

August Newsletter

Slippery Rock Campground Association

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 4:30pm

Friday - Sunday 8:00am - 4:30pm

The office is closed daily from 12:00pm – 1:00pm.



Board Meeting Dates

**Annual Membership Meeting–
September 6, 2026**

**Introduction of New Board
Directors– September 7, 2026**

Board Members (Term Expiring)

Section A

Renee Curry A220 (Secretary)	2026
Joyce Hobough A122	2027
Mike Mary A304/305	2028

Section B

David Kirch B138	2026
Cindy Storoz B194	2027
Jim McClintock B110 (President)	2028

Section C

Tom Keating C172	2026
Carol Phipps C044	2027
Dan Bowen C022 (Vice President)	2028

Section D

Justin Bosilovich D026 (Treasurer)	2026
Chuck Spicuzza D110	2027
Cindy Evans D287/D311	2028

Our Staff

Business Office Jeff Schmid – Campground Manager

Jared Milligan – Operations Support Specialist

Administrative Assistants - April Roccia, Ashley Gideon

Security

Security Officers: Paige Duke, Brendan Earl, Dave Miller, Nick Miller, Kian O'Brien, Josh Ottaviani, Evan Schlegel, Logan Redford

Maintenance Jonathan Kordish - Maintenance Supervisor

Maintenance: Zach Simmons, Chris Watt, Dan Watt, Jake Watt

Emergency Calls

Call 911 FIRST!

Call Security at 724-496-2161

Give the location and nature of the emergency.

Always have a list of your medications on hand.

From the President

A few updates from my desk, in no particular order...

Good of the Order — Keeping It Productive

“Good of the Order” is included at our monthly Board meetings to give members an opportunity to address the Board, raise concerns, ask questions, and offer suggestions. Our Bylaws require Board meetings to be open to the membership, and this portion of the meeting provides an important opportunity for members to be heard.

But there is an important difference between being heard and turning a Board meeting into a live version of Facebook—or reality TV.

Good of the Order should be used for constructive communication. Disagreement is expected. Criticism is appropriate. Different opinions are healthy. Personal attacks, arguments between members, interruptions, and attempts to embarrass others are not.

Our Rules already prohibit harassment, verbal abuse, and threats toward members, guests, and staff. Those same standards of courtesy and respect should apply when members address the Board.

The goal of Good of the Order is simple: give members a voice while maintaining an orderly, respectful meeting where Association business can be conducted effectively. Bring your questions. Bring your concerns. Bring your ideas. Just leave the drama at home.

Your Vote Is Your Voice

This year’s annual election will help shape SRCA’s leadership, financial direction, and governing documents. Every member has a voice, but that voice is heard only when a ballot is returned.

Participation is especially important this year. At least **51% of the membership must participate in order for the proposed Bylaws amendments to be valid.** The proposed changes address voting and member communications, the annual financial review process, and the role of the Nominating and Election Committee.

Please complete your ballot and mail it in time to be received by Slippery Rock Post Office by **Thursday, September 3, 2026.**

Your vote is your voice. Make sure it is heard.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim McClintock

President

From the Manager

It is hard to believe that the summer is winding down, and Labor Day will be here soon. It seems like we just opened the pool and welcomed summer. Hopefully everyone has enjoyed their time at the campground this year and continues to enjoy the remainder of the season.

We have installed a shed near the office to store the delivered packages with seems to be working well. It has kept the packages off the floor in the office, the delivery drivers are happy they no longer must lug those big heavy packages into the office, and the members seem to be happy that it is now more convenient for them to get their packages.

I wanted to reiterate that we have two new people in the office, April and Ashley, and if you have the opportunity when you're near the office stop in and say hello. Also, if you need anything they would be glad to help.

As a reminder, the office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, and Friday through Sunday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. From 8:00 am to 9:00 am Monday through Thursday, the office is receiving and returning voice mails, emails and any other pertinent issues from the previous day. The office is closed from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm daily. During that time the office is taking their half hour lunch, checking voicemails, and emails from the morning that need to be addressed.

As for this writing, there are only 4 members with outstanding dues. Letters and emails have been sent, and we hope to get this to zero by the time the September newsletter goes out.

The storage facility is completely full currently. If you're looking for a spot, please check with the office as spots occasionally open up but they don't last long.

