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"Family Fun Through Camping in Michigan"



2025 Campout Announcements

May 2-4, State Spring, St. Louis, MI
 July 20-26, Campvention, Lebanon, TN
 July 26-27, Great Lakes Regional, Lebanon, TN
 August 22-24, Summer Mixer, Charlevoix, MI
 September 1-5, Retiree Rally, St. Louis, MI
 September 5-7, State Fall, St. Louis, MI

Note: click on the blue link for registration forms; web version.

<https://mifcrv.org/calendar/default.htm>

Registration forms are published in the electronic edition
 posted on our website: www.mifcrv.org , *Calendar of Events*
Please support the many activities scheduled for 2024.

Editor's Note: Please submit campout registrations
 (Word preferred) by email:
kkurburski@gmail.com
 Be sure to include **DOCUMENTATION** for any
 pictures or clipart.

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March 10 for the April issue

June 10 for the July issue

September 10 for the October issue

You can start **TODAY** by sending articles to
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President's Message

Hello Fellow Campers,

The 2025 camping season has begun in full swing. Check the website for all the upcoming campouts. As an attempt to increase our attendance, please plan on bringing another camper to enjoy our camping fun.

As I step down as president, I wish the new board success, as they endeavor to serve MSA in the future. As we all know, serving as Officers, Directors, and committee chairs are all volunteers, and we must commend and thank them.

We are embarking on a new camping season in 2025, please try to attend the 2025 State Fall Campout as MSA celebrates our 60th anniversary in FCRV. A fantastic celebration is being planned. Looking forward to seeing all of you and enjoying the fun and camaraderie this camping season.

Yours in Camping,

Pete Schaub
MSA President



STATE DIRECTOR NEWS

Ah, the first warmth (and mud) of spring! I just hung clothes out on the line for the first time this year. Otto is trying out for baseball. It's undeniable spring is on it's way! And with it comes a (slightly) changed camping schedule from the many years in the past. We usually expect the State Spring Campout in the middle of May, but this year we get to see each other sooner! I'm so excited to see you all, but you might need this extra reminder to get your registration in right away, since State Spring is now May 2-4. They have a lot of fun things scheduled; you won't want to miss out!

Speaking of that camping schedule, please get your chapter, district and state campout information and registration forms to me and/or Paul Jones to get them on the web. It's important to get this information out as soon as possible, as many people are planning this year's vacation schedule now.

Where should you go this year? Everywhere! There's no shortage of options on the camping schedule this year. If you factor in Campvention and the Great Lakes Region campouts, you could camp most weekends of the next 6 months. The schedule is included in the Michigander, so check it out and get adventurous!

Record keeping... possibly the most boring part of any job. But, it has it's place to keep people up-to-date on communications. I've been finding inaccuracies in our record keeping for Michigan in the FCRV database. Further, an expansion of this database's capabilities now allows us to put in a secondary e-mail. I want to be able to keep in touch with all of you! If you would kindly reach out to me, I would like to update your information.

I'm sure I have so much more to tell you, but we can catch up when I see you at campouts this spring!

Marci

Summary of Information:

1. Get your registration in for the State Spring Campout happening (a little early) May 2-4
2. Get your campout information into the State Director and/or Webmaster asap
3. Check out the camping schedules for planning your year.
4. Please confirm your e-mail address, phone number and physical address with the State Director.



Chaplain's Corner

Spring is on the way! Here in Northern California the birds are chirping, the flowers are blossoming, and some of the fruit trees have started losing the petals from the blossoms. The rain has helped bring back the green that the Thompson Fire destroyed last summer.

I have been watching my Michigan home on my security cameras and have seen how hard the winter there must have been for some. Even there, the grass is showing again. I am sure some of you are looking forward to the refreshing newness that of Spring brings.

As God has the power to renew the earth, he has given us the power of a new life through His son Jesus. Praying for all of us to be able to get together again at the State Spring Campout in May.

