

# Bluebonnet Banner

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## Upcoming Events

July 3-9 FCRV National Campventure, Sedalia MO

Sep 20-24 Chapter 89 Retiree Campout, Gun Barrel City

Nov 25-29 TSA Fall Campventure, Red Oak RV Park, Hempstead TX

2010  
Mar 23-28 National Retiree Rally, Fair Grounds, Ladsen SC

May 27-23 Texas Retiree Rally, Antique Capital RV Park, Gladewater TX

May 28-31 Texas Director Fun Campout & Spring Campventure, Gladewater TX

Jun 2010 Regional Rally

Jul 2010 National Campvention

## TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF THE FCRV Founded as National Campers & Hikers Association

### President's Ponderings

by George Cross

#### SPRING CAMPVENTURE

The Spring Campventure was fantastic, fun, frolic that we all hated to see it end. The campground owners and staff were more than helpful and the facilities were great!! We all had a wonderful time. I personally did not have time to visit the antique shops, but it gives me something to look forward to for future trips to the Gladewater area. The highlight of the Campventure was the goodie walk and auction, which had a large participation and everyone had a good time.

We had 25 rigs for the Campventure with plenty of room for additional rigs. So if you were not able to attend, maybe we can meet there next Spring.

TSA collected about \$320 from the goodie walk, auction, and activity fee. That is approximately the amount we have made in the past.

#### TSA BUSINESS

It is time to start thinking about the

future leadership of TSA. I have selected a nominating committee to select our leaders for 2010-2011. The nominating committee consists of Mike Cross (Chairperson), Judy Elenburg, Lonnie Cook, Warren Leith and Jean Leith. I would like to thank each member for agreeing to serve on this committee.

Anyone who wants to run for a Board of Director position needs to have their Chapter nominate them for the position. The Chapter president then will send in your nomination to the Nominating Committee. You can contact Mike by emailing him at [md.cross@yahoo.com](mailto:md.cross@yahoo.com).

I am eligible to run for the Presidency for one more term and plan to do so unless someone else would like to have the position. Joy Searcy, our treasurer, also has agreed to run again. That leaves the positions of Vice President and Secretary open. We must fill these positions to remain a working organization. None of the leadership positions require much time or

work, but each has some responsibility that will need leadership for the position's activities.

#### NATIONAL CAMPVENTION

The TSA members are doing a tremendous job of supporting the National Campvention activities. Many are planning to attend. The Campvention starts July 3 and ends July 9. If you have not made your reservations, you need to do so. A registration form is in the newsletter.

#### RETIREEES CHAPTER 89 MEETING

This activity is scheduled to take place at Gun Barrel City on September 20-24, 2009. All FCRV retirees that are interested in joining us are invited to attend. Contact Catherine Singleton for information and reservations.

#### FALL CAMPVENTURE

The Retirees of Texas, Chapter 89, is hosting the Fall Campventure. It will be held at Red Oak RV Ranch just outside of Hempstead, Texas. The dates are November 25-29, 2009. Please find the registration form in the Blue Bonnet Banner and follow the instructions to register

Game of Joker's Wild



# TEXAS TALES

## News From Around The State

### Humble Wildcatters

Hi Wildcatters,

We had a good time in May and missed all of those who were not there. We had a new guest at the last meeting, Tom Morgan. Tom used to be a Wildcatter and he was invited to become a Wildcatter again. As some of you may know, Jeannine was diagnosed with cancer and is scheduled for treatment in the upcoming weeks. We ask that everyone keep her in their prayers. We raised over \$500 at the Annual Garage Sale – thank you for all who participated and donated items to sell.

The June campout will be at Magnolia Lakes in Goodrich. The road has been re-routed, so keep an eye out for the change.

Jerry Reasner,  
President

### Long Tall Texans

Here is some information regarding the Long Tall Texans. If you are interested in finding out more about our group – make sure you email us at [everich@sbcglobal.net](mailto:everich@sbcglobal.net) or [bethamilton@gmail.com](mailto:bethamilton@gmail.com). We have been in existence for 45 years and are in North Texas. We camp monthly – year round. We support different causes as the need arises. Currently the Texas Teen King & Queen are from this chapter.