We have sent out 39 violation letters for grass length, dirty trailers, and lights and air conditioners being left on. If you've received a letter, it will contain a completion date to have the work completed. If you have any questions or concerns about the letter, please call the office. When you're leaving the campground please turn off your lights (put them on a timer) and turn off your air conditioners. If everyone contributes their share, we can significantly reduce our electric consumption thus reducing our bill.

Currently we are working on several lots to remove abandoned trailers and clean up the lots, so they are ready to sell. Four of the lots the trailers have been removed, and maintenance has cleaned them off and they are ready to sell. In fact, two of the lots/memberships have already been sold. The third one will be on the sale list next week.

There are two more lots where the trailers will be moved in the next couple of weeks. The process is that for abandoned/forfeited lots with trailers we can move the trailers off the lots to be able to sell the membership. There is a process to be able to claim the trailers as abandoned. First, we must fill out a hearing request at the magistrate. Then we get a court date which we must attend and hopefully we get a judgement in our favor. Once we get the judgement, we can then go to the sheriff's office and fill out a (Writ of Execution) which eventually will allow the sheriff's office to schedule the sale or allow us to scrap the trailer.

And finally, just a couple of stats:

Maintenance has completed 96 work orders month to date.

Security has issued 45 incident reports

The incidents reported included:

1. Attempted break-ins
2. Verbal abuse/harassment
3. Bathroom incidents
4. Dog barking/Dog outside without a leash
5. Building without a permit
6. Complaint about use of common areas
7. Guest relieving themselves in someone's driveway.

Sales Updates:

- Lots for Sale: There are currently 26 trailers with memberships, 7 memberships, 3 trailers only, and 1 rental lot available. Properties continue to sell as quickly as they are listed.

Thank you,

Jeff

Alcohol Rule Discussion

At the August Board meeting, there was a motion on the table to revise Rule 9(d), which addresses alcohol in common areas. The sponsor chose to withdraw the motion and, in my opinion, that was the correct action.

The availability of alcohol in common areas is an important but divisive issue. Comments at the Rules Committee meeting, Board member posts, and conversations with members show strong feelings on both sides.

Some frustration is understandable. This issue has been around for quite a while without resolution by either the Rules Committee or the Board. That has created urgency, but rushing to a solution is not the answer. What is needed is a commitment to address the issue and bring it to a conclusion.

Before changing Rule 9(d), we should answer three basic questions:

1. What about the current rule is not working?
2. What problems are we trying to solve?
3. What are the best alternatives?

The next step should be to identify the problems, develop alternatives, seek broader member input, and return a recommendation to the Board by an established date. The Board has already begun that process. Until a better solution is identified and approved, the current rule remains in place.

Surveys and petitions may measure sentiment or document support, but neither by itself identifies a workable solution.

Once a specific proposal has been developed, the Board could also consider placing it before the membership for a vote. If the vote is advisory, that should be clearly stated. If it is intended to decide the issue, its effect should be established in advance.

If we can lower the temperature, listen to one another, and focus on the actual issues rather than slogans or sides, we have a real opportunity to develop a solution that is fair, workable, and in the best interest of the campground.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim McClintock
President

Membership

The Membership committee met on August 9th at 11 am. 9 members attended. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 23rd at 11:00am in the Rec Hall.

1. The committee was interested in taking on the task of observing members' lots from the perspective of members and then compiling a list of observances that could be addressed by the manager/staff.

At the August 23rd meeting we will see how this has progressed for the next 2 weeks then move forward from there.

2. The hosting group is still on-going although we have not had many appointments made compared to the number of transfers that have been conducted. It is perfectly fine for members to take potential members around or bring in potential members to view SRCA and their membership lot, also some members have chosen to have a realtor involved. Either way is fine and we just hope that potential members will look at our rules and bylaws while considering their possible purchase.

3. The welcome baskets are in need of donations. With the many transfers we have had each month we are down to 5 that look full enough to hand out. We agreed to purchase a magnet that has the SRCA website and phone numbers on it. The Ways and Means committee has agreed to purchase those magnets for our welcome baskets. THANK YOU!

The hosting program will continue until December 15th and not resume until March 1, 2027 as camp is pretty much closed and weather isn't promising. Transfers happen all year long by appointment in the office.

Cindy Evans D311 Chair of the Membership Committee

Finance Committee

I have included a letter that explains our finances in a simple form to give the members an understanding of how SRCA does business. Members I know it is a long read and may be boring for some but it is highly informative and goes into detail on what goes to Operating Fund, Capital Fund, Contingency Fund and Assessment Fund.

