



**FRVA's 112th International Convention & RV Expo**

# **CONFIRMATION GUIDE**

**Your beach bag of essentials for Perry**

# WELCOME TO PERRY



**Lisa & Paul Mitchell**

Congratulations on being part of Family RV Association's 112th International Convention & RV Expo. This booklet includes information to help you plan your trip to Perry and what to do when you arrive. Please read carefully, and we will look forward to seeing you there.

- To park the large number of RVs that attend an FRVA International Convention, parking must begin several days prior to the event. For this event, Welcome Bags will be distributed as attendees arrive.

- **Download the FMCA App**, read the program included in your Welcome Bag — or the electronic version at [FMCA.com](http://FMCA.com) — **and plan what you would like to see and do during the convention.**

- During the **"Changes In Latitude — RV Beach Party"** convention, on-grounds transportation using activity golf carts will be available for you to get from the parking lots to the activity areas and back (limited service on Monday, March 16; full service begins Tuesday, March 17). If you have a bicycle, we encourage you to bring it.

- On Wednesday, March 18, the RV Displays and Indoor Exhibits will be open from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, as participating exhibitors unveil their latest models and newest products. Take advantage of this opportunity to shop for whatever you need to make your RVing experience more enjoyable.

- **For your safety, please do not visit the exhibit areas during set-up days.** All exhibits will be open from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Wednesday, March 18; 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Thursday and Friday, March 19 and 20; and 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday, March 21.

If you still have questions, please call the FRVA events department at 800-543-3622. Safe travels, and we are eager to have our FRVA family reunited in Perry.

Paul Mitchell, F165576  
FRVA National President

## FRVA Mobile Event App

The **"Changes In Latitude RV Beach Party"** convention is right around the corner, and we are preparing for an incredible event.

One of the best tools to help make for an enjoyable experience in Perry is the FRVA Mobile Event App. It's like having the convention program on your phone — but better. Not only can you find information for all the seminars and activities at the convention, but you can add them into your convention schedule in the app. You can also find exhibitors, entertainment information, important updates like schedule changes/weather, and so much more.

The app will be launched through our partner, Cvent Events, in late February. Registered attendees will receive an email with instructions about how to register and download the app through the App Store or Google Play. Keep an eye on your email inbox, and if you haven't already, follow us on Facebook.

## CHAPTER FAIR

**Tuesday, March 17, 2:45 pm**  
**Reaves Arena**  
**Following First-Timer's Orientation**

This is the perfect opportunity for you to visit one or more FRVA chapters all in one spot. See chapter displays and talk with enthusiastic members who will be happy to tell all about the fun of being part of a chapter. Ask questions and even join a chapter or two that you find interesting. You won't want to miss this chance to learn about FRVA's many chapters, so put the **"Changes In Latitude"** Chapter Fair on your schedule.

If you are a chapter leader interested in participating, contact the Chapter Services Department by emailing [chapters@FRVA.com](mailto:chapters@FRVA.com). You will receive a confirmation email with more information about setup, etc.

# INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION INFORMATION

## Please Read Carefully

### ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

Follow the included directions to enter the grounds and proceed to the Welcome Area. The directions have been determined with the help of the local police so arriving RV traffic can be cleared off the highways as quickly as possible. The Welcome Area will be open starting at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, March 14. A member of FRVA's Parking Team will be on duty each day in the Welcome Area from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. If you have a towed vehicle, you can unhook it off grounds and have your co-pilot or another member of your party drive it onto the grounds separately or it can be unhooked at the Welcome Area.

If you wish to park with friends, you must arrive together with appropriate admittance credentials or meet in the Welcome Area. Identify your party by placing a piece of white letter-size paper in the window of each RV. Using a heavy black marker, write the last name of one of the members of your group followed by the position each RV occupies in relation to the total number of RVs in the party (Smith 1 of 3; Smith 2 of 3; etc.). This will alert parking personnel that you wish to park together.

**Whether you park on pavement or on grass, use wooden blocks or waffle pads under your levelers to keep from sinking the feet and/or damaging the pavement or camping area.**

### RV PARKING CREDENTIAL

Your Confirmation email included a parking credential that you should print out and display in the driver's side lower right corner of your windshield when entering the grounds and at all times when parked. The identifying information on that credential will be used by the Parking Team to deliver your physical Confirmation Packet and Welcome Bag and to move you into your requested parking area.

If you arrive early, you may dry camp in the Welcome Area or pay a \$40 fee per night to be parked early. If you arrive late, you may have to wait to be parked. If you decide to leave the grounds in your RV for any reason, you must display the window credentials to re-enter.

### CONFIRMATION PACKET

The Confirmation Packet that you receive upon arrival will include the following pieces:

#### Name Badges

Name badges permit attendance to the exhibit areas and all activities. Fill out info on the back of your badge.

#### First-Time Attendee Ribbons

If this is your first FRVA convention, you will receive red First Time Attendee ribbons. These attach to your name badge holder so experienced attendees can welcome you and answer your questions.

#### Towed Car Credential

Hang this credential from the rearview mirror of your towed or towing vehicle. Print your cell phone number, name, and member number on the credential.

### WELCOME BAG

Welcome Bags will be distributed upon arrival and will include the event program and other materials.

### DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

Departure will be by noon on Sunday, March 22. If you wish to stay longer, contact GNFA RV Campsite Rentals, 478-988-6557, Website: [gnfa.com/p/rvreservations](http://gnfa.com/p/rvreservations)

Space is limited and you may be asked to move your RV.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### Family Emergency Contact Information

The FRVA Information Center number: (513) 909-1433. This number will be active beginning Sunday, March 15

#### Mail

If you plan to have mail forwarded to this event, it is very important that it be addressed as follows:

Member Name & Membership Number  
c/o FRVA  
Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter  
401 Larry Walker Parkway  
Perry, GA 31069

#### Packages sent by FedEx or UPS should be directed to:

Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter  
Member Name, Member Number, and Cell Number  
401 Larry Walker Parkway  
Perry, GA 31069

If you plan to pick up your mail at the post office in Perry, please have it addressed as follows:

Member Name  
General Delivery  
1400 Macon Road  
Perry, GA 31069

There are limited water fill and dumping facilities at the site; **therefore, arrive with empty waste tanks and a full water tank.** Septic trucks will be available to empty holding tanks along with water trucks to fill water tanks. Check your program for information about these services.