John 3:17(KJV)

For God sent **not** his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Scholarship News

Spring is in the air which means graduation is not far off. Time to gather the required documents and complete your scholarship application for submittal. Scholarship deadline and requirements as follows:

- 1) Application deadline: June 1st
- 2) All applications mailed by U.S. mail must have a legible post office marked date stamp on the envelope to be accepted for judging. Applications emailed will be accepted by the date and time on the email.
- 3) Applicants must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average based on a 4.0 grading scale.
- 4) The applicant or applicant's parents must have attended at least one (1) Michigan FCRV campout in the previous year and camped/stayed overnight one night. The qualifying campouts are: MSA State Spring, MSA State Fall campout and a District campout.

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's 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. Looking forward to seeing you somewhere down the road!!

Jane Thornton, Scholarship Director

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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.

MSA State Spring Campout

As you plan your camping calendar for the 2025 camping season, we would like to share a few things you will need to bring when you pack for the MSA State Spring Campout.

- Quarters for Bingo Friday Evening
- Scissors, glue gun and glue sticks if you have them for a basket craft. There will be a nominal charge
- Dimes and Donations for the Dime Auction
- Potluck dish to share for Saturday Dinner
- Your favorite dessert to donate to the Dessert Auction

Proceeds from the two auctions will benefit our 60th Anniversary at this year's MSA State Fall Campout.



Summer Mixer in Charlevoix

Mark your calendars, there will be a summer mixer August 22-24 in Northern Michigan! More details to come in the next issue of the Michigander!

Recipe Corner

This camping season, don't forget to send in your favorite recipes to share with others!!!

DASAT

Hello Campers, Happy Spring!

Camping season is just around the corner. Hopefully everyone is ready, I know Doreen and I are.

Spring is here and along with springtime is yard work, prepping for camping, and time change, just to name a couple things. Did everyone change the batteries and test your fire/smoke/carbon monoxide alarms and monitors at home and in your RV.

Mother nature sure has been interesting the last few months throwing a little bit of everything at us. Everything from wildfires, rain, flooding, snowstorms, freezing rain. Which is all the more reason we should be making plans as to what to do if mother nature cuts loose on us or some man-made mishap occurs.

It seems we do a lot of planning for things whether we realize it or not. We plan for meals, family get togethers, travel/camping, running errands, shopping, emergency, and non-emergency situations and so on. Our plans usually include ourselves, family, and friends etc.

One of the things to think about when making your plans is do they include your pets, especially emergency plans. If a mishap or crisis occurs, do you have enough supplies for your fur babies? Do you have an emergency kit for your pets, do you know what your kit should contain? Do you know where pet kennels are located or what their rules and requirements are if needed? If you have to stay in a shelter due to a weather-related crisis, natural or man-made disaster, or for some other reason do you know where to go, what to take with you and do they accept pets? Not all shelters accept pets although some are more moving forward to do so.

These are just some questions you need answer and plan for.

In case you're not aware National Pet {Animal} Preparedness Day is the second Saturday of May. This year it's May 10.

Safe Travels and Have a Safe and Happy Camping Season.

Respectfully,

Tom Lewis
Michigan State DASAT Director
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989-640-1181



Prepare Your Pets for Disasters

Your pets are important member of your family! This is why they should be included in your family's emergency plan.


To prepare for the unexpected, keep your pets in mind as you follow these tips:

1. Make a plan.
2. Build an emergency kit.
3. Stay informed.

Make a Plan

If you have a plan in place for you and your pets, you will likely encounter less difficulty, stress and worry when you need to make a decision during an emergency.

THINGS TO INCLUDE IN YOUR PLAN:

-  **Know what to do with your pet during an evacuation .** Many public shelters and hotels do not allow pets inside. Know a safe place where you can take your pets before disasters and emergencies happen.
- **Develop a buddy system.** Plan with neighbors, friends or relatives to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so.
- **Have copies of your pet's vaccination record, and make sure your pet is microchipped.** Keep your address and phone number up-to-date and include an emergency contact outside of your immediate area.
- **Keep contact information for your local emergency management office or animal control office and shelters on hand** in case you become separated from your pet.

Build a Kit for your Pet


Just as you do with your family's emergency supply kit, think first about the basics for survival.

Review your kit regularly to ensure that their contents are fresh.




HERE ARE SOME ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN AN EMERGENCY KIT FOR YOUR PET:

- **Food and Water.** Keep several days' supply of both.
- Keep food in an airtight, waterproof container, and have a water bowl to use.