### Penthouse Campers

Several of the Penthouse Campers were able to attend the Spring Campventure in Gladewater. To those who were unable to attend – you were missed. Here are some upcoming dates to put on your calendar:

June Eat Out – June 3 at Antonio's Mexican Restaurant in Burleson. Host – Doyle & Sandra Jones  
Campvention in Sedalia – July 3-9. Those who are going plan to leave the last of June  
July – no Eat Out or newsletter as most will be at the Campvention  
August Eat Out Host – Larry & Pat Searcy

### San Jacinto Texans

We have a tentative schedule for the campouts for the rest of the year. Each wagonmaster is to make the campground reservations. The listing is as follows:  
June – Sergeant Wagonmasters: James

July Coushatta No Wagonmaster  
needed as Howard has the Fourth of July celebration.

August Happy Oaks Wagonmasters:  
Shuemakers

September Red Oak Wagonmasters:  
Shuemakers

October Coushatta Wagonmaster is  
needed

November Coushatta No Wagonmaster  
needed

December Coushatta No Wagonmaster  
needed

Lee has given Howard the list of reservation dates our club needs for the rest of the year at Coushatta but so far has not received a confirmation.

### Texas Retirees

Chapter 89, part of the Texas Retirees will have a campout in September – we will be planning for the Fall Campventure in November since we are the hosts. Send your suggestions to Catherine Singleton at [kates891@embarqmail.com](mailto:kates891@embarqmail.com)

### Weatherford Melonbusters

Mellon Busters are down in members and if one or two are not going; there is no camp out for that month. We still have a place that 2 campers can still camp and get the building. Ken has been real good about that at Garner, Texas on Hwy. 180. West of Weatherford. We have not camped lately because several have been gone. I was on a 2 week cruise. Hornsby's were gone to Arizona and California.

Everett Paramore, President Melon Busters

# Enjoy Your RV – Take It and Your Family Camping

By Jerry Reasner



Playing 42 at the Spring  
Campventure

*"One may also find that the national organizations have state organizations like the Texas State Association of the FCRV –*

*<http://tsatexas.tripod.com>*

*There are also local chapters affiliated with both the national and state FCRV organization. Some clubs have a web site that gives information about the club, their camping schedule, and how to contact them."*

Summer is upon us. For many of us with new or almost new Recreational Vehicles (RV's) it is time to think about getting your RV ready to take out and find a place to go camping. One may see a number of different types of RVs - there are pop up tent trailers, "tow behind" trailers, 5<sup>th</sup> wheel trailers, and a variety of motor homes. After a number of years, many of us who have RVs tend to not take them out as often as they did when they were new.

Most RVs represent a substantial investment, from a couple of thousand dollars to several hundred thousand dollars. Using your RV is a great way to get away and enjoy our time off, while protecting your investment. This is especially true now that our economy demands that we watch our money a little closer. RV parks typically cost less on a nightly basis than a hotel. Most of the time we are camping we will prepare our meals in our RV and that can also provide substantial savings when compared to many restaurants. Another important aspect of RV camping is the other campers we meet when camping in our RV. Lifelong friends have been made through camping.

RV parks provide a variety of services such as water, power and sewer. Some RV parks provide Wi-Fi, recreational rooms, and playgrounds. Occasionally one will find a RV park with a swimming pool; RV store, restaurant and some have a fishing pond or lake available for the campers. There are RV Park directory books available that list most of the RV parks in the United States. One such RV Park directory book is the Trailer Life RV Park directory ([www.trailerlifedirectory.com](http://www.trailerlifedirectory.com)). RV Park directory books normally list the services available at a RV park, the number of spaces in the park; if the spaces are pull through or back in, and if the spaces and roads are graveled or paved. There is other information such as electrical connections, park contact information and location information.