#### Hours of operation for the **Information Center/Registration Desk:**

- Sunday, March 15, through Saturday, March 21  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### Hours of operation for the **Welcome Area:**

- Saturday, March 14, through Tuesday, March 17  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 18  
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
The Welcome Center will be relocated to the Information Center/Registration Desk on Wednesday at 12:00 p.m., and remain there through the duration of the event.

# Welcome To Your First International Convention!



**First-Timers Arrive: March 16**  
**Depart: March 22 By 12 pm**

We are thrilled that you'll be joining us for this great event and hope you are excited to be joining thousands of other like-minded RVers in Perry. This booklet is designed to help guide you through your first international convention and provide information you might only learn through experience.

## Before Departing For Perry . . .

- Review the information in your Confirmation Email. Make sure you received the correct Parking and a Date of Entry, If you received incorrect information or if there is a problem, call the Events Department at (800) 543-3622 or email [convention@frva.com](mailto:convention@frva.com). You will receive the your badges and other registration items upon arrival.
- **Read this Confirmation Guide.** This booklet includes information that will make for a worry-free journey to the grounds and provides a general idea of what to expect when you arrive,
- Visit [FRVA.com](http://FRVA.com) for information regarding the event. Beginning several months prior and leading up to the event, the site will be updated with information about things to do in the Perry area and more event-specific information. We'll post activities that have been planned, the featured entertainment, event and seminar schedules, and a list of vendors.
- You'll have the opportunity to make many new friends at the event, but why not invite other friends to register and join in the fun? By coming with others you know, you'll be able to share the experience with friends with whom you are familiar and comfortable.
- Before heading to Perry or as you near the site, empty your gray and black holding tanks. Septic service from a contracted company will be available for a fee if you need the service(s). But you'll find it will be much easier once you arrive if you don't have to worry about emptying your tanks.

## Arriving In Perry

*If you arrive on time, day(s) early, or after 5:00 p.m., proceed to the Welcome Area*

- Follow the directions in the Confirmation Guide to get to the Welcome Area. The Welcome Area is where you can pick up credentials, welcome bag and also wait for friends with whom you would like to park. All attendees should enter the grounds through Gate A.
- Prior to arrival, tape your Confirmation number to your windshield so the Parking Team volunteers can quickly identify you and pull your credential packet. Review the contents. Once parked, tape the QR Code Card to your windshield/window so it can be scanned.
- Upon arrival, if you have a towed vehicle (car), please unhook it and have your co-pilot or another member of your party drive it separately so as not to hold up the parking operation once you arrive at your parking site. We will have a location for you to unhook if you are unable to do so before arriving.
- Follow the Parking Team volunteer to your spot and park as directed. If there's a problem, have it resolved after you are parked to allow the parking operation to flow smoothly. If you believe you've

been parked in an incorrect area, exit your RV, find one of the Parking Team volunteers, and calmly discuss your situation. If the issue cannot be resolved in the parking area, ask to be taken to the Information Center to speak with someone at the information/registration desk.

## Getting Started

- The event program that you find in your National Indoor RV Centers Welcome Bag has all the information needed to navigate the convention. The program includes the schedule of events; descriptions for the seminars; a list of vendors and where they can be located; and much more. An electronic version of the program will be available on [FRVA.com](http://FRVA.com) prior to the event for early planning purposes. Take note of the Program Change/Add sheet in your Welcome Bag. During the show, program changes will appear in the "Beach Buzz" newsletter, and the FRVA Event App.
- Visit the FRVA Information Center in McGill Marketplace where you can pick up your FRVA T-shirt, and preordered convention T-shirt or tumbler. Sign-up for games, septic or water service, preview the craft photos, and purchase available Ladies' Luncheon tickets. Find out what to do while in Perry, and more!
- Be sure to stop by the "Hang 10 Hangout," also in McGill Marketplace, to visit with other first-timers and attendees on Monday and Tuesday before the start of the show. Have fun playing games, hamming it up at the photo booth, meeting others, and relaxing in a friendly setting.
- For many, including convention veterans, one of the most difficult parts of the experience is figuring out where seminar rooms and activity areas are located. Included in your Welcome Bag will be two fold-out ShadePro Supplemental Grounds Maps. Use the map to familiarize yourself with the grounds. Since most attendees are parked a day or two before the event starts, you might find it helpful to tour the grounds to orient yourself with the locations of the various activity areas. If you have a bike, bring it. It's the best way to get around.
- As you review the schedule, you may be overwhelmed by the number of activities during the event. You will want to do it all; resist that temptation. It's impossible. With more than 100 seminars scheduled, a large selection of RVs to look through, a vast array of products to check out in the exhibit hall, entertainment, social gatherings, and time spent enjoying the company of other attendees, you'll find that your days will disappear quickly. So, as you review the schedule, highlight those activities that mean the most to you and create your list of "things to do." This will help ensure you do not miss a seminar or activity that may have drawn you to Perry in the first place.

