



**FMCA**  
Your RVing Family

# EASTERN AREA OF FMCA

## **GREATER EASTERN AREA RALLY (GEAR)**

**Date: October 23-27, 2024**

Listed below are some of the most asked Area Rally questions.

### **1. Rally price - what does this include?**

- Camping for 5 nights, 3 nights paid entertainment, Ice cream Social, Seminars, Fun & games, Book exchange, coffee & donuts plus more, Crafts, Vendors/Exhibitors, display RVs, Dog Parade
- Ladies Luncheon is an additional cost of \$16 (Pre-registration required).
- Updates to the rally go to our website **fmca-ea.com**
- Day pass. \$10 gives access to show RVs and Vendors.
- Passport - day \$30 or rally \$50 per adult. Gives access to all activities offered at the rally-seminars, entertainment, vendors, ice cream social etc.

### **2. Daily hours of operation:**

- 8am-5pm: Monday 10/21 Parking for Volunteers only.
- Regular parking is Tuesday 10/22,
- Late parking Wednesday 10/23.
- Wednesday afternoon **First timers meeting**, chapter fair. Talent Show Wednesday evening.
- Thursday, Friday Saturday seminars 9am-4pm. Evening entertainment Thursday, Friday Saturday 7pm-9pm, Vendors 9am-4pm Thursday & Friday, Saturday 9am-2pm

### **3. Emergency Phone:**

- 911 medical emergency, closest EMS is Skyland Fire Rescue 310 Williams Rd Fletcher, NC
- Fairgrounds# 828-687-1414

### **4. Mailing/Shipping Address for Commercial Vendors & FMCA Will-Call Items (UPS, FedEx, etc.):**

- Member Name, F#, WNC Agricultural Center, 1301 Fanning Bridge Rd., Fletcher, NC 28732

### **5. First date someone will be on the grounds to receive shipped materials**

- 10/20/24

### **6. Contact Persons(s) and phone numbers:**

- Family Registrants: FMCA 513-474-3622 (Events)
- Commercial Vendor: FMCA 513-474-3622 (Events)
- Onsite Vendor Chair Ed Herbert 540-760-4180
- Volunteer Coordinator- Sue Cipa 610-334-3287
- Rally Master-Phyllis Britz 484-599-0609
- Co-Rally Master- Dave Fowler 843-833-3197

**7. Types of seminars:**

- RV Technical, Crafts, Local flavor, Personal interest/growth, Vendor specific

**8. Types of exhibits** – This is a list of some of the major vendors:

- Fantasy Tours, RV Roof Solutions, Kleen Tank, NSA RV Products, RVSEF(RV Weighing), B & F Sales on the Road,

**9. What meals, if any, are included in the rally fee?**

- Morning coffee and donuts, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday. Ice Cream Social Saturday
- Additional meal may be offered but is yet to be determined

**10. What type of food is available on the rally grounds**

- To be determined

**11. Prepaid meal functions**

- Date: Oct 26,2024, Time: Noon, Menu: Catered luncheon for Ladies -Paid at registration

**12. Water availability:**Yes

**13. Dump stations:** Yes

Honey Wagons: In progress

- Working at getting a Honey wagon. Will have a designated dump station if no Honey wagon

**14. Handicap parking** - how far away from activities is it and will there be tram service?

- Activity carts will be available. Sites are relatively close to all activities

**15. Area attractions:**

- Chimney Rock State Park, a natural attraction with hiking trails and a 315-foot rock formation.
- Biltmore, the largest privately owned house in America with gardens and a winery.
- The North Carolina Arboretum, a botanical garden with exhibits and trails.
- New Belgium Brewing Company, a craft brewery with tours and a tasting room.
- Brewery tours
- Museum of the Cherokee Indian, a cultural and historical museum with exhibits and artifacts.
- Asheville Pinball Museum, a retro arcade with over 80 pinball and video games.
- Lots of golf courses

**16. Children's activities:**

- Games, S'more night, Dog Parade

**17. Showers:** Yes

- Davis Building 3 men's and 3 women's showers. Rest Rooms in the Davis, Boone and Events Buildings.