Many of those who own RVs belong to RV clubs. There are a number of RV clubs in our general area. Some of them are affiliated with national RV and camping groups like the Family Camping and RV club (FCRV) ([www.fcrv.org](http://www.fcrv.org)). One may also find that the national organizations have state organizations like the Texas State Association of the FCRV (<http://tsatexas.tripod.com/>). There are also local chapters affiliated with both the national and state FCRV organization. Some clubs have a web site that gives information about the club, their camping schedule, and how to contact them. One can search the Internet for other RV clubs, or contact one of the national RV camping organizations' for their local affiliated clubs. The Good Sam RV Club ([www.goodsam.com](http://www.goodsam.com)) is probably the best known RV club. Being a Good Sam member gets one a discount at many of the RV parks, and there are Good Sam RV Clubs that have monthly campouts. There are other national RV clubs such as Passport America (<http://www.passport-america.com/>) that gives its members a 50% discount at participating RV parks. It is common to caravan to a RV Park so if one RV has a problem, there is another RV rig close to provide assistance.

RV club members play games of various kinds such as '42' or card games. Club members go out to eat together or have pot luck dinners. Some clubs bring in guest speakers for club meetings. Many local RV clubs do community service when needed. If you are a new RV owner, a camping club is a great way to get help with general maintenance and operational aspects of your RV. There are also group specific RV clubs such as those who have the same RV manufacture, the RV dealer, or other commonalities.

We enjoy our RV. We say to everyone who has a RV - enjoy it – take it and your family and go RV'ing!

## Texas Members Updates

Please keep the following Texas members in your thoughts and prayers:

Jeannine Coleman  
John Trimble  
Linda Zanfino  
Nick Ecklor  
Dave & Rita Blair

Send any updates to Pam & Lawrence Phillips at [pamphillips@netzero.com](mailto:pamphillips@netzero.com)

### Youth

Hi! I would like to remind everyone going to Nationals in Sedalia, Mo that if you have free time, I could use help with the Youth. I have a lot of fun activities planned. I hope to see you at a campout.

Youth Director,  
Judy Elenburg



### Texas Teen Queen

Hi Y'all,

Things are very busy for Mom and me. We are working on gifts, buttons (yes, there will be one for you!), talent, and I am designing my dress for the Pageant (with the help of Nana). I hope you all like it.

I had to go to my dance recital and we could not go

to the Spring camp out. I missed all of you.

I plan to have a lot of fun this July at National and I hope to see you there. Please be careful and have a safe trip.

Love,  
Hayley Varner  
Miss Texas 2009



# Military Project

The TSA of the FCRV as a service organization has been collecting items to send to our troops in the service. At the Spring Campventure, we collected all kinds of goodies to send overseas. We also had donations of over \$125 to help with the shipping. Here is a picture of what was collected.

This project will also be done at National Campvention in Sedalia MO. If you would like to participate, there is a list of items in the newsletter, along with pictures of some of the men & women who have received the distributions.



## Chaplain's Corner

By Paula Green

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day, a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. As an American, we enjoy the freedom to worship as we wish due to men and women fighting for your rights.

Our Lord has shown us what we need to do – 2 Chronicles 7:14 – “if my people (us), who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and

turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land”. Paul tells us in 1 Timothy 2:1, 2 – “I urge, then, first of all, that request, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness”.

In these scriptures, we are being told to pray and seek God in all that we do. No matter if we believe or understand all that is going on around us now, as His people, we should pray that His will is done.

In Proverbs 28:2 we are

told that “When a country is rebellious, it has many rulers, but a man of understanding and knowledge maintains order”, which is telling us that we need to be men and women of understanding – and to pray for our leaders (Prov 21:1).

We need to remember that as God's people, no matter how we feel about what is going on around us, we need to keep the men and women in our armed forces in our prayers. We also need to remember to pray for our leaders – from the President on down to local leadership to seek the heart of the Lord as they lead us.

Yes – it is that time of year. The Texas State Association holds elections every two years. The President of the TSA asked for volunteers and selected a committee of five members and designated a chairman. Each member Chapter may submit a list of nominees for the four elected officers to the Nominating Committee **on or before August 1 of each election year**. The nominating committee shall prepare a ballot containing a slate of nominees, including each nominee submitted by each member Chapter, not later than September 1.