Justin Bosilovich
Treasurer

Dear Members,

After Sunday's August board meeting, a member told me they regularly receive questions about the Association's finances and suggested that a clear explanation would be helpful. This document provides that overview. While some readers may find it

detailed, I hope others find it highly informative.

The Association receives income from several sources. The primary source is annual membership dues. Seven additional categories—fees, lot sales/Zip Plan payments, interest and dividends, lot rentals, commissions, other income and sales, and rental income—are explained later. The Association's finances are generally divided among three funds: Operating, Capital, and Contingency. At times, a fourth fund, the Assessment Fund, is created for specific projects identified in an approved assessment plan.

Operating Fund and Operating Expenses

The Operating Fund is supported by annual membership dues and pays the Association's day-to-day expenses. These include payroll and payroll taxes, health benefits, maintenance supplies such as pipe, gravel, nuts, bolts, and screws, contracted services, electricity, propane, office expenses, professional fees, licenses, vehicle registration, repairs and fuel, garbage collection, insurance, property taxes, donations to the Slippery Rock and Scott Township volunteer fire departments, and committee expenses for Recreation, Youth & Teens, Safety, and Nominating. The budget also includes a 10% escrow. The bylaws require the Association to reserve 10% of operating income to cover unexpected overruns. For example, this year's electricity expense is approximately \$61,000 over budget because suppliers passed along increased costs. For about six months, the Association was charged a monthly PJM fee of \$7,000. This fee results from annual electricity auctions: when demand exceeds supply, added costs are passed to electric companies and then to consumers. We do not know in advance when the fee will appear, although it has not been charged since April.

Each year, the Treasurer and Finance Committee review projected expenses and prepare an operating budget for the following year. They consider current-year performance and, this year, also reviewed five-year averages for each category. The committee must submit the annual budget to the Board by its July meeting so it can be approved for inclusion in the August election packet.

After estimating expenses, the committee sets income to match them. Because the Association is a nonprofit, budgeted income and expenses must be equal. Annual dues

are therefore calculated by dividing total expenses by the number of members. For example, this year's election-packet budget lists expenses of \$1,795,887. Dividing that amount by 1,149 members results in annual dues of \$1,563 per member.

Capital Fund

The Capital Fund serves as the Association's savings account and pays for capital improvements. Past projects include playgrounds, the miniature golf course, new vehicles, and road curbing. Capital receives money from two main sources: the Board may transfer any unused portion of the Operating Fund's 10% escrow, and income is deposited from the seven categories described below.

1) **Fees:** This category includes late and violation fees, golf-cart registration stickers, teen golf-cart licenses, gate cards, background checks, credit-card service fees, transfer and name-change fees, and returned-check fees. Year to date, these fees have contributed \$127,167 to Capital.

2) **Lot Sales and Zip Plan:** When the Association sells one of its lots, the full

\$12,400 purchase price goes directly to Capital. Alternatively, a member may use the Zip Plan by paying \$4,000 down and financing the remaining \$8,400 in 32 equal monthly payments of \$262.50 over approximately two and a half years. These payments also go directly to Capital. Year to date, this category has contributed \$40,669.

3) **Interest and Dividends:** The Association earns interest on its bank balances. First Commonwealth Bank pays 3.45% on the Operating, Contingency, and Assessment accounts, while the Capital Fund earns 3%. Interest earned from Operating is deposited each month into Capital. So far this year it has made \$19,727. The interest earned from Capital Stays in capital. Capital has made \$34,254. Interest earned for the Contingency and Assessment Accounts stay in those respective accounts.

4) **Lot Rentals:** The Association rents a small number of its lots for \$3,263 per year. Renters receive exclusive use of a lot and access to park amenities, but they cannot vote and do not pay member assessments. Only about three or four renters remain, which is one reason the Association stopped offering seasonal rentals. Existing renters may continue until they choose to stop. Year to date, lot rentals have contributed \$6,361 to Capital.

5) **Commissions:** This category includes revenue from laundry facilities, arcade games, and small games of skill. Year to date, it has contributed \$31,250.

6) **Other Income and Sales:** This category includes merchandise sales, newsletter advertising, miniature golf, memorial trees in the recreation hall, and letters and numbers for trailers and golf carts. Year to date, it has contributed \$911.

7) **Rental Income:** This category includes farmland, storage-space, camp-store, and billboard rentals. Year to date, it has contributed \$12,769.

Together, these seven categories have contributed \$283,807 to Capital so far this year. This total does not include any unused portion of the 10% Operating Fund escrow that the Board may choose to transfer.