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- **Medicine.** Keep an extra supply of the medicine your pet takes on a regular basis in a waterproof container.
- **First aid kit.** Include items appropriate for your pet's emergency medical needs.
- **Backup collar with ID tag and a harness or leash.** Have copies of your pet's registration information in a waterproof container and available electronically. 
- **Traveling bag, crate or sturdy carrier** for each pet.
- **Grooming items.** Pet shampoo and other items, in case your pet needs some cleaning up. 
- **A picture of you and your pet together.** If you become separated from your pet, a picture will help you document ownership and allow others to assist you in identifying your pet.
- **Sanitation needs.** Include pet litter and litter box, trash bags and other items to provide for your pet's sanitation needs.
- **Familiar items.** Put favorite toys, treats or bedding in your kit to reduce stress for your pets. 

Stay Informed

Stay informed of current conditions and know how you will receive emergency alerts and warnings.

Download the FEMA app to get weather alerts for up to five different locations anywhere in the United States.

Always bring your pets indoors at the first sign or warning of a storm. For more information about how to prepare your pets, visit [Ready.gov/pets](https://www.ready.gov/pets).

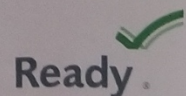


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Campout Dates for 2025

Start Date	End Date	Location	Chapter Sponsoring	Additional Details
May 2	May 4	Church of God Campground St. Louis, MI	State Spring Campout	
July 20	July 26	Wilson County Fairgrounds Lebanon, TN	National Campvention	
July 26	July 27	Wilson County Fairground Lebanon, TN	Great Lakes Regional	
August 22	August 24	Charlevoix Family Campground Charlevoix, MI	Summer Mixer	
August 29	September 1	River Country Campground	Traverse Bay Travelers	
September 1	September 5	Church of God Campground St. Louis, MI	Michigan Retiree Rally	
September 5	September 7	Church of God Campground St. Louis, MI	State Fall Campout	

2025 GREAT LAKES REGION CAMPING SCHEDULE

April:

April 10-13	TENNESSEE	Lebanon	Wilson County Fairgrounds	Campvention Teams
April 25-27	INDIANA	New Castle	Cornerstone Campground	State Spring Invitational
April 25-27	OHIO STARS	Wapakoneta	Auglaize County Fairgrounds	Ohio Stars North Central

May:

May 2-4	MICHIGAN	St. Louis	Church of God Campground	State Spring Campout
May 16-18	OHIO STARS	Archbold	Sauder Village	Ohio Stars May Rally

June:

June 6-8	OHIO	Homerville	Camp HiYo	State Spring Campout
June 20-22	OHIO STARS	Port Clinton	Tall Timbers Campground	Ohio Stars June Rally

July:

July 11-15	MISSOURI	Herman	Herman State Park	
July 20-26	TENNESSEE	Lebanon	Wilson County Fairgrounds	Campvention
July 26-27	TENNESSEE	Lebanon	Wildon County Fairgrounds	Great Lakes Regional

August:

August 22-24	INDIANA	Nashville	Friends O Mine Campground	State Summer Campout
August 22-24	OHIO STARS	Zanesville	Wolfie's Campground	Ohio Stars August Rally
August 26-Sept 1	MICHIGAN	Evart	River Country Campground	Traverse Bay Travellers Chapter

September:

September 2-4	MICHIGAN	St. Louis	Church of God Campground	Retiree Rally
September 5-7	MICHIGAN	St. Louis	Church of God Campground	State Fall Campout
September 12-14	OHIO STARS	Lebanon	KOA	Ohio Stars September Rally

* Reservations must be made by 11/21/2024 *

September 19-21	QUACKERS	Indiana	Salamonie State Park	Midwest Quackers Annual
(Midwest Quackers is a chapter for Region/State/Field Directors. If you're interested in becoming a Region/State/Field Director, please contact Connie Black for information on chapter/position.)				