The offices of the Texas State Association of FCRV/NCHA shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. These officers shall be active camping members in good standing and serve without compensation.

The **President** shall be the Chief Executive officer of the Association, and Chairman of the Board of Directors. The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership, and at meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are put into effect. The President shall appoint the Chairman and members of all standing committees. The President shall have the power to appoint a qualified member to fill vacancies arising in standing committees. The President shall have the general powers and duties vested in that office.

The **Vice-President** shall serve in the capacity of the President in the absence of the President. The Vice-President shall have the general powers and duties usually vested in that office. The Vice-President shall be responsible for

planning and coordinating any TSA Rally.

The **TSA Secretary** shall be responsible for keeping the minutes at all TSA meetings and reading these minutes at any meeting of the TSA when requested to do so by the presiding officer. Distribute copies of all minutes to members of the Executive Board and Bluebonnet Banner editor to be published. Make a record of the roll call and have custody of these records at all times during the tenure of the office, with the understanding that all such records belong to the TSA and must be surrendered to the new TSA Secretary, or to the TSA president upon their resignation of that office. The Secretary shall file the reports of the Standing Committee Chairpersons and special committees after they are presented and approved. Have a copy of the current TSA Constitution and Bylaws available at all TSA meetings for ready reference. Send out notices of regular and special meetings to the Executive Board and Bluebonnet Banner editor to be published. Receive and record all the membership dues from Chapters and Members-at-Large. Prepare and distribute to all Chapters and Members-at-Large voting material for the TSA election of officers and amendment changes to the Constitution and Bylaws.

The **Treasurer** shall have custody of all funds, securities, and assets of the Association except the Scholarship Fund. The

Treasurer shall be responsible for collecting all dues and keeping full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Association. The Treasurer shall pay current operating expenses which have been approved by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall be audited yearly. The Treasurer, with the approval of the Executive Board may allow Committee Chairpersons to control funds for their Committee. These Chairpersons must report fund activities to the Board of Directors with a written financial statement to the Treasurer.

If you are interested in running for any of the above offices, you will need to be nominated by your club and the club president will submit your name to the chairman of the Nominating Committee.



Your Nominating Committee is Lonnie Cook, Judy Elenburg, Jean Leith, Mike Cross (Chairman) and Warren Leith. Chapter presidents can reach Mike Cross at [md.cross@yahoo.com](mailto:md.cross@yahoo.com) for any nominations or questions.

## Winding Roads – by Joe Schmidt



Thanks to Joe Schmidt for allowing us to use his drawings. For more "Winding Roads" go to [www.joestoons.com](http://www.joestoons.com)

## The Flag and Its Folds

*Have you ever wondered if there was special significance to the folds of the U.S. Flag? In honor of Memorial Day and in anticipation of Independence Day, I have found the information. Keep this in mind when you see the Flag folded.*  
- Dawn

### Meaning of Flag Folding Program

The flag folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which our great country was originally founded.

The portion of the flag denoting honor is the canton of blue containing the stars representing states our veterans served in uniform. The canton field of blue dresses from left to right and is inverted only when draped as a pall on the casket of a veteran who has served our country honorably in uniform.

In the Armed Forces of the United States, at the ceremony of retreat, the flag is lowered, folded in a triangle fold and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nation's honored dead. The next morning it is brought out and, at the ceremony of reveille, run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body.



### Symbols for the folds of the Flag

**The first fold** of our flag is a symbol of life.

**The second fold** is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.

**The third fold** is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

**The fourth fold** represents our weaker nature; for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace, as well as in times of war, for His divine guidance.

**The fifth fold** is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."

**The sixth fold** is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**The seventh fold** is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

**The eighth fold** is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies

on Mother's Day.

**The ninth fold** is a tribute to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

**The tenth fold** is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first born.

**The eleventh fold**, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

**The twelfth fold**, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost. When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance, of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.