Contingency Fund

The Contingency Fund functions as the Association's rainy-day reserve. It may be used only for an emergency or with approval from two-thirds of the total membership. The fund grows through bank interest and any unused Operating Fund escrow the Board chooses to transfer.

Assessment Fund

An Assessment Fund differs from the Association's other funds because it is created for a specific project or approved list of projects. Money in the fund may be spent only on items included in the assessment plan. Assessments are charged in addition to annual dues. For example, the most recent assessment was \$1,200 per member, separate from that year's dues. Collected funds are kept in a dedicated account, and all related expenses are paid from that account rather than from any other fund.

Role of the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee includes the Treasurer, President, an Oversight Team, and any Association members who wish to participate. The Oversight Team consists of the Treasurer, President, and up to six additional members selected after review by the Treasurer and President. Its membership, and any later changes, will be announced to the Association. Members serve three-year terms and may serve more than one term.

The committee's main responsibilities are preparing the annual Operating Budget, developing assessment budgets when needed, and reviewing proposed Capital Fund expenditures. The Association has not issued a member assessment in approximately three years. A committee requesting Capital funds must submit a form describing the project's scope and the amount requested.

After the Oversight Team reviews the request, the full Finance Committee considers it and recommends that the Board approve or reject it. The committee may also return the request for additional information.

These are the Finance Committee's three primary responsibilities. A complete list appears on pages 9–10 of the bylaws. The committee is essential to the Association's financial operations: it reviews financial matters and sends recommendations to the Board of Directors. Members who want to become involved may find the Finance Committee a good place to start.

Financial Controls

Checks and balances help ensure that the Association's money is protected and properly recorded. Approximately 1,200 invoices and checks pass through the Operating Fund each year. Accounting is managed in QuickBooks. The manager reviews invoices, and the office clerk verifies and enters them. Checks are then prepared for amounts due and must be signed by two Executive Board members, who are responsible for confirming that each check matches its invoice. At month-end, all expenses are reconciled in QuickBooks against bank statements. The reconciled statements are then sent to the accounting firm for review, after which month-end financial reports are prepared. The same process applies to the Capital, Contingency, and Assessment accounts.

Conclusion

Thank you for taking the time to read this overview. I hope it clarifies where the Association's money comes from, how it may be spent, and how members can become involved. If you have questions, please contact me by email. Registered members can also visit SRCAhome.com and, under Members Only and Park Management, email me directly.

Justin Bosilovich
Treasurer

Pool Operations

The pool committee met at noon on Sunday August 9th, 2026. 7 very important members were in attendance.

I appreciate those who gave up actual beautiful pool time to attend.

The most important discussion was about the maintenance of the pool and possible expensive repairs that may be needed and planned for this fall.

1. The liner has some bumps and places that are not coming clean. This was looked into on Monday, August 17th at 4:30pm by Tom Keating, Keeley, myself, George Allot, Chris and Johnathan from maintenance. The liner is intact and we will attempt to get some of the spots cleaned.

2. With our staff returning to school we will be short staffed for the rest of the season. Keely will still be with us and cleaning. We swim at our own risk no matter what and I still appreciate attendants on the weekends and evenings. Volunteers may need to attend to things that they see need done and IF a situation arises that appears a safety or rules violation, PLEASE call security.

3. I would like to get the chairs clean and stored right after closing. Volunteers can help clean them. Volunteers can always help clean IF they see the need.

4. A reminder did go out from our staff that No footballs would be allowed at the pool. I do hope that we as members encourage each other and our guests to read and follow the rules. Every member agreed to do so when they became a member of SRCA and every member is responsible for their guests.

Enjoy the rest of our pool season. Pool will be open through Sunday, September 20th and closed on the 21st.

As the days get shorter the pool will be closed according to dusk which comes sooner than 8 pm.

Cindy Evans D311



Fishing Tournaments

Wow, where has summer gone?! The last fishing tournament will be September 5th from 10:00 to 1:00. It has been a huge success and thank you for donating money to buy nice gifts for the kids and for the gifts you have donated. Anyone wanting to donate, mark the envelope or gift "Fishing Tournament" and take it to the office or my Lot A122. As always volunteers are welcome! The age groups are ages 4-8 and 9-16. Ages 17 to adults can fish starting at 11:30 to 12:30.

