

FAMILY CAMPERS & Rvers
CAROLINA CARDINAL CAMPERS CHAPTER

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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Carolina Cardinal Campers Chapter of Family Campers & Rvers.

ARTICLE II - Chapter Colors and Symbols

The Chapter colors are Red and White. The Chapter Symbols will be a Cardinal Bird on a North Carolina map.

ARTICLE III - Purpose

The purpose of the Chapter shall be:

- 1 To recommend improvements in camping and hiking facilities wherever the need exists; to bring these recommendations before the proper state or national agencies; to press for action until the improvement has been made.
- 2 To establish regional centers from which members unfamiliar with the area may up-to-date reports on local campsites, roads, trails, etc.
3. To provide for a frequent interchange of camping and hiking ideas, and to take part in educational programs which improve the public knowledge of camping and campers.
4. To cooperate with all other organizations which are working toward the conservation of our natural resources.
5. To provide through identification with the FCRV Association, a basis of friendly welcome with other members.
6. To set up for exchange or sale of any camping equipment.
7. To plan group campouts, weekend trips, etc.
8. To promote camping and traveling safety and help prevent forest fires.
9. To support "Don't be a Litterbug" and other such campaigns.

ARTICLE IV - Membership and Fees

Section 1. The Chapter was formed as part of the FCRV Association, which is a non-profit, volunteer, national organization of campers and hikers for those who love these outdoor activities.

Section 2. The membership of this chapter will be limited to 25 families.

Section 3. Any family in the Piedmont area who is a member of FCRV is eligible for membership in the Carolina Cardinals providing:

- A. An opening is available.
- B. Sponsored by a member in good standing.
- C. Prospective members must camp at a regular camp-out at least three times.
- D. Prospective members cannot be member of another FCRV Chapter, except a Retiree Chapter.

Section 4. Voting on Prospective members:

- A. Sponsor will notify club members one month in advance before presenting a prospective member for membership.
- B. Voting will be by secret ballot.
- C. An absentee vote is permissible.
- D. Each adult family member is eligible for one vote.
- E. Any member not casting a vote is a yes vote.
- F. A yes vote by 75% of the club membership present at the meeting is required for membership.
- G. The Secretary will notify a prospective member by mail/e-mail of the results.

Section 5. Termination of Membership.

- A. Four months overdue dues will be cause for termination of membership. The Secretary shall notify any member who is delinquent 3 months on dues.
- B. A member must attend six out of twelve regular meetings during the year. Failure to do so will be cause for termination of membership. The exception would be for extended illness or job related excuses.

Section 6. The annual dues and term of membership for FCRV shall be set forth by the Association.

Section 7. The annual dues for the Carolina Cardinals Campers shall be as recommended by the Board of Directors and accepted by the Chapter from time to time to meet current expenses.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Chapter shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, all of who shall perform the duties that usually pertains to those respective offices. The Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected by the Chapter at the Biennial meeting from its membership. The immediate past Vice-President shall automatically assume the position of President. These officers shall hold office for two years. Officer cannot succeed them selves.

Section 2. If any vacancy occurs during the two year period, in any one or more of the offices provided for in this constitution, the Board of Directors may elect a successor or successors, who shall hold office for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VI - Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of directors shall be the governing body of the Chapter and shall also perform such functions and duties as maybe ordered by the Chapter. They shall be elected by the Chapter members at the Biennial meeting. Board members may not succeed themselves.

Section 2. The Board shall consist of seven members, as follows: The Officers, the immediate Past President, and two members at large. All shall hold office for a term of two years.

Section 3. All Directors shall hold office until their successors have been elected. The Board for the unexpired shall fill any vacancies on the Board.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall hold such meetings as they deem necessary, and the President, or any two Directors, may at any time call a meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. A majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum to hold a meeting. On a specific question absentee Directors may mail their votes to the Secretary.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

Section 1. The nomination committee shall consist of the Board of Directors who will meet during the regular September meeting to propose a slate of officers and Directors, which will be presented to the Chapter at the November meeting by the President. Other nominations for officers or directors may be presented from the floor at this time.

Section 2. Other committees may be appointed by the President for the duration of their assigned task or until the end of the Presidents term.

ARTICLE VIII - Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Chapter shall, as far as practical, be held monthly on the third Saturday. At this monthly meeting one family will serve as host(November & December will have 2 families). Their duties shall be to select the meeting place, notify the members, and provide refreshments, etc. The regular camp-out business meeting shall be held on the third Saturday at 7:00pm. Members must notify the Host at least two weeks prior to a campout if they cannot attend.

Section 2. Each even year the Biennial meeting shall be the November meeting at which Officers and Directors shall be elected, and such officers will take office at that time.

Section 3. Special meeting of the membership may be called by the president or by any three members of the Board of Directors upon notification of all members of the Chapter.

Section 4. A quorum of the Chapter shall consist of six families.

ARTICLE IX - Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Chapter shall begin with November of each year and end the following October.

ARTICLE X - Constitution

This Constitution may be amended by a majority of the members present at any regular meeting of the Chapter provided a quorum is present, and provided the intention to amend the Constitution shall have been communicated in writing to all members at least 30 days prior to voting on the amendment.

ARTICLE XI - By-Laws

Section 1. By-Laws may be adopted or amended at regular meetings.

Section 2. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern all meetings of the chapter

Section 3. The regular order of business at all meeting shall be as follows.

- A. Call to order.
- B. Reading of minutes of previous meeting by Secretary.
- C. Reading of Treasurer's report.
- D. Introduction of guests or non-members.
- E. Unfinished business.
- F. Election and installation of officers(Biennial Year)
- G. New business.
- H. Adjournment

Article XII - Dissolution

If the Carolina Cardinal Chapter is dissolved any remaining assets shall be donated to the North Carolina Scholarship fund. This is a tax-exempt organization.