be placed on the 20 year old honorary membership list. The name, address, and birth date of the 20 year old will be provided to the national office through the State/Provincial Directors.

2. FCRV will extend the membership of a single child through the age of 24 if that individual is in the military or a student in college or technical school. **This extension ceases upon leaving college, release from the military, marriage, or lack of application to the State/Provincial Director EACH year for a membership extension.** At the end of the extension period the member must pay for a renewal at the going rate.

FCRV National Election 2018

Next year we will be electing three Trustee positions as required by our constitution & bylaws. The positions we will be electing next year will be President, Vice President of Programs, and Recording/Corresponding Officer.

The election committee would like to have two candidates for each position. We have many qualified members that would be excellent Trustees. We need you to volunteer to run for one of these positions. Without volunteers, it is very unfair to ask the same people to serve year after year.

Speaking from experience, I can tell you the job of a trustee is not difficult and the friends and experience you will gain is well worth the effort. If you would like more information, please contact me, or one of my committee members.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Campvention:

2018– Meadow Event Park, Ashland, Virginia, July 9-13; Early Days July 7 & 8

- 175 Full hook up sites (parked as you arrive); water/electric only sites will receive one free dump
- **Parking is straight hobo**; arrive together if you want to park together
- Cost is \$290 on or before June 21; \$300 at gate; second family in unit \$135
- One hour to Washington DC; there will be an area on grounds to purchase tickets to some tourist attractions
- Raffle for homemade quilt which has patches from all previous Campventions.

2019– Kansas State Fairground, Hutchinson, KS - July 7-13; Early Day July 5, Noon, \$14

2020—Canada, looking for grounds

Great Lakes Regional Campout:

August 1-5, 2018, Brown County Fairgrounds, De Pere, WI

Hello RVer,

It is time to start getting new members for next year. How? I am not certain, but the more we talk about FCRV the more others will become curious.

Pick up some of the “Come Camp with Us” brochures and leave them at restaurants, feed stores, building supply stores, hardware stores, clothing stores, the hair dresser, etc. If you are having club events, invite friends to join in and make them feel comfortable to be there. Wear some items that advertise camping and FCRV i.e. hats, badges, t-shirts, patches, FCRV club vests, etc.

Word of mouth is the best advertising one can do!

The above is the sole opinion of the editor, Ron O'Dell

RETIREE NEWS!!!

Thanks to all you angels that helped out at the Retiree Rally held in St. Louis at the Church of god Campgrounds. There were lots of Games and meals. We want to thank Pete and Sami Jo Schaub for stepping in for Linda and John; sorry they had to miss it.

It is now time to start planning for the 2018 Rally7. The rally will be September 4-8, 2018. More about next year's Rally to come later.

Mary Lou Heft, State Retiree Director

MSA DELEGATES MEETING !!!

November 4, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

Burton Police Department, 4090 Manor Dr., Burton, MI 48519

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Family Campers & RVers
4804 Transit Road Building #2
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MIFCRV TEEN ROYALTY

Fellow campers,

Thank you to Natures Nuts for hosting State Fall in Gladwin. I had such a wonderful time and it was a fantastic campout.

It is with great honor that I get to write to you again. I am excited to represent Michigan again at nationals this year in Virginia.

I have been extremely busy this year because not only am I attending high school, I am dual enrolled in college. I am taking four college classes that keep me busy all of the time. Alongside of school, I have been playing lots of golf. I never knew how much I could love and hate a sport at the same time. I am active in student leadership and national honors society. I try to volunteer as much as I can.

I am not ready for this camping season to end, but I know that next year will have lots in store for me. I am extremely blessed to belong to such a wonderful organization. Thank you to each and every one of you.

Eternally grateful,
Katie
2017-18 Michigan Teen Queen



Greetings campers,

I am so excited to be your Michigan Teen King this year. I am glad for the opportunity to represent Michigan at nationals.

This year I'm in the seventh grade at Petoskey Middle school. I am running cross country and playing tennis. I am a member of the Boy Scouts where I go hiking and camping in the wilderness. I enjoy listening to music and spending time with my family.