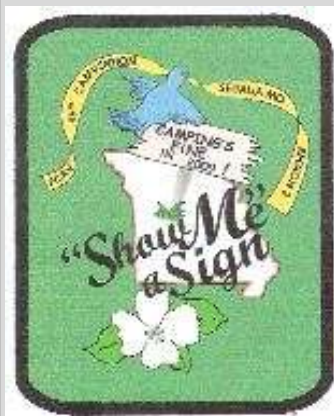
## TAPS

*Of all the military bugle calls, none is so easily recognized or more apt to render emotion than Taps. Up to the Civil War, the traditional call at day's end was a tune, borrowed from the French, called Lights Out. In July of 1862, in the aftermath of the bloody Seven Days battles, hard on the loss of 600 men and wounded himself, Union General Daniel Adams Butterfield called the brigade bugler to his tent. He thought "Lights Out" was too formal and he wished to honor his men.*

While there are no "official words" to the tune, these are some of the most popular -

Day is done,  
gone the sun,  
From the hills,  
from the lake,  
From the skies.  
All is well,  
safely rest,  
God is nigh.





**Pre-registration Fees:**

Electric, Water, &  
Sewer \$200.00  
Camp pass \$165.00  
Daily camp pass  
\$35.00 per family (daily  
camp pass - No Vendor  
Bucks)

**At Gate Registration  
Fees:**

Camping \$230.00  
Camp pass \$195.00

All funds should be in  
US Currency. Make  
check or money order  
payable to:

FCRV Campvention  
2009.

Mail to: Florence Fox -  
5301 SW 31st Terrace  
- Topeka, KS 66614-  
4007

## *Camping's Fine in 2009 – Show Me a Sign*

By Charla Yost

It is spring as I write this and it is 90 degrees. Can summer be far behind? Plans for the 49th National Campvention are almost complete. We still need volunteers to help in lots of areas, so if you want to help out please give us a call at 817-247-3475 or e-mail us at [charlayost@aol.com](mailto:charlayost@aol.com).

The Campvention will be a busy one for those coming. We have great entertainment every night, lots of seminars on many different topics, pet parades, people parades, commercial vendors, tours, teen pageant, outdoor movies for the kids and adults, 4th of July fireworks on grounds (free), a classic car show (free), SPC walks, and much, much more.

The new Retiree King and Queen, David and Connie Long, are from Kansas and our own Region 2. They will be at the National Campvention and would love to meet all of you. Connie is the 2009 National Campvention Crafts

Chairman and she has wonderful crafts planned for you. Our Region will be represented at the Teen Queen Pageant by Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Texas. We all need to come and root for all for them!

Parking will be **Hobo**. You will be parked in the order you come in the gate. If you wish to park together, you will have to come in together. A list of staging areas and campgrounds for members to meet will be available. Your hosts hope that members will try this concept with an open mind and really park Hobo. Positive responses to hobo parking were received with registration information at the 2009 Campvention booth, and when it was announced on stage, there was a lot of applause at Campvention in Centre Hall this summer. If you arrive on the Early Days, you will be parked at the site you will occupy during Campvention, another good reason for Hobo parking.

**ALL SITES HAVE ELECTRIC, SEWER, AND WATER.** NO extra cords and hoses will be needed. The sites are on grass.

Campers who do **not** Pre-Register will be parked in the last row of the campground. Parking in the west campground will be pull-thrus for most. You will not have to unhook your "toad" when you enter the grounds if you are in the west campground.

There is a large pavilion in the west campground that may be reserved for group get-togethers. A schedule will be posted at the pavilion and may be used by anyone when not reserved.

Hope to see you In Sedalia, Missouri on July 3rd 2009. With all your help we will have the very best National Campvention ever!