October:

October 1-3	INDIANA	Retiree	Shipshewana Campground North	
October 10-12	OHIO STARS	Nevada	Foxfire Campground	Ohio Stars Halloween Rally
October 17-19	OHIO STARS	Nevada	Foxfire Campground	Ohio Stars Turkey Roast

For more information, contact:

Angie Shaneyfelt for Indiana/Kentucky
Rhonda O'Neal for Illinois/Missouri

Amy DeCamp for Ohio Stars
Linda Hennie for Ohio

Marci McIntosh for Michigan
Connie Black for Wisconsin

M & M Campout

(Meet Us In The Middle)

May 2 – 4, 2025

2025 MSA State Spring Campout

St. Louis Church of
God Campground
8489 North Bagley
Rd
St. Louis, MI 48880

pre-registration (nonrefundable)\$25.00

Make checks payable to: Michigan State Assn/FCRV

And mail with registration form to:

Dawn Webb

6033 Sheridan

Saginaw MI 48601

989-780-3792

Email Dawnmw@chartermi.net

Camping Fees will be paid at the Campground Office

Early Arrivals May 1, 2025

Highlights of this year's event are:

Bingo with SammyJo

Saturday Night Potluck (Meat Provided)

Family games

10cent auction

Praise Gang Church Service

Fun Surprises see campout booklet

Registration Deadline: April 22, 2025

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: _____ Pets _____

_____ Handicapped Parking (with permit) Chapter: _____

Special Needs (please be specific) _____

Email: _____ Snail Mail: yes no

**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 (June 23-29)	\$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.



MSA Retiree Rally

September 1-5, 2025

St. Louis Campground

8489 N. Bagley Road, St. Louis, MI 48880

989-681-2581



Join us for the annual MSA Michigan Retiree Rally! It is several days of fun, food, games, and other planned activities. Bring a member or guest and enjoy your time while visiting St. Louis. Come catch up with our camping family.

You do NOT have to be retired to join us!

Food provided includes:

- Breakfast Tuesday-Thursday
- Friday Breakfast Potluck...bring an item and we will cook it!
- One potluck dinner with meat provided.
- All other meals are on your own.

A donation will be made to the Gratiot County Food Bank.

Bring items for the dime auction.

Camping Fee is \$25 per night payable to the campground when you arrive for the rally. Indicate the MSA Retiree Rally to receive the discount camping rate.

Apartments and cabins are available to rent. You must call the campground in advance to reserve.

Food/Activity Fee: \$25 per person payable on arrival.

For planning purposes, PLEASE let Jim/Donna know on or before August 15, 2025:

Jim/Donna Setzler

jimsetzler@gmail.com

734-497-5380

Questions: Call Mary Lou Heft, Michigan State Retiree Director, 1-616-706-2543.

Reminder: *MSA's 60 Anniversary* will be celebrated at the State Fall Campout immediately following the Retiree Rally. Early arrivals begin Thursday. We hope you plan to attend this exciting celebration!



MSA's 60th Anniversary Celebration

2025 MSA State Fall Campout
September 5-7, 2025



Early arrival any day! *

St. Louis Campground is a public campground; you may arrive at any time!

St. Louis Campground
8489 Bagley Road, St. Louis, MI

This is an exciting year for our Michigan State Association as we plan for the celebration of our 60th Anniversary. We are looking forward to celebrating with you! Come enjoy the lovely grounds and St. Louis area. We have many new things planned for this celebration!

The camping fee is \$25 per night payable upon arrival at the campground office. You must let them know you are with FCRV to receive the discount camping fee. There are two **apartments and several cabins** available to rent at this campground. You **must** call the campground in advance to reserve...we recommend the sooner the better. They are very popular!

Bring an item Friday morning for a breakfast potluck...we will cook it for you! Dinner Friday and Saturday night will be provided. Donuts and coffee will be served on Saturday morning. There will be games and prizes! **Please** register by the deadline for meal planning purposes.

We hope to see you in St. Louis!

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
FCRV Membership Number _____ Expiration Date _____
Type of Unit: _____ Length of Unit: _____ Slide Out (s): _____ Handicap parking _____
No. in Family: Adults: _____ Young Adults: _____ Teens: _____ Youth: _____

PLEASE return this registration form with the non-refundable Activity Fee of **\$5 per adult*** with a check made payable to **Michigan State Assn/FCRV** no later than **August 15** to:

John/Linda English
PO Box 215
Quincy, MI 49082
Lenglish127@gmail.com
248.797.5030 (Linda's Cell)

Check number: _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

***Our MSA Board has approved the reduced activity fee for this campout only.**