



National African-American RVers Association, Inc.

National Headquarters

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A Family Oriented NON-
PROFIT 501(c)(7) CAMPING
ORGANIZATION
www.NAARVA.com

January 20, 2025

To: NAARVA Members

Enclosed is your 32nd Annual NAARVA National Camp Rally registration package. The Rally will be held from July 13 to July 20, 2025, in Allegan, Michigan at the Allegan County Fairground. The theme for the 2025 Rally is **"NAARVA's Family Road Trip"** and it is being hosted by the NAARVA Central Region.

The Rally Team is planning a schedule that will provide time for great tours, food, and seminars. Sit back and relax, hit the local casinos, dance the night away, or explore the RV of your dreams. You may also want to compete in a golf tournament, bean bag baseball, or dominoes tournament, sing Karaoke with friends or increase your RV knowledge at a seminar. Enjoy food, fun, music, games, prizes and more — there's something for everyone.

Your registration packet gives you an opportunity to join in all planned Rally events, activities, and seminars. Because of the effects of COVID-19, our continued emphasis is safety and we want everyone who comes to Allegan to be in a safe environment. All safety protocols enforced by the Michigan CDC, which may include mask wearing, and social distancing for all indoor activities will be enforced. Please take a few minutes to read the entire packet, as you don't want to miss out on any of the early registration and/or pre-registration requirements.

Don't delay, register today! We can accept a maximum of 500 reservations. Registrants will be entered into a special Early Incentive Drawing to receive two chances per region for a \$100 refund of your 2025 Rally registration! The incentives will be awarded in each region and entries will only apply to Sunday-Sunday registrants. The incentive drawings will be held at the 2025 NAARVA Camp Rally Opening Ceremony.

The incentive drawing is for \$100.00 per person, two winners per region and your registration must be dated/postmarked by March 31, 2025.

Check NAARVA National and Central Region websites and social media pages, along with a Constant Contact announcement for updates, activities and more. **NAARVA's Family Road Trip** will be an ideal mix of exciting new events and activities you've come to love and expect at a NAARVA National Camp Rally. We look forward to seeing you in Allegan, Michigan!

Rodney Thompson
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National President

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Central Region Director

32nd NAARVA National Camp Rally



“NAARVA Family Road Trip”

July 13th – 20th, 2025

**Allegan County Fairgrounds
Allegan, Michigan**

2025 NAARVA National Camp Rally

General Information

Please retain the rally information pages for your future reference.

This information is being sent to you to help make the registration process as informative as possible. We recommend that you share this information with other families. In addition, after completing your registration please keep a completed copy for your records. All registrations must be completed on the NAARVA website at www.naarva.com.

All registrations must be completed no later than, May 31, 2025.

Acceptable forms of payment: Payment must be made in full online using the NAARVA Member Portal. Please do not send money orders or cash. All returned checks will be assessed a fee of a \$75.00 administrative fee above the registration fee.

Cancellation Policy: All cancellations must adhere to the following criteria:

1. Must be requested:
 - a. Email to naarva.rvally@gmail.com must be dated no later than **May 31, 2025.** ***or***
 - b. Mail to 961 Roberts Branch Pkwy, Ste 106-240, Columbia, SC 29203 must be postmarked no later than May 31, 2025.
2. **All** approved cancellations will have a \$75.00 administrative fee deducted. Any meal/site/tour cost that cannot be cancelled will also be deducted. **There will not be any full cancellation refunds after May 9, 2025.**

Parking:

1. **Sites:** We are limited to 500 reservations. All sites are 30–50-amp electric, water connection with 1 sewer dump included in your registration fee. Additional sewer dumps are \$50 paid by you. Registrants will be parked together based on chapter affiliation, with first consideration made for the size of your Recreational Vehicle and or handicap site request. If you wish to be parked with another registrant, you must arrive together.
2. **Daily/Late Arrival:** RV's will be parked from Sunday, July 13, 2025, to Wednesday, July 16, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. A phone number for the Administrative Officer of the Day will be provided closer to the arrival date for members arriving after 4:00 PM.
3. **Early Bird Arrival:** If you wish to arrive Friday July 11, or Saturday July 12, Early Bird arrival is available for \$45 per night.
4. **Handicap Parking:**
There are sites that have been designated within the park that are close to the Agricultural Building for planned rally activities for those requiring handicapped parking.