Bobby and Charla Yost,  
Campvention Chairman



## Military Project Supplies

Fruit snacks	Chewy fruit candy	Granola bars	Body Wash, Shampoo	Slim Jims
Rice Krispy treats	E-Z Mac	Gum	Mouth Wash	Cheese Packages
Snack mixes	Small packs of baby wipes	Small packs of Q-tips	Foot Powder	Razor/Shaving Cream
Tablets, Paper, Batteries	Sun Block	Eye drops	Soap	Pens/Pencils
Chap stick	Magazines	Sun block	Candy	Soap
	Greeting Cards (birthday, anniversary, thinking of you – for men, women & children)	Room deodorizers	Instant Toothbrush (the ones you slip over your fingers)	Phone Card – must be the international or Military phone cards

The Bluebonnet Banner has gone International!

The following email was received from Emmet Jackson earlier this year.

"Are you aware that you have international readers? I am in Paris with a daughter visiting another daughter who lives here and I enjoyed the BBB."

Thanks, Emmett Jackson,  
Tejas Travelers

Read the Bluebonnet Banner on the web when you travel at [www.bluebonnetbanner.com](http://www.bluebonnetbanner.com)

### Local TSA Chapters

Chapter 9 – San Jacinto Texans  
Chapter 26 – Penthouse Campers  
Chapter 27 – Humble Wildcatters  
Chapter 31 – Six Flag Roadrunners  
Chapter 59 – Long Tall Texans  
Chapter 65 – Texas Longhorns  
Chapter 70 – Weatherford Melonbusters  
Chapter 89 – Texas Retirees  
Members at Large  
Winter Texans



Dave & Rita Blair's son and his troops arriving in Iraq

First shipment of care packages



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#### DATES TO REMEMBER

##### May

1 – Mother Goose Day  
5 - Cinco de Mayo  
5 - Cartoonist Day  
10 – Mother's Day  
23 – National Taffy Day  
27 – Memorial Day

##### June

1 – National Barefoot Day  
7- National Cancer Survivor Day  
14 – Flag Day  
21 – Father's Day  
26 – National Take Your Dog To Work Day

##### July

1 – Canada Day  
4 - Independence Day  
16 – Hot Dog Night  
24 – Tell an Old Joke Day  
26 – Parent's Day  
27 – Walk on Stilts Day



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## FCRV – Family Campers & RV'ers

Family Campers & RV'ers will hold its 49<sup>th</sup> annual campvention at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia, July 3-10, 2009. Family Campers & RV'ers (FCRV) was founded in 1949 as the National Campers & Hikers Association (NCHA). 2009 is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NCHA/FCRV. In 1993, the name was changed to better reflect the membership and the RV industry.

FCRV is a unique RV organization, being a non-profit organization of members who camp in everything from tents to motorhomes. A specific

type of camping/RV unit is not a requirement for FCRV membership.

FCRV is divided into 6 regions. The host region for the 49<sup>th</sup> Campvention is the South Central West Region that comprises the states of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.

Members from around the organization will converge on the Missouri State Fairground for a week of activities.

Unlike many RV groups, FCRV has youth and teens that will participate in a variety of activities

throughout the week. The teens will also have sports competitions and will culminate with the election of Miss FCRV 2009 on July 7<sup>th</sup>. The finally activity will be the FCRV parade which will be held on the grounds of the Missouri State Fairgrounds. The public is invited to attend as this is FCRV's way of saying thank you to the city for its hospitality. This year's parade will be held on Thursday, July 9.

For more information on the FCRV and local camping groups, go to [www.fcrv.org](http://www.fcrv.org) or [www.bluebonnetbanner.com](http://www.bluebonnetbanner.com).

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# National Campvention Registration Form

## 49th Annual FAMILY CAMPERS & RVERS Campvention

July 3-9, 2009 - Sedalia, Missouri  
(Grounds must be cleared by Noon on July 10th.)