# FRVA Learning Zone Seminars

All About RVing As A Senior  
All About Tires--And Other Important Tips  
Are You Using Your RV Appliances Correctly  
Artificial Intelligence (AI) For Everyday RV Life  
Boondocking  
Buying An RV, Recalls, And Extended Warranties <  
Chapter And Area Bylaws Workshop <FE>  
Co-pilot, The Right Seat  
Emergency Go Bags: Good-To-Know Info  
Everything Batteries  
FRVA Chapter Services Q&A  
FRVA Member Benefits  
FRVA President's Update  
FRVA University  
FRVA Website Review  
FRVA Worldwide Emergency Evacuation  
FRVA's Insurance For Chapters  
Fun Facts And RVing  
Governance Committee Round Table & Workshop  
January Magazine Overview  
Presidents' Roundtable  
RV AC Power  
RV DC Power  
RV Electrical Troubleshooting Tips  
RV Fire Safety For Safe RVing  
RV Mechanical Mishaps & Solutions  
RV Terminology And Some Essentials To Carry While RVing

Secretaries' Roundtable  
Sources For Parts & Service--Roundtable  
Standing Rules Workshop  
Staying Connected On The Road--Reliable Internet Solutions  
Treasurers' Roundtable  
Understanding RV Propane  
Unlocking Your FRVA Benefits & Growing Our Membership  
Yes, She Should And Can

## More Must-Attend Seminars

- **RV There Yet? (Georgia Grown Building)**
- **Ask The Experts**
- **Engine Maintenance (Cummins)**
- **RV Driving Safety Tips**
- **FRVA Benefits and FRVAssist**
- **FRVA RV Insurance**
- **RV Fire Safety For Your Safe Travel**
- **Two Drivers Are Better Than One**
- **RV Weight And Tire Safety**
- **Generator Maintenance**
- **Tire Knowledge and TPMS**
- **Solar Power—The New Essentials**
- **Properly Matching Trucks To Trailers**
- **Check out The Towing Rodeo**
- **And the many Craft offerings**

## Additional First-Timer Info & Activities

### Seminars

There are many reasons RV owners attend FRVA International Conventions, but the one cited most is the seminar program. These sessions allow attendees the opportunity to learn more about their RVs and the lifestyle possibilities that they afford. The array of educational opportunities extends from super technical to just plain fun. However, as a first-time attendee, there are specific seminars that you or your traveling partner (or both) should make every effort to attend. Below is a list of those seminars, including the sessions being presented our FRVA Learning Zone in the Roquemore Conference Center.

### Orientation For First-Time Attendees

**Tuesday, March 17 at 3:00 p.m. — Reaves Arena**

Presented by FRVA National President Paul Mitchell before the event officially begins, first-time attendees will be introduced to the fun, spirit, activities, and opportunities at the “**Changes In Latitudes**” convention. Bring your program and map (included in your Welcome Bag) and wear your “First Timer” ribbon. Discover what an FRVA International Convention is all about. **Plan to stay for the Chapter Fair immediately following the orientation.**

### Mentoring Program

We know how being a first-timer and not knowing how “to do” an FRVA convention is difficult. That’s why we developed the FRVA Mentoring Program. These veteran convention-goers, identified by their white “FRVA Mentor” button, can help answer your questions and provide guidance through their own experience. Don’t be shy; these volunteers are ready and willing to help make your “Changes In Latitudes” experience fun and exciting.

### Questions Before The Event?

Since this is your first time attending an FRVA International Convention, you are bound to have questions. Hopefully, many of your answers were in this or the Perry Confirmation Guide. If not, another source is the “FAQs” page found by visiting FRVA.com. And Check out one of our First-Timer YouTube videos on FRVA.com in which we answer questions from first-timers. Or call us at (800) 543-3622 or send an e-mail to [convention@FRVA.com](mailto:convention@FRVA.com), and we’ll be happy to help answer your questions. Enjoy the event!

## "Changes In Latitude" Events Schedule

The Events listed on this page are tentative. Please check your program and the FRVA event app for exact days and times for these activities.

### Meet & Greet

Mon., March 16, 6 pm  
McGill Marketplace

### Discover GNFA Guided Walkabout

Tues., March 17, 10 am to 2 pm  
Meet at the Clock Tower

### First-Timer's Orientation

Tues., March 17, 3 pm • Reaves Arena

### Chapter Fair

Tues., March 17, 3:45 pm • Reaves Arena

### Card Bingo

Tues., March 17, 6:30 p.m.  
Kleen Tank Town Center, McGill Marketplace

### Karaoke With A Keck

Tues.-Fri., March 17-20, 9 pm  
Kleen Tank Town Center, McGill Marketplace

### All Exhibits Open

Wed., 1-5 pm; Thurs, and Fri., 9 am-5 pm; Sat,  
9 am-3 pm • Miller-Murphy-Howard, Georgia  
Grown Building, RV Displays

### Opening Ceremonies

Wed., March 18, 7 pm • Reaves Arena

### Hotel California—Eagles Tribute Band

Wed., March 18, 7:30 pm • Reaves Arena

### Roadmaster Morning Coffee Hour

Thurs., Fri., Sat., March 19-21, 8 am  
Kleen Tank Town Center, McGill Marketplace

### Bean Bag Toss

Thurs, March 19, 10 am • Kleen Tank Town Center,  
McGill Marketplace

### Wacko Products Ladies' Luncheon (ticketed event)

Thurs., March 19, 11:30 am  
McGill Marketplace Receptions Area

### Party In Perry

Thurs. March 19, 5 pm • Downtown Perry

### Party Knights

Thurs., March 19, 6 pm • Downtown Perry

### "Fins To The Left" Parade

Fri., March 20, 5 pm  
GNFA Grounds to Reaves Arena

### "Fins To The Right" Chapterfest

Fri., March 20, 6 pm • Reaves Arena

### Miller Insurance Ice Cream Social

Featuring Frustrated Maestros  
Fri., March 20, 1 pm • Kleen Tank Town Center,  
McGill Marketplace