Planned Tour

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

Gun Lake Casino (Full Day) – 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Experience non-stop excitement at Gun Lake Casino. Discover thrilling gaming options, delicious dining, live entertainment and more.

Rally Activities

Registration – July 13, 14, 15, (10:00 – 12:00) 16 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Visit the Registration & Information desk Sunday, July 13 thru Thursday July 17 in the Agricultural Building for your Rally Bags, tickets, and information about all events.

Table/RV Vendors – Sunday, July 13 thru Friday, July 18 – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Be sure to visit our table vendors, and RV outdoor vendors. A variety of recreational vehicles will be priced to sell so get ready to drive home with your dream rig!

Cash Bingo – Sunday, July 13, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Monday, July 14, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Tuesday, July 15, 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Question and Answer Seminar - Wednesday, July 16, 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm

President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President Positions.

Health Walk/Bike Ride – Monday, July 14 thru Saturday July 19, 7:00 am

Join the team of health-conscious adults with a brisk or leisurely walk with friends around the RV resort. Dress comfortably and wear good walking shoes.

Thursday, July 17, 9:30 am – 10:30 am, MASA Breakfast Seminar

Question and Answer Seminar – Thursday, July 17, 11:30 pm – 12:00 pm

General Secretary, Asst. General Secretary Positions

Question and Answer Seminar – Thursday, July 17, 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm

Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Asst. Financial Secretary Positions

Book Club – Friday, 10:00 11:00 am

Come and join us to discuss “The Wedding” by Dorothy West. Born in Boston and moved to New York in 1920 and founded the Harlem Renaissance. Her first novel in forty-seven years, Dorothy West, the last surviving member of the Harlem Renaissance, offers an intimate glimpse into the African American middle class. Set on bucolic Martha's Vineyard in the 1950s, The Wedding tells the story of life in the Oval, a proud, insular community made up of the best and brightest of the East Coast's black bourgeoisie. Within this inner circle of "blue-vein society," we witness the prominent Coles family gather for the wedding of the loveliest daughter, Shelby, who could have chosen from "a whole area of eligible men of the right colors and the right professions." Instead, she has fallen in love with and is about to be married to Meade Wyler, a white jazz musician from New York.

Line Dancing – Monday & Tuesday 10:00 am to 11:00 am, Thursday, 12:30-1:30 pm

Get your dancing shoes on and be ready to move your feet to the beat. We'll have the old “stand-byes” as well as some new dances to learn. Dance your way to good health. Don't be shy, come out and try.

Meet & Greet – Monday, July 14 – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Come out to the Meet & Greet to start the week of FUN! Meet new friends and re-connect with those members who you haven't seen since last year. **Refreshments will be served.**

Night Bike Ride – Monday thru Friday – 9:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Come out and enjoy a cool evening with a bike ride throughout the Allegan County Fairgrounds. Riders are required to wear a helmet and have a bike with a front headlight and luminated rear light.

Youth Activities – Tuesday thru Thursday – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Fun activities with lunch daily. All parents and youth attending the **MANDATORY** meeting will be given a Youth Activity Schedule.

Bible Study – Wednesday, July 16 – 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Bring your Bible and fellowship with other NAARVA members with Pastor Garland Scott, our NAARVA National Chaplain, delivering the word. See Activity Schedule for location.

New Members/1st Timers' Orientation, Wednesday, July 16 – 1:15 pm to 2:15 pm

- If you are a new NAARVA member or if this is your first time attending a NAARVA National Rally, come and find out what awaits you; fun, fellowship, and friends.

Solo RVers Meeting, Wednesday, July 16, 2:15 - 2:45

- If you are a solo person attending the rally, find out about opportunities to network and meet people for lasting relationships with fellow RVer's.

Member-at-Large Meeting, Wednesday, July 16, 2:45 – 3:45

- If you are a member-at-large, come and meet your fellow members and find out more information about the organization.

NAARVA Parade – Wednesday, July 16 @ 4:45 pm – 5:45 pm

Decorate your cars, bikes, wagons, strollers, and golf carts to represent your Chapter/Region and let the good times roll as the Grand Marshall leads us in this memorable parade thru the Resort parade route. All are welcome to participate. The parade line up starts at 4:45 p.m.; the parade will start promptly at 5:00 p.m. The parade entry form will be available at the Registration & Information Desk to register your marching units, clubs, decorated golf carts, floats, pets, etc. Staging area and parade route will be posted in the activity schedule.