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION JUNE 1, 2009

Early Bird Camping is July 1-2, 2009 - Wednesday and Thursday - \$15.00 per night

Gates open at Noon on July 1-2 - Wednesday and Thursday - Gates open all other days at 8:00 AM

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St/Prov \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Is this your first Campvention? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_ St/Prov \_\_\_\_\_ (if different than home address)

**National Officers & those designated to park in Headquarters Area, please check here** \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults \_\_\_ Teens \_\_\_ Youth 9-12 \_\_\_ Youth 5-8 \_\_\_ Youth 0-4 \_\_\_ Total # of people in unit \_\_\_

**TEENS & YOUTH:** Please list the names and ages of all teens and youth on a separate sheet and attach to this form

### **TWO OR MORE FAMILIES ATTENDING THE CAMPVENTION IN ONE UNIT**

Each family in the same unit must complete a separate Registration Form. The additional family must purchase a camp pass. Please indicate the unit owner's name: \_\_\_\_\_

### **FAMILIES STAYING OFF GROUNDS**

### **MUST PURCHASE A CAMP PASS AND COMPLETE A REGISTRATION FORM**

**HANDICAPPED INFORMATION** A handicapped site is requested: YES \_\_\_

There will be no handicapped sites available at the gate. To guarantee a handicapped site you must pre-register. You will be parked in the inner campground nearer the buildings. All sites on the fairgrounds have electric, water, and sewer hookups. Only request a handicapped site if you need to be close to the main building.

### **CAMPVENTION PARKING**

Parking will be Hobo. You will be parked in the order you come in the gate. If you wish to park together you will need to come in together. ALL SITES HAVE ELECTRIC, SEWER, AND WATER. Campers who do not Pre-Register will be parked in the last row of the campground.

Type of unit: Tent \_\_\_ Tent Trailer \_\_\_ Motorhome \_\_\_ 5th Wheel \_\_\_ Trailer \_\_\_ Truck Camper \_\_\_

Van \_\_\_ Unit Length \_\_\_\_\_ Number of slides \_\_\_\_\_

**Special for 2009 Campvention:** Each family registering will receive \$10 in VENDOR BUCKS that can be used towards any purchase from a vendor in the commercial area. VENDOR BUCKS must be used at the 2009 Campvention. VENDOR BUCKS have "no surrender cash value" ..... this means no change back in cash. VENDOR BUCKS will be given out at the registration booth.

We would like to volunteer for the following jobs: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Pre-registration Fees:**

Electric, Water, & Sewer \$200.00

Camp pass \$165.00

Daily camp pass \$35.00 per family (daily camp pass - No Vendor Bucks)

### **At Gate Registration Fees:**

Camping \$230.00

Camp pass \$195.00

All funds should be in US Currency

Make check or money order payable to:

FCRV Campvention 2009.

Mail to: Florence Fox - 5301 SW 31st Terrace - Topeka, KS 66614-4007

Have Questions call (817) 247-3475 or E-mail fcrvtx@flash.net or luellamofcrv@comcast.net

NOTE: If you register and are unable to attend for any reason, we will automatically mail you a refund of any pre-paid fees minus \$25.00.

## Camper Safety

As you go camping this summer, here are a few things to remember when making your camper ready.

Check the batteries on your fire alarm – they should be replaced yearly. Take your fire extinguisher and shake it up. The powder inside should be loose and after travelling for a while, it becomes packed and if needed would not work properly.



Don't forget to check your tires, make sure they are inflated properly, have the correct tread and have not become degraded due to the sun.



Each year, you should give your RV a good review of all of the motors (slides, leveling pads), your cables and brakes. Make your camping fun and safe.

## Spring Campventure

The Spring Campventure was a huge success – thanks to all who attended and helped out – from the cooks who planned the meals to those who planned & helped in the games to those who provided the sound and everything else in between.

We had 25 plus rigs in attendance. We played games, had door prizes, an auction and good food to eat. The auction raised over \$100, the Goody Walk raised over \$65, we collected \$132 for the Military Project and received an offering of \$55.50 on Sunday morning. Several people visited some of the antique stores and local restaurants in Gladewater.

If you are looking for nice campground, consider going to the Antique Capital RV Park in Gladewater – the sites are nice (concrete pull-throughs, Wi-Fi & cable available) and the people are nicer. It is a 4 hour trip from the Houston area – and about 3 hours from the Dallas area. They are continuing to make improvements there – and next year should see a new restaurant and some other things next to the pond.