Joyce Hobaugh

Youth and Teen Committee News

The Youth & Teen Committee would like to take a moment to thank everyone who donated to our **Christmas Toy Raffle**. Because of the generosity and support from our campground community, we were able to add **20 additional children** to this year's raffle!

We are already looking ahead to next year, and our goal is to have **75 children per session**. We couldn't continue to grow these events without the amazing support of our members and everyone who donates, volunteers, and helps make these events possible. Thank you!

We also had a **great Water Park Day!** It was wonderful seeing so many families come out and enjoy the day together. A huge thank-you to **Ways & Means and the Recreation Committee** for working alongside Youth & Teens. This is what SRCA is all about—our committees coming together, working as a team, and creating fun experiences for our

campground families. 

We are now looking forward to our **Kids Carnival!**  To make this happen, we need **at least 15 volunteers** to help. We also need **one person from Safety** to help monitor the bounce house.

If you can volunteer, please let us know. These events only happen because our members are willing to give their time and help make them successful!

And don't forget about the **Haunted Trails!**  If you are interested in being part of the Haunted Trails, please let me know **ASAP** so we can start getting everything organized.

We also still have two dates available for our **Flock My Yard Fundraiser!**



August 29



September 26

If you would like to participate or have someone's yard flocked, please reach out to us! Thank you again to everyone who continues to support the Youth & Teen Committee. We truly appreciate every donation, volunteer, and helping hand. Together, we can continue making SRCA an amazing place for our families!

Carol Phipps- Chair



Special Projects

Mini Golf Update



It has been a great mini golf season! We are very pleased with how the season has gone and appreciate everyone who helped make it a success.

A special thank-you goes to Finn, who did a great job painting our giraffe wall and penguin wall. His hard work and creativity really helped make the mini golf area more colorful and enjoyable for everyone.

This season, we also held two mini golf giveaways for children. A big thank-you to Cindy and Woody Grimm for helping make these giveaways possible and for helping bring some extra fun to the children in our community.

We still need volunteers to help paint the fence and get the area looking its best. If you are available to help, please sign up in the office and put your availability on the list. Every helping hand is greatly appreciated!

Looking ahead to next season, we are hopeful that we will be able to have the sun shades installed to provide some much-needed shade and make the mini golf area even more enjoyable for everyone.

Thank you to all of our volunteers and everyone who supported mini golf this season!

Carol Phipps-Chair

Nominating/Election Committee

New Write-In Candidate

Jim Milligan is running as a write-in candidate for D section and his letter of interest is posted on the bulletin boards and the website.

The *Meet and Greet* the candidates was held on Saturday, August 15 in the Rec Hall. Myself, Debbie D (A), Bobby Jones (A), Dave Kirch (B), Mike Harris (C), Tom Keating (C), Justin B (D) & George Allott (D) thank all that attended for giving up a few minutes of your day to stop by to meet and talk with us.

If you haven't voted yet, you can read up on the candidates' letters of intent and/or introductory letters that are posted on the website (srcahome.com), scroll down to past the calendar to the *Candidates* link. You can also see their info on the bulletin boards around the campground.

The election packets were mailed on Saturday, August 8. I have received comments from some members who are not getting their ballots yet. The deliveries are all over the place—some in Pittsburgh hadn't received theirs yet but a member in Virginia received his in two days!

But, if you haven't received the packet yet, call the office to be sure we have your correct mailing address. They will confirm and then they contact me with our information. I will, in turn, call you to make arrangements for mailing or pick up.

The office does not issue new ballots.



REMINDER: The Proxy envelope (with your ballot) must reach the Slippery Rock post office by Thursday, September 3. If you are running late, you can take your Proxy envelope (with a stamp on it) into the SR post office and ask them if they could put in our P. O. Box 780. They did this for us last year.

The committee picks up the ballot on Saturday, September 5 at 9 AM. Once we pick up, we do not go back to the post office.

If you have any questions on the ballot or about the proxy or Bylaws, I can be reached at 724-601-0238 or at A220 when I'm in camp which is every weekend for sure, some days during the week.

Renée Curry, Chair

Nominating and Election Committee

Maintenance

I just wanted to let everybody know that the new ditch box and drain pipe below golf cart Hill. It's between butterfly and ranger.

We got the okay from the board to start the rainwater runoff project on Hot springs, Evergreen and the cornfield. Not sure the exact date that we can start, it depends on the normal work orders we get in. If there is enough maintenance staff, we can split up the tasks and get the project moving.