### Recognition Of Convention Volunteers

Fri., March 20, 7:15 pm • Reaves Arena

### A1A—the Official And Original Jimmy Buffet Tribute Show

Fri., March 20, 7:30 pm • Reaves Arena

### Ladderball Tournament

Sat., March 21, 10 am • Kleen Tank Town Center

### FRVA Supersized Book Club

Sat., March 21, 1 pm  
Miller-Murphy-Howard Building, Sem. 1

### Driven To Care Donation Ceremony

Sat., March 21, 7:15 pm • Reaves Arena

### Kazual

Sat., March 21, 7:30 pm • Reaves Arena

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## Share The Fun On Social Media

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### Facebook from a phone, computer

1. Log into Facebook.
2. If you have not already "liked" our page, search "FRVA RV Club" and follow us.
3. On your own profile, create a new post about your convention experience.
4. Type @FRVAfans in your post to tag our page
5. Make sure the post is set to "public" privacy settings so others can see it.

*The status update will post on your personal timeline and will link to FRVA's page.*

### Join our Facebook group for fellow attendees

1. Log into Facebook.
2. Search "FRVA RV Club" and open our page.
3. Select the "Groups" tab.
4. Click the "Join" button for "Perry Attendees – FRVA's 112th International Convention & RV Expo" group.



### Instagram from a phone or tablet

1. Log into your Instagram account
2. Create a post about your convention experience.
3. Tag us in the image @FRVARvclub or tag us by adding @FRVARvclub in your post caption
4. Tag your location: Georgia National Fair & Agricenter
5. Be sure to use the hashtags #FRVARV and #FRVAGA26
6. Share your photo or video



### X (formerly Twitter) from a phone, tablet, or computer

1. Log into X
2. Create a tweet about your convention experience and tag @FRVA\_ (be sure to include the underscore).
3. Include #FRVARV and #FRVAGA26 in your tweet.

*Tagging FRVA will link the tweet to our page and using the hashtags will make the tweets show up in the social stream on the Perry convention app*

# FRVA CONVENTION Rules And Regulations

1. Parking for registered attendees will take place from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Monday, and Tuesday, March 16 and 17; and 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on Wednesday, March 18. Non-registered attendees may register on site starting at 8:00 am, Sunday, March 15. Registration hours will be from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Sunday through Friday, March 16-20, and 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, on Saturday, March 21. If you arrive earlier than the date on your Arrival Card, go to the Welcome Area.
2. Parking spaces will be assigned at the discretion of the Parking Team. First arrivals may not necessarily be parked closer to the activity centers.
3. An adequate parking space is provided for RVs and towed vehicles. RVs, awnings, and equipment must fit within this space.
4. Follow the directions of the Parking Team and park only in allocated spaces. Improperly parked RVs and/or towed cars will be towed away at the owner's expense.
5. A special parking area will be provided for RVs that are towing trailers. But leaving trailers connected is not guaranteed.
6. Caravan or large groups coordinators must schedule an arrival time with FRVA's national office (call 800-543-3622). Caravan arrivals will be accepted Monday & Tuesday, March 16-17.
7. As the driver of your RV, you are solely responsible for its operation and movement as it is being parked. While Parking Team volunteers may direct or assist you while parking, it is your responsibility to avoid obstacles or situations that could lead to accidents and damage your RV or other's property. FRVA is not responsible for accidents or damage that occur while you are parking.
8. Electricity is available at an additional cost. Security will issue fines to anyone procuring electricity illegally, and may request the removal of the RV from the grounds.
9. Attendees may ride activity carts to all activities. Towed cars should not be used to travel to activity centers.
10. Security and safety personnel are responsible for the safety of attendees. Please obey their directions.
11. Please respect all event personnel and volunteers.
12. Pets are welcome but must be kept in the parking areas unless they provide service assistance. Pets are not allowed in the activity centers — seminars, entertainment, morning coffee hour, or exhibit areas. Be a responsible pet owner; clean up pet waste, prevent the pet from making excessive noise, keep it on a leash outside the RV, and do not allow it to relieve itself near RVs.
13. Scooters, Segways, bikes, and other two-wheeled vehicles are not permitted inside exhibit buildings, seminar rooms, and other areas restricted to pedestrian traffic. Wheelchairs and mobility carts are permitted in these areas. Your cooperation is appreciated.
14. The use of privately owned golf carts is permitted. The speed limit is 5 mph. Headlights must be used before dawn and after dusk. If your cart does not have operating headlights, it cannot be used in the dark.
15. Attendees must have valid insurance on all personal mobility carts and golf carts.
16. The Convention Committee reserves the right to ask violators of the above rules and regulations to leave the grounds.

## Service Information

Service is an important function at FRVA conventions, and many manufacturers and component suppliers provide limited service for attendees who are experiencing problems with their RVs. Please refer to the information below regarding emergency service. Do not ask for routine maintenance or for services that can be handled before leaving home.

You will be able to sign up for service prior to arriving in Perry; on Wednesday, March 18 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Service Center in the Miller-Murphy-Howard Concourse; and on site at the service provider's vendor booth. A list of the service providers who have agreed to make pre-convention service appointments, along with their contact information, will be e-mailed to registered attendees (and posted on FRVA.com) as the event nears.

In most cases, a service vehicle (van or golf cart) will be dispatched to your RV in the family parking area. Service will be performed at the discretion of the manufacturer, component supplier, or service firm. In most cases, non-warranty work will be charged.