I look forward keeping in touch with you over the next year.

Thank you,
Luke Kurburski
2017-18 Michigan Teen King



FAMILY CAMPERS AND RVers National Scholarship Recipient: 2017

Dear John and Linda, State Directors: Michigan

It is our pleasure to announce that Emily A. Kurburski of Harbor Springs, Michigan has received one of nine National Scholarships awarded this year. Emily is enrolled at Kettering University – Flint in the Business Administration program.

The criteria for a National Scholarship are available on line at the FCRV web site: applicants must demonstrate high academic success; involvement in FCRV activities; participation in community activities and provide two references. This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship America.

FCRV is proud of Emily's accomplishments to date and wishes her success in her academic career.

Carl & Lynda Wood
FCRV National Scholarship Board Directors



Scope Camping Magazine

Canada's first RV camping magazine, **Scope Camping Magazine** has invited MIFCRV to read their magazine. It is free to anyone that wishes to read it. They do have a small request form that asks for your name and where you live (You might be able to just click on ENTER farther down the page).

The Spring 2017 issue is over 100 pages long; with many articles that could be of interest to many of our Michigan campers. One in particular is about the Blue Water Fall Mixer complete with nice pictures. Other articles include: Detroit Institute of Art, Geiger Michigan UP press tour, Birdwatching in Michigan's UP, Wooden Boat Building School, FCRV National Campvention, and many others. Take some time browsing through it and enjoy! You will find the magazine on the Internet at: <http://www.clickoncamping.ca/>



With Deepest Sympathy

Shannon Lee Crookedacre - Age 56, of Flint passed away August 17, 2017 of Glioblastoma brain cancer which he battled for 18 months. He was a member of Family Campers and RVers (FCRV), since 1999. Shannon enjoyed camping, playing sports and karaoke. The family would like to extend a thank you to FCRV of Michigan, United States and Canada, Tails-A-Wagon, Ledge Loafers, and Kindred Hospice for all the special help they provided.



Irene A. Judson March 29, 1934 - May 20, 2018
Judson, Irene A. of Fenton, went home to God on May 20, 2017 Irene loved to travel, was a social gambler, enjoyed and was a member of the Red Hat Society. Irene brought happiness to all who encountered her. She is survived by her son William and wife Julia, grandchildren Brianna Kirby, Ariel Luxton, Joseph Burgess, great grandson Kane Luxton. The Judson's were members of the Still-A-Goin Chapter and her husband John preceded her in death.

Chaplain's Corner

Fall is upon us and winter is fast approaching. Snow and ice will soon be blanketing the lovely state of Michigan. RVs should all be winterized now. Some will be leaving soon for warmer climates while others will remain in Michigan. To all, may God be with you until we all get together again next spring.

Job 37:9-10(KJV)

⁹Out of the south cometh the whirlwind: and cold out of the north.

¹⁰By the breath of God frost is given: and the breadth of the waters is straitened.

THANK
YOU!

On behalf of my family, I would like to say thank you to everyone who has been there for my mother, my brother, and myself! State fall was amazing and it helped us so much being around everyone! It felt like my father was with us the entire time and I cannot say thank you enough for all the support and all the love that this organization has! You guys are truly our family and we are so blessed to be a part of this big family. Strangers become friends and friends become family!!!! We love you all and thank you so much. This weekend was very hard for us to go to since as of today; it has been one month since my father passed and the first campout without him! Love you all! ~ The Crookedacre family.

BLUE WATER MIXER REPORT

Blue Water Mixer at the Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds in Imlay City was a huge success. With a theme of "Welcome to Texas" the Texas heat decided to arrive also. With 41 units on the grounds, 2 staying off grounds and 12-15 day visitors we had a great turn out.