Opening Ceremony – Wednesday, July 16, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Come join us for our opening ceremony, participate in our 50/25/25 drawing and hear from our NAARVA and community leaders. **Refreshments will be served** following the ceremony, so come enjoy and be informed.

Card Games Practice – Wednesday, July 16 – 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Practice and warm-up for games on Thursday, July 17.

MASA Emergency Transportation Program – Thursday, July 17, 9:30 am – 10:30 am

MASA Emergency Shield plans to provide members with over 19 benefits. These benefits include emergency medical transportation, RV/Vehicle return, member return, pet return, visitor transportation, and many more! Our benefits protect you at home, traveling within the United States in your RV, and even worldwide! We will introduce attendees to MASA as a company and go over in detail every benefit. We offer many payment options for all budgets but are the only carrier with our Lifetime Payment Option. Come learn why MASA gives you peace of mind while traveling or even at home.

Lifetime Membership Lunch – Thursday 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Dominos/Spades Tournament – Thursday, July 17 – 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Bid Whist Tournament – Thursday, July 17 @ 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Texas Hold'em 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Enjoy this competitive tournament and brush up on your card playing skills. Prizes will be awarded.

Region Meetings – Thursday, July 17 - 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Come participate in break-out session for your Region.

The Mary M. Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament – Thursday, July 17 – 8:00 am

This is a paid event and Pre-registration is required. This event will be held at Lynx Golf Course Club, which is approximately 6.6 miles from Allegan County Fair Ground. The registration fees associated with this outing will include green fees, golf cart and lunch. *Soft spikes are required for play, Dress code is strictly enforced; collared shirt required; no cut-offs, short shorts or tank tops, each player must have their own set of clubs.*

Carolyn J. Buford Beanbag Baseball Tournament – Thursday, July 17 – 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Each region is asked to form a team to participate in this “NAARVA World Series Tournament”. Each team will need a minimum of 12 people to play. Beanbag Baseball is a fun and competitive non-physical game for both men and women age 18 and over. Players are required to pitch the bean bag underhanded and “walk” from base to base (chair to chair). The team consists of 12 players at a time, a coach, and a score keeper from each region. The selection of the individuals will be made by the Region Director and/or designee from each region. Until then, warm up your pitching arm, select your Region Team and designate a team captain, GAME TIME!

Gentlemen's Luncheon, Friday, July 18 – 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Brothers Bonding Fish Fry, Food Fellowship, Fun & Games.

Ladies Luncheon, Friday, July 28 – 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm



Lovely Ladies Wear Many Hats – Throughout life ladies wear multiple hats, and at times within the same day. Come celebrate women's versatility by dressing it up or dressing it down and wear the hat to fit your outfit style. Enjoy a delicious lunch, vegetarian option included. This event will be held on Friday, July 18th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00p.m.



Robert Reese Cake Walk – Friday, July 18 – 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Each club is asked to furnish one (1) cake or sealed baked goods. Bring your items to the Agricultural Building Friday, from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. Be sure to stay to enjoy the cake walk! All ages are welcome to join in the fun.

Street Party/Karaoke Night – Friday, July 18 – 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm

NAARVA has talent, Dance to the Oldies. Get your favorite songs ready for a night of Karaoke. This is a BYOB event! See Schedule for location.

Worship Service – Saturday, July 19 – 9:30 am to 10:30 am

You are invited to worship with fellow NAARVA members with Reverend Garland Scott, our National Chaplain, delivering the word. Bring your Bible and give yourself some time to concentrate and strengthen your commitment to the Lord.

National Camp Rally Meeting – Saturday, July 19 – 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Join us for the annual meeting for all members and regions as we receive reports and information from all our National Officers and Regional Directors.

Ice Cream Social – Saturday, July 19 – 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

Please join us with some ice cream in a variety of flavors and check out the NAARVA Flea Market at the same time. Enjoy the festivities! All ages are welcome to join in the fun.