### LIMITED ON-SITE "EMERGENCY" SERVICE (For Service Related To Health & Safety Issues)

**FRVA will permit emergency service vehicles on-site beginning Monday, March 16**

- Service during the main family parking days — Monday and Tuesday, March 16 and 17 — will be limited to emergency service.
- Emergency service is defined as any service to generators, refrigerators, air conditioners, heaters, and inverters that must be performed to assure the health and safety of members. Regular or preventive maintenance (example: changing oil or filters) or new installations are not considered emergency service.
- No new installations are permitted on RVs parked on-site in the family parking area prior to noon on Wednesday, March 18.
- Service vehicles offering emergency service must display a yellow "Emergency Service" credential on their vehicle.
- There is to be no selling of any product or service in the family parking areas. All sales transactions must be limited to assigned exhibit areas.
- Immediately notify FRVA Security or the FRVA Commercial Office, located in the Miller-Murphy-Howard Building, if vendors without proper credentials approach you regarding service in the family area.

# DIRECTIONS

## Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter, Perry, GA

**NOTE:** Although there may be shorter routes to the facility, please use the directions below, which have been developed for the safety of attendees and to minimize traffic tie-ups.

### EARLY ARRIVING GROUPS

**Thursday, March 12** — National Officers; Member Staff Chiefs and Coordinators; Parking Team

**Friday, March 13** — Member Staff Teams, Welcome Volunteers, Signs & Set-up Volunteers

**Sunday, March 15** — Activity Cart, Security, and Trams Volunteers; Frustrated Maestros

**Monday, March 16** — Coffee Hour, FRVA Store, Information, Mentors, and Seminars Volunteers; First-Timers

The Welcome Area will open on Sunday, March 15. Parking hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, March 15, 16, and 17. If you arrive before or after these hours, please go to the Welcome Area until the Parking Team resumes parking at 8:00 a.m. If arriving Wednesday, March 18 or later, proceed directly to the Welcome Area. If a parking attendant is not available, call 513-909-1701. DO NOT attempt to park without parking attendant assistance.

### WELCOME AREA— ALL ATTENDEES ENTER THROUGH GATE A, EAST ENTRANCE

#### GATE A — GPS: 32°26'30.5"N 83°44'33.9"W

**FROM FLORIDA (or the south):** Travel north on I-75 and take exit 135 (Perry/Marshallville). Turn right and proceed east on Larry Walker Parkway. Go past the North Entrance and turn right into the East Entrance.

**FROM ATLANTA (or the north):** Travel south on I-75 and take exit 135 (Perry/Marshallville). Turn left and proceed east on Larry Walker Parkway. Go past the North Entrance and turn right into the East Entrance.

### EXHIBITORS

#### Gate B — GPS Coordinates — 32°26'16.8"N 83°45'19.3"W

**FROM FLORIDA (or the south):** Travel north on I-75 and take exit 135 (Perry/Marshallville). Turn right and proceed east on Larry Walker Parkway. Turn right onto General Courtney Hodges Blvd. Turn left into the West Entrance of the fairgrounds. Follow signs to exhibitor registration at Miller-Murphy-Howard Building.

**FROM ATLANTA (or the north):** Travel south on I-75 and take exit 135 (Perry/Marshallville). Turn left and proceed east on Larry Walker Parkway. Turn right onto General Courtney Hodges Blvd. Turn left into the West Entrance of the fairgrounds. Follow signs to exhibitor registration at Miller-Murphy-Howard Building.

### PASSPORT, DAILY PASSPORT, DAY PASS CARS

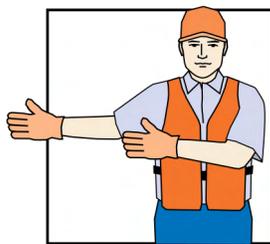
#### GATE C — GPS: 32°26'37.9"N 83°44'56.8"W

Take exit 135 (Perry/Marshallville), drive east on Larry Walker Parkway to the North Entrance, turn right into the grounds, and follow the signs for public parking.

## Basic Parking Signals

Parking at a convention can be a tricky endeavor with the number of families that attend the events. The basic parking signals shown to the right can help you park in a safe manner. These uniform signals will be used by Parking Team members to help direct you as you park.

These signals are usually given from the left rear of your RV. Never move the RV unless the parker is in plain view. When the parker leaves the preferred high-visibility left side of the RV to determine whether the other side is clearing, the STOP signal will be given. If at any time you do not understand the hand signal or additional directions are needed, wave your hand out the driver's window and signal the parker to approach for conversation.



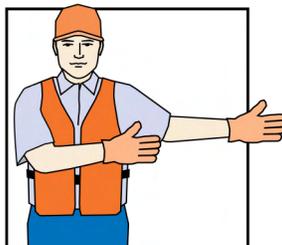
Move rear of RV to the left, as seen in mirror.



Come straight back.



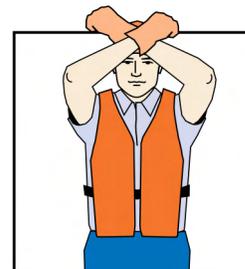
Distance to go (palms apart indicating how far).



Move rear of RV to the right, as seen in mirror.



Slowly (when pumping palms down, like patting a dog).



Crossed forearms indicate STOP!

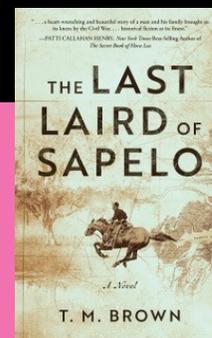
# FRVA Supersized BOOK CLUB



Saturday, March 21, 1:00 pm  
Miller-Murphy-Howard Building, Seminar 1

FRVA is hosting its 15th Supersized Book Club during the "Changes In Latitude" convention. Attendees are invited to read "The Last Laird Of Sapelo." T.M. Brown will be in Perry to discuss the book, answer questions, and sign copies.

To join the "Changes In Latitude" Supersized Book Club, visit [join.FRVA.com/ga26bookclub](http://join.FRVA.com/ga26bookclub)



The **FRVA Supersized Book Club** will welcome Milledgeville, Georgia, native T.M. Brown to Perry to discuss his latest work, **The Last Laird of Sapelo**. The book is based on the tragic story of Randolph Spalding, the youngest son of Thomas Spalding, Georgia's most well-known antebellum-era coastal planter and political figure.