We started the weekend early with 17 units on the grounds Thursday evening. We played games and some just relaxed. Friday started with the in-town ticket game which every unit received 2 tickets, each ticket was a winner at one of 7 businesses that participated with us. The rest of the units were checked in. Many members enjoyed the beef dinner at a church in town which was a fundraiser for them. Most of the members played card bingo in the evening with the prizes furnished by the district.

Saturday was a very busy day which included a centennial breakfast of juice, fruit, Danish, yogurt, toast and more. Adult washer toss (Canadian style) with 30+ players and family games (32 members played) were played in the morning. Many wonderful door prizes were picked up ranging from camper show tickets to toilet chemicals to diesel fuel treatment and much more. We were then treated to two kinds of homemade soups we had Chicken noodle & Beef vegetable and were they so good. Then it came time for a seminar on Medicare and Medicare Supplements. About 20 members attended the seminar and had many questions. When it was time for the evening entertainment we were treated to a dance by our Miss Teen Queen Katie Kurburski, jokes by our Teen King Luke Kurburski, a Puppet skit by the Praise Gang Puppeteers, many more grand prizes, and horse & armadillo race that all in attendance participated in and yes the horse did win in the final heat when the horse and armadillo ran against each other. We finished the evening with ice cream sandwiches (which were very refreshing in the warm weather), campfires, and games.

Sunday morning we had a great church service with the Praise Gang Puppeteers. Then everyone said their goodbyes until next time we see you. Can you believe we did all of these activities?

Next year the theme is the Hatfield's and McCoy's. Are we divided or are we united? Still only \$45.00 If you have not attended a Blue Water Mixer in the past few years you do not know what you are missing. We are very determined to give everyone that attends the best time possible. We have heard that some Michigan FCRV members say why we should go to the Blue Water Mixer they don't come to ours! These members need to remember that we **always** have representatives from the Blue Water District at every district campout and every state campout. The Michigander editor, State Chaplin and most of the Praise Gang Puppeteers live in and are members of the Blue Water District. We only have 3 chapters that are really active and 2 of these chapters have attended most of the campouts and the third chapter attends when they can. We also have a great relationship with our Canadian FCRV family and they help to assist and support us at our campout.

The Blue Water District is committed to rebuilding this great origination but it can't be done by one person, one chapter, or one district. **We all need to work together, and then we will have teamwork in action.**



**So Close,
Yet
Safari
Away
April 27-29
2018**



**2018 FCRV Southeast
District Mixer
Springfield Oaks
Oakland County 4H
Fairgrounds, Davisburg**

Highlights of this year's
event are:
Friday night meal for
donation
Cash Bingo
2 Breakfasts and 1 Dinner
Serengeti Family games
10cent auction
Towel Folding
(must bring own towels)

Make checks payable to:
Southeast District of FCRV
Mail with registration form to: Paul and Diane Jones
387 E Southern Rd
Coldwater MI 49036
313.770.5555
Email dbadjones75@gmail.com

Pre-registration (nonrefundable) \$25.00
Due at registration (cash only) \$30.00
Registration at the gate \$55.00
Registration Deadline: April 12, 2018

Form from the
Michigander



Name: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____

Type of Unit: _____ Size of Unit: _____ Slide Out(s): _____

No. in Family: Adults _____ Teens: _____ Dbl Digits: _____ Youth: _____

_____ Handicapped Parking (with permit) Chapter: _____

_____ Special Dietary Needs (with physician letter). We will do our best to accommodate this
Special Needs (please be specific) _____

Email: _____ Snail Mail: yes _____ no _____

BLUE WATER MINI MIXER
MAY 4-6, 2018
PT. HURON TWP. PARK
WATER ST., PT. HURON, MI
810-982-6765

FEES: PRICE WILL DEPEND ON YOUR CAMPSITE, ELETRIC & WATER OR FULL HOOKUP.
YOU WILL PAY THE PARK FOR YOUR CAMPSITE

***Please CALL CAMPGROUND** (PT. HURON TWP. PARK, WATER ST. (next to Cracker Barrel) PT. HURON, MI **810-982-6765** after **April 15, 2018**) to make your reservation* **and** email Joyce Williams at MIBLUEWATERFCRV@GMAIL.COM (so we know who is coming). Please tell the campground you are with the FCRV group so you will be parked near the lodge.
NO CONFORMATION WILL BE SENT BACK TO YOU