Food Trucks, Saturday, July 19, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Closing Ceremony and Awards Ceremony, Saturday, July 19 – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

As is tradition at the end of a successful NAARVA rally, we come together one last time to our farewells. Join us for fellowship, door prizes and the 50/25/25 drawing and. **Winners must be present to win.**

Seminars & Classes

Many plans are in place to ensure that you have every opportunity to participate in activities that will provide new information, skills for safety, and future planning for your financial security. Seminars and classes may include health, computer/social media/smartphones & devices, preneed funeral planning, estate planning, RV technical information, cooking, fire safety, identity theft prevention, ecology, MASA, etc.

Door Prizes:

Fantastic door prizes received from "supporters of NAARVA" and NAARVA Clubs will be given out and all drawing times will be listed in your Souvenir Book Schedule. **Winner must be present to win.** Numbers called but not present will be placed back in the bin for future drawings.

Miscellaneous Rally Information

Golf Cart Rental: Golf carts can be rented for your personal use while at the 2025 National Rally in Allegan, MI. Please designate on the registration form if you wish to rent a golf cart. There are a limited number of golf carts reserved on a first come first served basis. No golf carts will be ordered during the rally. Golf carts can be picked up on Sunday, July 13, 2025, between 10:00 am - 3:00 pm and must be returned no later than Saturday, July 19, 2025, by 8:00 pm.

Pets: Pets must always be kept on a leash and are not allowed inside the Allegan indoor facilities. Pets are not allowed in any common areas or buildings. **Do not leave your pets outside unattended and please you MUST clean up after your pet.**

Motorized Vehicles: Motorcycles, motor scooters, bikes or other motorized vehicles must be driven between the resort entrance and the RVers site. Resort speed limit is 5 MPH. **All motorized vehicles must be street legal and driven by licensed drivers.**

Badges: For your safety, security and access to all Rally Activities, your badge will be used to determine that you are registered to participate in seminars, meetings, etc. All youth, young adults and mature adults must wear their badges.

Sightseeing in Michigan

Historical

Grand Rapids African American Museum and Archives. The collection includes unique historical and cultural contributions of local African Americans and people of color in North American and globally. We tell the rich, colorful stories of the African American tapestry of living in Grand Rapids.

Lake Michigan

Enjoy the majesty of Lake Michigan upon the Starr of Saugatuck River cruise. Glide down the Kalamazoo River. It's an opportunity to "escape" all of the pressures of daily life and relax upon the water. Take in the beauty of the lake and see wildlife on the shore

Wineries

Enjoy wine tasting at the Fenn Vally Vineyards. Established in 1973 their goal has always been to produce world class wines from grapes grown along the shore of Lake Michigan.

Chateau Chantal celebrates 30 years of bringing Northern Michigan hospitality to its patrons. Sample the Pinot Noir, and Chardonnay from their 10,000 sq ft wine cellar and new tasting room/outdoor patio space.

Motown Museum

Guests will be transported through time while viewing curated exhibits, the actual apartment of Barry Gordy, with a guided tour of interesting history, fascinating anecdotes and stories that all took place at Hitsville, USA. See the birthplace of the Motown sound, one of the most significant musical accomplishments and stunning success stories of the 20th century.

Local Services

Fire Department

Allegan Fire Department, 300 Monroe St, Allegan, MI 49010 [\(269\) 673-4459](tel:2696734459)

Police

Allegan Police Department, 170 Monroe St, Allegan, MI 49010 [\(269\) 673-2115](tel:2696732115)

Hospital

Ascension Borgess Allegan Hospital, 555 Linn St, Allegan, MI 49010 [\(269\) 673-8424](tel:2696738424)

Pharmacies

Walmart Pharmacy, 412 Oaks Xing, Plainwell, MI [\(269\) 685-6191](tel:2696856191)

Rite Aid, 560 Jenner Dr, Allegan, MI 49010 [\(269\) 673-2181](tel:2696732181)

Supermarkets

Walmart Supercenter, 412 Oaks Xing, Plainwell, MI [\(269\) 685-6191](tel:2696856191)

Meijer 1195 M 89, Plainwell, MI [\(269\) 685-3800](tel:2696853800)

Aldi, 1323 M 89, Plainwell, MI 49080 [\(855\) 955-2534](tel:8559552534)

Shopping

North Kalamazoo Mall, 100 W Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007 [\(269\) 344-0795](tel:2693440795)