After his father's death in 1851, Randolph takes over the family holdings, mingling with other wealthy landowners from Charleston to Savannah to Milledgeville. He opposed Georgia's secession but failed to convince other political leaders. Within weeks after the attack on Fort Sumter, the Union's naval blockade threatened the entire southern coast. In the following months, Colonel Randolph Spalding, now a reluctant commander of the militia, faces a storm of life-altering events, imperiling his family's legacy, livelihood, and lands.

# DRIVEN TO CARE

In Perry, FRVA's designated charity will be the HALO Group, a non-profit vocational and life skills day program serving adults with developmental disabilities and autism. FRVA will conduct two major events to help raise money for this group. One is the Magic Mile Run/Walk (see information below). The second will be the Driven To Care Silent Auction.

Attendees can participate in a couple of ways. First, chapters, areas, exhibitors, and individuals are encouraged to put together a box, basket, or bag filled with items fellow RVers would love to have. Examples could be things for the RV, gift cards, packaged food and drink, etc. A basket for the ladies? Or maybe something for the guys? Be creative. The second way is by bidding on the donated items.

Bids will be taken Wednesday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Information Center in McGill Marketplace Building. At 3:00 pm on Friday, bids will close and winning bidders will be contacted and must come to the Information Center to pay for and receive their item. On Saturday at 10:00 a.m., unclaimed prizes will go to the next highest bidder.

We encourage all attendees to get involved as auction item providers or bidders (or both) to help this worthwhile cause.

**FRVA Community Service Project** — FRVA members sign up Wednesday, March 18, in the FRVA Information Center to assist the Halo group team-mates spring clean at the Starbuck Learning Garden Groups Farm Experience located on GNFA. Wednesday and or Thursday. All supplies will be provided.



## Driven to *Care*



To register, contact the Events Department by calling (800) 543-3622; or register onsite at the Information Center (McGill Marketplace Building)

### ACTIVITY INFO

- When: Friday, March 20, at 8 am - Rain or Shine (Please arrive by 7:45 am).
- Will reschedule for Saturday in the event of severe weather.
- Where: Start south of the Georgia Grown Building
- Course distance will be approximately 1 mile.
- Bring your pets!
- Participants may walk, run, or ride on mobility scooters. No bicycles, golf carts, or other motorized vehicles will be allowed.

### REGISTRATION INFO

- \$10 per person donation.
- If you are walking as a couple or a group, please enter each person individually.
- All participants will receive a Magic Mile water bottle and participant packet.
- All proceeds will go to the HALO Group



**HALO = "Helping Achieve Life Outcomes" by "Having Agape Love for Others."**

The HALO Group, founded in 2008, is a non-profit vocational and life skills day program serving adults with developmental disabilities and autism. HALO strives to assist those who are able to find equitable and viable employment within the community, offering continued job coaching in order to sustain employment.

The group has three Core Beliefs: All people are created in the image of God and are worthy of love, dignity, and respect. All people deserve to live a life of purpose and contribute to their community in a meaningful way. All people should have choices based on personal interests and abilities.

## Golf Card Permits

Anyone driving a golf cart during the convention must display a golf cart permit on the cart. This is NOT a Family RV Association requirement. This is required by the Georgia National Fairgrounds and will be enforced by ground security,

To receive a permit, visit the FRVA Information Center and fill out the required paperwork. There is no charge for the permit.

# GOLF CART PERMIT REQUIRED

If you will be driving a personal golf cart during the event, you must come to the Information Center to pick up a **Family RV Association Golf Cart Permit** that needs to be affixed to the exterior of the cart. You will be asked to provide your name and phone number when you receive the permit. There is no fee. The permit is required by the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter for all privately owned golf carts being driven on the grounds. Thank you for your cooperation.

## WARNING

### Exhaust Gas Is Deadly!

Exhaust gases contain carbon monoxide, an odorless and colorless gas that's formed during the combustion of hydrocarbon fuels. Carbon monoxide is poisonous and can cause unconsciousness and death. Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include the following:

- Inability to think coherently
- Vomiting
- Muscular twitching
- Throbbing in the temples
- Dizziness
- Headache
- Weakness and sleepiness

If you or anyone else experiences any of these symptoms, shut down the generator; exit the immediate area (whether inside the motorhome or outside); and get into fresh air immediately. If the symptoms persist, seek medical attention immediately. Do not operate the generator again until it has been inspected and repaired.

The best protection against carbon monoxide inhalation is proper generator installation and frequent visual inspections of the complete exhaust system. Also, your RV should be equipped with a working carbon monoxide detector.

## Did You Know?

Many attendees bring motorized transportation to FRVA events to help move about the grounds. These golf carts, scooters, etc. are a wonderful convenience for those who are not as mobile as they used to be.

Using these vehicles in close proximity to pedestrian traffic poses increased risk of an accident for which the user may be found responsible. Many owners of these vehicles may not be aware that their insurance does not protect them in case of an accident. These vehicles may not be covered under homeowner or motor vehicle policies. Insurance companies may consider these types of vehicles as "recreational vehicles" or "motor vehicles" and require that they be separately insured. Individuals may be able to purchase insurance coverage for these vehicles with an attachment (called a "rider") to an existing insurance policy. Several companies will cover a small, single-seat electric scooter used to transport a disabled person under a homeowner policy.

For your protection, and the protection of other attendees at FRVA events, ask your insurance agent whether your vehicle is covered under an existing policy or requires additional coverage.

## Check-In & Location QR Code Card

During the “Changes In Latitude RV Beach Party” convention, FRVA will track where attendees are parked with our Check-In & Location QR Code Card included in your Confirmation Packet.