Tom Keating

Audit Committee

I spoke with the Auditor on Tuesday August 18th and he just received the tax number back from the tax department of the company. He was putting that number into the Audit and then reviewing it one final time, before it goes off to Joseph, who will give it a final review and then issue SRCA a draft of the Audit. Like I said on Sunday at the board meeting Louis & Plung has started on the 2024 and 2025 Audits also.

Justin Bosilovich

Treasurer

Annual Membership Meeting

Hello Members!

The Annual Membership meeting is on Sunday, September 6 at 1 PM in the Rec Hall. (ref Bylaws, ART III, Sec 1). After each membership meeting, the minutes are prepared by the secretary and the Draft version is put on the website (**srcahome.com**, **under Members Only, Board meetings**). Since it is a membership meeting, the members approve the minutes before they become the official legal record.

Every year, the secretary reads the minutes aloud during the meeting and ask for corrections. If none, then ask for a motion to approve the minutes. This year, the minutes are 4 pages in length.

To keep the process moving forward, I'm requesting that all members review the meeting minutes and be prepared to offer corrections and then approve. Here is a link where you can access the draft copy of the [August 31, 2025 Annual Meeting](#).

I will also be sending an email blast to the membership with a link to the draft minutes over the next few days.

I greatly appreciate your participation in this matter.

Renée Curry
Secretary, Board of Directors

No new updates for the following committees:

Land use
Rules
Safety
Recreation
Bylaws
Ways and Means

For Sale or Rent

Selling Your Membership?

Did you know that there are options if you are considering selling your membership and/or trailer? Depending on your situation, you might benefit from selling your membership and trailer separately. For more information, please feel free to contact the office for sales support to help you through the process or click the link, [Planning To Sell Your Membership](#).

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Go to srcahome.com

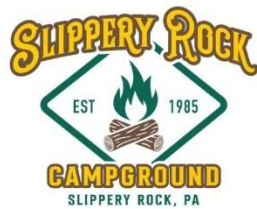
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Choose your merchandise

Men's, Women's, Kids & Babies, Accessories, Stickers and more to choose from

Select an Option from one of four Logos



Submissions from the Membership

David Kirch

Candidate for B-Section

I have been in the camp since 2005

Why are you running: Try to make the campground a better place.

I now serve on ten different committees which I am active on all of them. I have been on most of these committees for 10 plus years which includes maintenance, finance, by-laws, rules, membership nominating, safety, and now chair of permit and land use committees.

I was married for 47 years. My wife passed away in February of 2020. I have two daughters, four grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

I volunteer cutting grass and other jobs in the campground.

I worked at U.S. Steel for 42 years at the Irvin plant in West Mifflin, Pa. I retired in February 2009 which I had different jobs including team leader in the 80" Hot Mill roll shop responsible for activities in the shop.

I held various positions at the local 2227 United Steelworkers Union Hall at the Irvin plant. I personally processed over 2000 written complaints when I was the grievance Committeeman. I was chairman of the workers compensation committee for over ten years.

Over the years I have had numerous positions which I displayed leadership and would like to help Slippery Rock Campground Association stay the great campground that it is and better in the future.

I'm asking for your vote and also to vote to get these by-laws passed, it will take 51 percent of the total membership for these by-law changes to go into effect.

Submissions from the Membership

There has been a lot of discussion lately — on Facebook and around the campground — about rule changes, bylaw revisions, enforcement actions, and the performance of both current board members and those running for election. With all of this noise, it's important that we, as members, stay focused on what truly matters for our association.

We need to elect board members based not on popularity, but on integrity — people who consistently put the good of the association above personal opinions, feelings, or agendas.

Over the next 3, 6, and 9 years, the Board will face major decisions involving significant investments in our water and electric infrastructure. These upgrades are essential, and they will affect every member of SRCA. To navigate these challenges responsibly, we need board members with real experience in project management, construction, finance, and organizational leadership — people who can make informed decisions while minimizing the impact on our membership.

Based on recent developments and the future needs of our association, I have decided to run as a write-in candidate for Section D. I bring extensive experience in project management, construction, personnel management, and budgeting. I make decisions objectively, and I am fully capable of setting aside personal feelings to do what is right for the association.

I know I entered the race late, and many of you may have already cast your ballots. But if you have not, I would sincerely appreciate your consideration and your vote. I am at my lot (D258) most evenings and would be happy to talk with you about any questions, concerns, or ideas you may have.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jim Milligan

D258

Submissions from the Membership

Every year we, the members of SRCA, find ourselves preparing for the Annual election. This year has found us with quite a few hot button issues that require sound, solid decision making from reliable and trustworthy Section Representatives.