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: ADULT & FAMILY GAMES, SOUP LUNCH, SATURDAY DINNER POTLUCK (**DISTRICT WILL PROVIDE THE CHICKEN FOR SATURDAY DINNER**), SUNDAY POTLUCK BREAKFAST, FUN FOR ALL AGES.
COME HAVE FUN AND RELAX.
2) 50/50 DRAWINGS (SATURDAY) IN PLACE OF ACTIVITY FEE.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
POSTAL CODE

CHAPTER NAME & # _____

EMAIL: _____

UNIT TYPE: _____ LENGTH: _____ SLIDES: _____

IN FAMILY: _____ YOUTH: _____ TEENS: _____

FULL HOOKUP: _____ ELECTRIC & WATER ONLY: _____

HANDICAP AREA: THOSE IN THE HANDICAP AREA MAY NOT BE PARKED WITH THEIR CHAPTER. YOU MUST HAVE A VALID HANDICAP STICKER OR DOCTOR'S NOTE

Form from the
Michigander



“Early Bird Gets The Worm”

MSA State Spring Campout – May 18-20, 2018

Branch County Fairgrounds

262 S Sprague St

Coldwater MI 49036

Mail payment with registration form to:

MSA 2018 State Spring Campout

c/o Diane Jones

387 E Southern Rd.

Coldwater MI 49036

313-770-5555

springregistration@mifcrv.org

Form from the
Michigander



Pre-registration (nonrefundable) \$25.00

Camping Fee per night (full hook-ups) \$25.00

Friday Gate Registration + Camping Fee \$75.00

Early arrivals beginning Thursday, May 17, 2018

Registration Deadline: May 11, 2018

Hosted by the Early Risers Chapter 88

In Celebration of their 50th Anniversary

Make checks payable to:

Michigan State Association/FCRV

2018 State Spring Campout

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

MSA web form

Go Green – your mailback will be sent to the email address provided below.

Which do you prefer: Email my mail back U.S. Mail my mail back

Email address (please print): _____

Chapter Name: _____ Chapter #: _____

Type of Unit: _____ Size of Unit: _____ Slide Out(s): _____

No. in Family: Adults _____ Teens: _____ Dbl Digits: _____ Youth: _____ Pets* _____

*Do you prefer not to be parked by someone with pets yes _____ doesn't matter _____

_____ Handicap parking; we understand we will not be parked with our chapter. We have a valid state handicapped certificate, license, or doctor's certificate.

Questions: Paul/Diane Jones, 313-605-3831 or 313-770-5555

springregistration@mifcrv.org

Total amount enclosed: _____

Check number: _____



2018 GREAT LAKES REGIONAL CAMPOUT



AUGUST 1-5, 2018 BROWN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS DEPERE, WI

Games, Self-Guided Tours, Saturday Evening Meal
Pre-Registration Activity Fee \$15.00 (must be postmarked by July 20, 2018)
Activity Fee at the Gate \$20
Camping Fee - \$25.00 per night (water & electric) payable upon arrival, cash or check

Name _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Adults _____ Youth _____ Teens _____ Special Needs Parking? Yes _____ No _____

Type of Unit _____ Length _____ Number of Slides _____

Second Family in Unit - \$15.00

Name _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Adults _____ Youth _____ Teens _____ Special Needs Parking? Yes _____ No _____

Hosted by Wisconsin, this year's campout will include lots of fun events and food.