Have this card visible in your windshield once you are parked. Tape it in the lower left-hand corner of your motorhome’s or towing vehicle’s windshield so the code faces out. If you need to attach it outside of your rig, slip the paper inside a freezer bag or plastic sheet cover. After you have parked, members of FRVA’s Parking Team will scan the QR Code Card to register the location of your RV. If you did not receive a QR Code Card in your Confirmation Packet, go to the FRVA Information Center in McGill Marketplace for a reprint. Also, make sure the QR Card has your name and member number on it.



## RV Safety Education Foundation

Serving the RV Community for 30 years

# RV Weighing

The RVSEF RV Weighing Service utilizes certified scales to determine individual wheel position loads. Owners complete a comprehensive worksheet that includes all critical weight and tire ratings. Scale readings and ratings are entered into a custom computer program that generates a weight analysis report, detailing safety margins on each component. Members receive a comprehensive report at the weighing site, including tire load/inflation tables. The cost of the service is \$70.

There is no charge for the education program titled “RV Weight & Tire Safety” presented by RVSEF. Check your program for day, time, and location.

**Sign up for RV weighing at the FRVA Information Center located in McGill Marketplace on Wednesday, March 18, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, or during exhibit hours at the RV Safety & Education Foundation booth (404) in the Miller-Murphy-Howard Building. Appointments are limited.**

*Pre-convention weighing will also take place on Monday and Tuesday, March 16 and 17. To schedule an appointment to be weighed before the event, visit [rvsafety.com/frva-convention](http://rvsafety.com/frva-convention).*

## CRAFTER'S CORNER

Below are Crafts and Topic Classes being presented at the “Changes In Latitude ” convention. These classes are offered for an additional fee. Sign-ups begin on Wednesday, March 18, at 8:30 am in McGill Marketplace. Limited class sizes.

### CRICUT

**Instructor: Janell Allred**

- Cricut Advanced
- Cricut Basics
- Cricut Coffee Mug (NEW)
- Travel Mug Make Your Own (NEW)

### DIAMOND ART PAINTING

**Instructor: Lee Deal**

- Variety

### Fiber Art

**Instructor: Leslie Goree, Leslie's Fabric Creations**

- Fabric Wrapped Rope Baskets (Bring sewing machine)
- Coiled Basket
- Leslie's Fabric Creations

### GLASS

**Instructor: Patricia Stuckwisch, Sew Creative**

- Stained Glass Butterfly Suncatcher
- Stained Glass Iris Flower Suncatcher or Nightlight

**Instructors: Dave & Carol Johnson, Touch Of Glass**

- Kiln-Fused-Glass Jewelry
- Fused Glass Beaded Bracelet

### JEWELRY

**Instructor: Katie Taddeo, Katie's Design Studio**

- Latitudes And Attitude Pendant Necklace
- 23 Psalm Bracelet

### PAINTING CLASSES

**Instructor: Heather DeLoatch, Lush Art Studio**

- Hibiscus Turtle Canvas Painting (New)
- Palm Tree Canvas Painting (New)

**Instructor: Janell Allred**

- Campfire Nights Wood Painting
- Serenity

**Instructor: Patricia Stuckwisch, Sew Creative**

- Home Sign Wood Painting

### PAPER ART

**Instructor: Beth Bridges, Stampin Up**

- Card Making With Colored Pencils
- Card Making With Ink Blending

### WHIMSICAL

**Instructor: Alice Jacobs**

- Fairy Wand Planter Stakes

# Perry Fast Facts

For Emergencies, dial **911**.

Perry is located in **Houston County**. Surrounding counties include Dooly (south), Macon (west), Peach (northwest), Bibb (north), Twiggs (northeast), Bleckley (east), and Pulaski (southeast). Perry is approximately 15 miles south of Warner Robins; 27 miles south of Macon; 97 miles southeast of Atlanta; and 135 miles north of the Florida border. The area code is 478 and the zip code is 31069.

## U.S. Post Office

1400 Macon Road, Perry  
(478) 988-1251

## Perry Hospital | Houston Healthcare

1120 Morningside Drive, Perry  
(478) 987-3600

## Wes Park Family Dentistry

233 Wes Park Drive, Perry  
(478) 987-7863

## Perry Animal Hospital

633 General Courtney Hodges Blvd., Perry  
(478) 224-7387

**Weather broadcasts can be found on the following Perry area TV and radio stations:**

## Digital TV Stations

WPGA – 58 (ABC)	WMAZ – 13 (CBS)
WGXA – 24 (FOX)	WMGT – 41 (NBC)

## Radio Stations

WMUM – 89.7 FM	WNNG – 99.9 FM
WPWB – 90.5 FM	WNEX – 100.9 FM
WJTG – 91.3 FM	WAYS – 1500 AM
WPEZ – 93.7 FM	WDDO – 980 AM
WMGB – 95.1 FM	WMAC – 940 AM
WIBB – 97.9 FM	WZCH – 102.5 FM
WDEN – 99.1 FM	WQBZ – 106.3 FM

## Cancellation Requests

Refunds for this convention will be made only upon written request by emailing (cancel@frva.com). Cancellations made by January 21, 2026, will receive a full refund minus \$25 handling fee. Cancellations made after January 21, 2026, but before March 18, 2026, will receive a full refund minus \$50 handling fee. Absolutely no refunds March 18, 2026, and after. Badges and confirmation materials must be returned to the FRVA home office before any refund is issued. **ELECTRIC REFUNDS: No refunds for electric service if cancelled on or after February 18, 2026**

## GROCERY, PHARMACY, LAUNDRY, AND MISCELLANEOUS SHOPPING

The information below is provided as a courtesy to attendees and is not an endorsement or recommendation by FRVA for the businesses indicated.

### Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter

**401 Larry Walker Parkway  
Perry, GA 31069**

#### WALMART SUPERCENTER

1009 St. Patrick's Drive, Perry, GA 31069  
Store: (478) 987-1444 — Pharmacy: (478) 987-2323  
Hours: Store — 6:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.; Pharmacy — Mon-Fri: 9:00 am to 9:00 pm;  
Sat: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm; Sun: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

**Directions From GNFA** (Est. distance: 3 miles)

1. Go west on Larry Walker Parkway/Golden Isle Parkway
2. Merge onto I-75 N ramp to Macon
3. Take exit 136 for US-341/GA-7 toward Perry/Fort Valley
4. Keep right at the fork and turn onto GA-7 S/US 341 Sam Nunn Blvd.
5. Take the first left on Hampton Court. Walmart is straight ahead.

#### KROGER (Food and Drug)

1367 Sam Nunn Blvd., Perry, GA 31069  
Store: (478) 988-8474 — Pharmacy: (478) 988-8398  
Hours: Store — 6:00 am to 1:00 am; Pharmacy— Mon-Fri:  
9:00 am to 8:00 pm; Sat: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm; Sun: 11:00 am to 6:00 pm

**Directions From GNFA** (Est. distance: 3 miles)

1. Go west on Larry Walker Parkway/Golden Isle Parkway
2. Merge onto I-75 N ramp to Macon
3. Take exit 136 for US-341/GA-7 toward Perry/Fort Valley
4. Keep right at the fork and turn onto GA-7 S/US 341 Sam Nunn Blvd.
5. Travel to the second traffic light and Kroger will be on the right.

#### CVS (Food and Drug)

1100 Washington Street, Perry, GA 31069  
Store: (478) 987-0707  
Hours: Store — 8:00 am to 9:00 pm; Pharmacy — Mon-Fri:  
8:00 am to 9:00 pm; Sat: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm; Sun: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

**Directions From GNFA** (Est. distance: 2.0 miles)

1. Go west on Larry Walker Parkway/Golden Isle Parkway
2. Turn right onto US-41 N/GA-7 N/GA-127 E/General Courtney Hodges Blvd.
3. Turn left onto Meeting Street.
4. CVS will be on the left.

#### WALGREENS (Food and Drug)

1100 Ball Street, Perry, GA 31069  
Store: (478) 987-1222  
Hours: Store — 8:00 am to 10:00 pm; Pharmacy — Mon-Fri:  
9:00 am to 7:00 pm; Sat: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm; Sun: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

**Directions From GNFA** (Est. distance: 2.6 miles)

1. Go west on Larry Walker Parkway/Golden Isle Parkway
2. Turn right onto US-41 N/GA-7 N/GA-127 E/General Courtney Hodges Blvd.
3. **Continue straight onto Commerce Street. Walgreens is on the left.**

#### LAUNDRY SERVICES

Perry's Squeaky-Clean Laundromat

Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter

Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Open seven days a week

Self-service washing and drying, wash-and-fold, dry cleaning.

Credit card and coin machines.

**Directions** Located inside the fairgrounds, next to the Public Safety Building. (See Grounds map).

# Acres & Oak KITCHEN



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the Fairgrounds During Your Stay!**

[AcresandOakKitchen.com](http://AcresandOakKitchen.com)

## ENTREES

Beef Stroganoff • Cajun Chicken Pasta • Chicken Carbonara • Chicken Divan • Chicken Fettuccine  
Chicken Parmesan • Chicken Pot Pie • Chicken Spaghetti • Chicken & Wild Rice • Fajita Chicken  
Italian Beef & Cheese • Lasagna • Lemon Chicken Pasta • Pesto Chicken • Poppyseed Chicken • Pot Roast  
Shepherd's Pie • Taco Bowl • Tuscan Chicken • Veggie Lasagna

## SIDES

Baked Macaroni & Cheese • Baked Pineapple • Broccoli & Cheese Casserole • Cornbread Dressing  
Green Bean Casserole • Mashed Potatoes • Squash Casserole • Sweet Potato Casserole

## BREAKFAST

Breakfast Casserole • Cinnamon Rolls • Hashbrown Casserole

## SALADS

Caesar Salad • Garden Salad • Pasta Salad • Summer Salad

## APPETIZERS

Almond Chicken Salad • Chunky Chicken Salad • Cranberry Chicken Salad • Bacon Tomato Dip  
Spinach Dip • Pimento Cheese • Wicked Pimento Cheese • Buffalo Chicken Dip • Charleston Dip  
Jalapeno Popper Dip • Cheese Straws • Cheese Wafers • Sourdough Rolls

## DESSERTS

Apple Cobbler • Blueberry Cobbler • Peach Cobbler • Donut Holes • Wedding Cookies • Brownies  
Lemon Bars • Butter Pecan Cookies • Chocolate Chip Cookies • White Chocolate Macadamia Nut Cookies  
Pound Cake (Plain, Caramel, Chocolate, Lemon, Turtle Drizzle)

# WELCOME TO PERRY, GA!

**Let's help you settle in with something delicious.**

Acres & Oak Kitchen brings over 30 years of culinary expertise to every meal we make. Whether you're feeding yourself or a whole crew, our microwavable 2-Cup meals and oven-ready 4-Cup meals are made to serve. With hearty, generous portions crafted with real care, there's no prep and no cleanup - just heat, eat, and enjoy. We're your kitchen away from home, wherever the road takes you.

**There's nothing like downtown Perry charm.  
While you're here, enjoy all that our beautiful city has  
to offer and let Acres & Oak serve you a taste of home!**



## Place Your Order Today!

*Scan the QR code or visit <https://acresandoakkitchen-perry.square.site/> to place your order online. Pick your meals, select in-store pickup and proceed to checkout.*

*Select March 16th or March 17th as your pickup date and type "FRVA" in the order notes. Orders without "FRVA" noted may not be included in delivery to the Fairgrounds. We look forward to serving you soon!*