Elections are the primary mechanism through which members grant authority to Section Representatives, shaping every level of the Association. These are practical decisions about who controls Association resources and determines long-term institutional policy.

Elections Carry Material Consequences

The outcome of an election directly dictates how our Association functions on a day-to-day basis:

- **Policy and Resource Allocation:** Elected Section Representatives decide how funds are distributed, influencing finances, infrastructure, safety, and overall experience.
- **Systemic Stability and Rights:** Section Representatives do not govern alone; they Chair committees which directly impact the flow of the campground and work with the park Manager to ensure responsibility of actions. However, Section Representatives are directly responsible for the passing of rules that define members liberties, and social safety nets, directly impacting individual well-being and systemic stability.

The Hazard of the Popularity Contest Approach

Treating an election as a popularity contest undermines the functional purpose of democratic governance:

- **Substance Over Charm:** Charisma and rhetorical skill do not equate to competence, executive capability, or sound ethical judgment. A focus on superficial appeal often masks a lack of actionable policy or institutional preparedness.
- **Erosion of Accountability:** When votes are cast based on personal affinity rather than performance and why, elected Section Representatives are held to lower standards of measurable output and governance.
- **Long-Term Governance Costs:** Short-term enthusiasm for a candidate does not protect the Association from the lasting real-world impacts of poorly crafted policy, fiscal mismanagement, or weak leadership during a crisis.

Approach voting as an exercise in governance and risk assessment: evaluate why people are really running, review past track records, and consider the practical execution of policy rather than public persona.

Dan Bowen

Protect your peace and don't invite in agents of chaos.

From a behavioral perspective, the spaces we inhabit are far more than just physical locations—they are powerful triggers for our internal states. Through a process known as stimulus control, our brains constantly pair specific environments with specific cognitive, physiological, and emotional responses.

When you designate a specific setting as a "sanctum of calm"—whether that is your bedroom, a favorite armchair, a spot on your porch, or a quiet office corner—your brain associates that physical location with lower cortisol, reduced muscle tension, and parasympathetic nervous system activation. Over time, simply stepping into that space signals your nervous system that it is safe to downregulate and relax.

The Mechanism of Environmental Contamination

When you bring high-stress activities or internal distress into a dedicated calm space, you inadvertently overwrite this conditioning. Behavioral science views this as classical conditioning in reverse:

- **Stimulus Overwrite:** Bringing chaotic inputs—such as answering tense work emails, having heated arguments, or doomscrolling stressful news—into a restful space weakens the association between that environment and emotional regulation.
- **Hyperarousal Pairing:** If you regularly experience anxiety, frustration, or alertness in your calm space, your brain begins to pair the room itself with a threat response.
- **Conditioned Restlessness:** Eventually, sitting in your designated "safe zone" no longer induces calm; instead, it triggers hypervigilance or anxiety before anything stressful has even occurred. This is a primary driver of sleep disorders like psychophysiological insomnia, where the bed itself becomes a trigger for wakefulness and worry.

Protecting the Stimulus-Response Loop

Preserving a sanctuary requires intentional environmental boundary-setting:

- **Establish Sacred Boundaries:** Keep high-stress activities strictly out of your calm zones. If you need to have a difficult conversation, work on a high-stakes project, or process intense frustration, physically step into a different room or functional area.
- **The 15-Minute Rule:** If you are resting in your calm space and find yourself caught in a spiral of racing thoughts or intense anxiety, leave the space after 15 minutes. Go to another room, engage in a low-stimulation grounding exercise, and return only when your physiological arousal has dropped.
- **Anchor the Environment:** Use sensory cues that only exist when you are engaged in true calm—a specific lighting setup, a particular scent, or a dedicated blanket. Remove those cues immediately if you must shift to work or stress-inducing tasks.

By treating your spaces of calm with strict behavioral discipline, you safeguard a reliable environment where your nervous system knows, without hesitation, that it is safe to unwind.

Make it a great day!