**18. Laundry:**

- Off site: Dutch Girl of Fletcher Laundromat 3907 Hendersonville Rd, Fletcher, NC 28732. Mills River Wash & Fold, 4176 Haywood Rd. Mills River, NC 28756

**19. Day passes and Passports –**

- \$50 for a rally Passport access to all rally activities including seminars, entertainment, vendors etc.
- \$30 for a Day Passport-access to the day's rally activities including seminars, entertainment. vendors
- \$10 Day Pass Vendors/exhibitors and Display RVs only

**20. Holding area –**

- Holding area for RVs arriving after 5pm Monday through Wednesday

**21. Gate hours:**

- 8am-11pm

**22. Entertainment -** who are the headliners and what nights are they performing:

- Wednesday Talent Show, Eastern Area has Talent
- Thursday “Carson Peters and the Iron Mountain Band”,
- Friday night “The Synergy Twins”
- Saturday night “too MUCH SyLviA”

**23. Parking Days -** what are the days and times of parking?

- Monday Oct 21, 2024, for volunteers only
- Tuesday Oct 22 through Wednesday Oct 23,2024 for all others
- Volunteers come in early based on their activity.
- Parkers will park incoming RVs 8am until 5pm

**24. Earliest Arrival Date -** when is the earliest date members can arrive and any charges?

- \$40/night for camping if arriving before the date of scheduled arrival with credentials.
- No camping before 10/21

**25. Parking -** on what type of surface will the coaches be parked?

- Most sites are hard surface and some grass sites. Many sites are not level.
- Please read the “[RV PARKING AT GEAR: Working with what we have](#)” document on the Eastern Area website: [fmca-ea.com](http://fmca-ea.com).

**26. Will there be any sign-ups** for activities, seminars, or craft sign-ups prior to the first day of the rally? If so, which seminars or craft sign-ups?

- At the Boone Building, Craft sign-up. Wednesday 1pm Oct 23, 2024
- Sign-ups for Games, Chapter Fair Tuesday & Wednesday Boone Building

**27. If you have electricity at sites**

- There are Limited Full Hook up sites and electric/water sites. 50 and 30-amp electric is available.
- **Additional electric sites may be available at check-in based on 2015 GEAR information, which can be purchased at registration.**
- **It's suggested that you bring extension cords for electricity, an adapter, extra hose for water and extra sewer hose. Also, sites may not be level so bring leveling blocks, pads etc. in case needed.**

**28. Where and when do the Volunteers get their credentials?**

- FMCA will mail approx. 1 month before rally or can have your credentials sent to WNC Ag Center and picked up at Will Call.

**29. Are golf cart rentals available? If so, how much and who is the contact?**

- No

**30. Can attendees bring their own golf carts? Yes**

- If insured

**31. Will tow cars be parked close to the coaches?**

- As close as possible

**32. Who can attend?**

- All FMCA Members are welcome!

**33. Will you have handicap trams and/or regular trams?**

- Activity carts (golf carts) 4 and 6 seaters

**34. What are the GPS coordinates for the rally site?**

- **Gate 7** 805-811 Boylston Highway, 28704
- 35.42412 °N 8253409°W

**35. When is the rally officially over and when do attendees need to leave the grounds?**

- All RVs off the grounds by 3pm Sunday 10/27/24 unless arrangements were made with the WNC Ag Center

**36. “If I want to stay longer” instructions**

- Arrangements can be made at the Ag Center Office during the week of the rally. Additional payment made to the Ag Center.

**37. Miscellaneous notes/information:**

- WNC Ag Center is in Buncombe County
- Walmart -60 Airport Rd, Arden, NC 28704
- CVS -3450 HENDERSONVILLE Rd, FLETCHER, NC 28732
- Walgreens -2501 Hendersonville Rd Arden, NC 28704
- No Wi-Fi on the grounds. Wi-Fi in some of the buildings
- AdventHealth Centra Care Arden, 436 Airport Road, Arden, NC 28704, 828-650-7282
- AFC Urgent Care, 1 Brian Blvd., Unit 102, Arden, NC 28704 (828) 641-0960, (828) 641-0960
- Pardee Urgent Care Fletcher, 2695 Hendersonville Rd, Arden, NC 28704 828-694-2350