Make checks payable to: **Wisconsin Field Directors Fund**

Send pre-registration activity fee only to: Kip & Jan Cushing
2102 88th St.
Kenosha, WI 53143

Questions?: Contact us at kcushing@wi.rr.com or call 262-914-5950 (Jan) or 262-914-5951 (Kip)

Form from the
Michigander

MSA State Fall Campout / Blue Water District Mixer
 Sept 21-23, 2018
 Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds (2 blocks north of I-69)
 Imlay City MI 48444 (between Flint & Pt. Huron)

Mail payment with registration form to:
 MSA 2018 State Fall Campout
 C/O Joyce Williams
 70259 Karen St
 Richmond MI 48062
 586-242-4584
mibluewaterfcrv@gmail.com



Basic power only

Pre-registration (nonrefundable)	\$25.00
Camping fee per night	\$10.00
Total Fri & Sat registration and camping fee	\$45.00

Early arrivals begin on Wednesday September 19

Make checks payable to: **
 Michigan State Association/FCRV

Form from the
 Michigander

Registration Deadline September 12, 2018

** Canadian Registrations WE CAN NOT ACCEPT CANADIAN
 CHECKS PLEASE EMAIL REGISTRATION TO
mibluewaterfcrv@gmail.com

Any Questions call: Joyce Williams 586-242-4584 or email
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Total amount enclosed _____

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2018 State Fall Campout / Blue Water District Mixer

NAME _____

PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

Go Green—your mail back will be sent to the email address provided below.

Which do you prefer _____ Email _____ US Mail

Email address (please print)

Chapter Name _____

Chapter # _____

Type of unit _____ length of unit _____ #of slide outs _____

in family: Adults _____ Teens _____ Double Digits _____

Youth _____ Pets* _____

*Do you prefer to NOT be parked by someone with pets: please DO NOT park
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Our Stay at PLA-MOR Campground

This last August Ida and I have had the pleasure to stay at PLA-MOR Campground for the Indiana Woodcarvers Summer Camp. Along with enjoying the woodcarving, it is a pleasure to camp here.



The campground is just a short drive from the Michigan and Indiana State line. PLA-MOR Campground is located at: 2162 East U.S. 6 – Bremen, IN 46506. Nearby towns include Bremen as well as Nappanee, IN provide shopping and tourist opportunities. Nappanee attractions include the Amish Acres, Coppes Commons, The Nappanee Center, Dutch Village Market, and Antiques on the Square and not too far away are Mishawaka, Elkhart, and South Bend, IN for your larger shopping centers. With the popular Shippshewana, IN just under an hour drive helps make PLA-MOR even more inviting.

Joey & Danielle Frederickson have only owned the campground for about 3 years.

They both have experience with campground management prior to purchasing PLA-MOR. They live on the grounds with their family. Joey has been very helpful to us both times that we have camped there. He is quick to take care of any problems that should arise and is professional as well as courteous.

Touring around the campground one might find fishing ponds, a lovely 18-hole putt-putt golf course, camp store, horseshoe pits, a driving range, there are playgrounds for the kids, lovely RV lots and much more. Some of the amenities like the putt-putt golf and the driving range do have small additional fees. There is also a large clubhouse that can be rented for company picnics, RV Rallies, etc. The 2018 Civil War Reenactment will be here the weekend before Father's Day.



The new pool will be a much welcomed addition!

PLA-MOR is an older campground that started by the previous owners. It started as a family camping area and grew from there. The original campground was in the woods and later expanded to the West. Another large addition was added in the 1990's including many more campsites and other upgrades.

The new owners are in the process of upgrading the campground in stages. One upgrade that was in the process at the time of our visit is a new swimming pool! In the future they intend to add "buddy sites" where campers can group camp in a circle with a center gathering area.

As far as the rates go they are reasonable in my opinion with varying prices according to what you get. Water & electric only was \$27 a night while full hookups with 50 amp electric, water & sewer were \$33 per night. Weekly, monthly, and seasonal rates are available too.

For more information about PLA-MOR Campground go to: <http://pla-mor.net>
For more information about the Indiana Woodcarvers Summer Camp visit: <https://indianawoodcarverssummercamp.wordpress.com/>

Hope you enjoyed this review by Michigander Editor Ron O'Dell



Tent camping too!



Overview of 18-hole putt-putt course



Camping in the woods