Throughout the Banner, there are pictures of the campout. If you were unable to make it, make plans to attend the Spring Campventure next year. Keep an eye out in the Banner for more information.

## GOINGS ON AROUND THE STATE

By Kenn Green

Hello all. We are off to a fast and busy summer! We just returned from the Texas State Association Campvention. I would like to thank all of the TSA leadership for everything they did – booking the location, cooking the food, having an announcer for the get together, collecting the funds – just about everything. Next, we will head off to Sedalia for the National Campvention. Texas is one of the hosts of the event – and Charla & Bobby Yost have spent countless hours to help pull this all together. Let's support our State, our Region and especially our people.

When you go camping – either with your Chapter or just to get away – make sure you mention that you are part of TSA/FCRV. Over the years, our membership has declined for one reason or another and we need to build it back up. The best way to do this is to invite people to join us. If you need something to hand out, just let me know – I have lots of FCRV information.

Below are dates for the rest of this year and into 2010. Mark them down on your calendar and keep them handy. Also, don't forget your Chapter campouts – these are monthly events and we should all invite a friend or two to join us.

### Upcoming Dates

#### 2009

**Jul 3-9** National Campvention at Sedalia, MO at the Fairgrounds, need lots of women golf cart drivers. Bobby & Charla Yost are putting this one on, so we need lots of help.

**Jul 10-15** YARS (Young Active Retirees) Summer Meeting at ABC Campgrounds in Branson, MO. The shows are expensive, but there are tons of other things to do and see.

**Nov 25-29** State Fall Campventure at Red Oak RV Park in Hempstead, TX. This will be over the Thanksgiving weekend.

**Dec 24-Jan 2** Everybody After Christmas Relax and Do Nothing Campout. We are wore out & need some time off.

#### 2010

**Feb ???** Conservation Campout at Inks Lake State Park. We blew it this year, so let's make it up to the Rangers this year.

**Mar 17-20** YARS (Same as above) Rally at Ocean Lakes Campground in Myrtle Beach, SC. Everyone has heard of Myrtle Beach, you need to be some of the few who have been there.

**Mar 23-28** National Retiree Rally in Ladsen, SC.

**May 23-27** State Retiree Rally at Antique Capital RV Park in Gladewater, TX. We went here in 2009 and it was GREAT.

**May 28-31** State Directors Fun Campout & TSA Spring Campventure at Antique Capital RV Park in Gladewater, TX.

*Due to the National Retiree Rally and when Easter Falls – the State Retiree Rally, State Director's Fun Campout and State Spring Campvention will all be held during the week of Memorial Day*

**Jun ???** Region II Campout in Kansas

**Jul 9 - 16** National Campvention at Berring Springs, MI. How often do you get a chance to see Niagara Falls?

**Nov 24-28** State Fall Thanksgiving Campout



# FCRV/TSA FALL CAMPVENTURE

NOVEMBER 26-29, 2009

RED OAK RANCH RV PARK  
52715 HWY. 290 HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS  
PHONE 979-826-6339

Deadline to pre-register: November 9, 2009  
Registration Fee: \$10.00  
after Nov. 9 - \$15.00 will be required  
Adult Activity Fee: \$5.00 per adult (pay with pre-registration)  
CAMPING FEE: \$18.00 per day

For more information contact: Catherine Singleton  
Phone: 512-398-5803 e-mail: [kates891@embarqmail.com](mailto:kates891@embarqmail.com)

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Spouse\_\_\_\_\_

Others\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_ City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Name\_\_\_\_\_ Number\_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs\_\_\_\_\_

Attendees: Adults\_\_\_\_\_ Teens\_\_\_\_\_ Youth\_\_\_\_\_

**\*PARKING WILL BE HOBO-IF YOU WANT TO CAMP TOGETHER PLAN TO ARRIVE TOGETHER\***



Make checks payable to Barbara Green

Registration fee \$\_\_\_\_\_

Activity fee \$\_\_\_\_\_

Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$\_\_\_\_\_

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

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