Cedar Point Mall, 3665 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512 [\(616\) 949-2550](tel:6169492550)

RV Services

General RV Center, 476 Reno Drive, Wayland, MI 49348 [\(269\) 371-5160](tel:2693715160)

Midway RV Center, 5590 Division Ave S, Grand Rapids, MI 49548 [\(616\) 534-9641](tel:6165349641)

Camping Supplies

Camping World, 201 76th Street Southwest, Grand Rapids, MI 49548 [\(844\) 746-5682](tel:8447465682)

Pet Hospitals

Allegan Veterinary Clinic, 845 Marshall Street, Allegan, MI 49010 [\(269\) 673-6981](tel:2696736981)

Banks

Chase Bank, 1825 44th St SW, Wyoming, MI 49519, [\(616\) 771-7600](tel:6167717600)

Wells Fargo Bank, MI146 Monroe Center Street NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 [\(616\) 458-6000](tel:6164586000)

Hotels

Budget Host Inn, 1580 Lincoln Road, Allegan, MI, 49010 [\(269\) 673-6622](tel:2696736622)

Double Tree by Hilton, 650 East 24th Street, Holland, MI, 49423 [\(616\)394-0111](tel:6163940111)

Best Western Plus Wayland Hotel, 396 Reno Dr, Wayland, MI, 49348 [\(269\) 397-1161](tel:2693971161)

Airports

Gerald R. Ford International Airport, 5500 44th Street SE,

Grand Rapids, MI 49512 [\(616\) 233-6000](tel:6162336000)

Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport, 5235 Portage Rd,

Portage, MI 49002 [\(269\) 388-3668](tel:2693883668)

SOUVENIR BOOKLET AD FORM

DATE _____

Received From: _____

Business _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

To place an ad in the Souvenir Booklet of the National African American RVers Association, Inc., include a copy of your ad, as you want it to appear.

CHECK BELOW YOUR CHOICE OF AD OR BECOME A PATRON

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|---|----------|--|------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Page Color | \$300.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Full Back Cover Color | \$1,000.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Page Black & White | \$175.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Full Inside Back Cover Color | \$750.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Half Page Black & White | \$100.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Full Inside Front Cover Color | \$750.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page Black & White | \$50.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron | \$5.00 |

Full page ad: 7-1/2" x 10", half page ad 4-1/2" x 7-1/2", quarter page ad 3-3/4" X 4-1/2"

Please send all photos in .JPG or .TIF Image (NO SCANNED PICTURES)

1. E-mail photograph to: naarva.rvally@gmail.com
2. E-mail your ad to naarva.rvally@gmail.com in one of these formats: Microsoft Word or JPEG
3. Print your information below as you wish it to appear in the Souvenir Book.

The Sum of \$ _____ Check No. _____

Signature

Make check payable to: **NAARVA NATIONAL CAMP RALLY – 2025**

Mail to: **NAARVA National Headquarters**
961 Roberts Branch Pkwy 106-240
Columbia, SC 29203

For questions or further information, please contact NAARVA Headquarters via email at naarva.rvally@gmail.com.

DEADLINE: May 31, 2025

To-Do List for Members/Regions/Clubs

- ☐ Complete the Rally Registration by the Early Incentive date of March 31, 2025.
- ☐ Place an ad in the Souvenir Book.
- ☐ Bring one gift per chapter valued at \$25 for Door Prizes due Sunday, July 13, 2025, to the Region Directors.
- ☐ Submit Parade Entry Form available at Information Desk. Advance entry required to be part of judging.
- ☐ Parents, Grandparents/Guardians with youth must attend Youth Activity Meeting.
- ☐ Pack your RALLY GEAR: Bikes, Roller Blades.
- ☐ Don't forget your spouse, partner or travel guest.

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| ○ Wednesday | Club Shirts |
| ○ Thursday | Region T-Shirts/Colors |
| ○ Friday | Rally T-Shirts |
| ○ Saturday | NAARVA T-Shirt/Colors (White & Black) |



2025 NAARVA National Camp Rally

Registration Links

REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED

Other Forms for Rally:



2025 NAARVA
Seminar Application.p



2025 Souvenir
Booklet Ad Form.pdf



2025 NAARVA Table
& Outside Vendor Ap

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