Dan Bowen

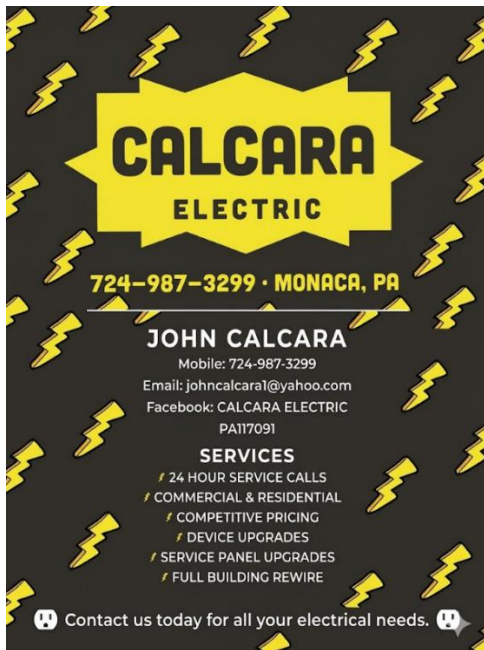
Slippery Rock Campground 2026 Schedule

Jul	01	Wed	Backyard Bible School	Jul	31	Fri	Golf League - Castle Hills
	02	Thu	Backyard Bible School				
	03	Fri	Family Line Dancing Ice Cream Social Backyard Bible School Golf League - Bedford Trails	Aug	01	Sat	Auction Slip 'n Slide Book Bag Raffle / Giveaway Yard Sale Ways & Means Food Sale
	04	Sat	Auction Family Scavenger Hunt Water Battle Yard Sale Ways & Means Food Sale		02	Sun	Church Service Bible Study
	05	Sun	Church Service Bible Study Permit Committee Meeting		04	Tue	Chipper Day
	07	Tue	Chipper Day		07	Fri	Family Line Dancing Golf League - Fox Run
	10	Fri	Family Line Dancing Golf League - Tam O'Shanter		08	Sat	Corn Roast Magic Moments (Oldies) Water Park Day(F) Nominating Ways & Means Food Sale
	11	Sat	Prom Dinner / DJ(F) Special Projects Committee Youth & Teens Committee		09	Sun	Church Service Bible Study
	12	Sun	Church Service Bible Study Rules Finance committee meeting		14	Fri	Family Line Dancing Golf League - Bedford Trails
	17	Fri	Family Line Dancing Golf League - Lake Arthur		15	Sat	2nd Annual Birthday Picnic(F) Bonfire - DJ Teen Pool Party Meet the Candidates
	18	Sat	Bonfire & PJ Party with DJ Fishing Tournament Maintenance Committee Meeting		16	Sun	Church Service Bible Study Board Meeting
	19	Sun	Church Service Bible Study Board Meeting		21	Fri	Family Line Dancing Golf League - Sylvan Heights
	24	Fri	Family Line Dancing Foam Party Golf League - Stoughton Acres		22	Sat	The BelAirs Food Truck
	25	Sat	Christmas in July(F) Youth Toy Raffle - Session 1(F) Youth Toy Raffle - Session 2 Wagon Ride Food Truck Management Permit Committee Meeting POLAR PLUNGE(F)		23	Sun	Church Service Bible Study
	26	Sun	Church Service Bible Study Nominating		28	Fri	Family Line Dancing Golf League - Tam O'Shanter
	31	Fri	Family Line Dancing		29	Sat	Hay Day (Country)
				Sep	01	Tue	Chipper Day
					04	Fri	Family Line Dancing Golf League - Bedford Trails
					05	Sat	Auction Youth Carnival Yard Sale Nominating Fishing Tournament Ways & Means Food Sale

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Sep	05	Sat	Ways & Means Food Sale
	06	Sun	Annual Membership Meeting Bonfire - Fire Dancer - DJ Family Scavenger Hunt Nominating Food Truck
	11	Fri	Golf League - Stoughton Acres
	12	Sat	Not a Teen Dance Anymore - DJ
	13	Sun	Volunteer Luncheon
	18	Fri	Golf League - Castle Hills
	19	Sat	Honky Tonk Heroes Trick n Treat(F) Haunted Trails(F)
	25	Fri	Golf League - Bedford Trails
	26	Sat	Soup & Chili Cook Off(F) Halloween Party - DJ(F)
	02	Fri	Food Truck
	03	Sat	Auction Ways & Means Food Sale
	10	Sat	Thanksgiving Fall Round-Up(F)
Oct	12	Mon	Leaf Collection
	19	Mon	Leaf Collection
	26	Mon	Leaf Collection
Nov	02	Mon	Leaf Collection
	09	Mon	Leaf Collection
	16	Mon	Leaf Collection
Dec	31	Thu	New Year's Eve Party

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