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# *The Monthly Chatter*

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**By Mike Till**

## April 8<sup>th</sup>

Get your Eclipse Glasses at Poor Farmer's RV

On Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be witness to a celestial event that will not take place in Ohio again until 2099. We are privileged to be within the zone of totality, which means that the moon will cover 100% of the sun's surface for just over 3 minutes. The path of totality isn't exactly large, when compared to the size of the Earth. It covers an area from Fort Wayne, Indiana to Columbus, Ohio. Within this path, there will be a three-minute "total eclipse" where you will be able to view the moon without the use of special glasses. However, you best make sure your glasses are back on your face once that three minutes is up. Please use only NASA approved glasses.

It is said that the population of Miami County will more than double during this event. That means Poor Farmer's will more than likely be full, we are already receiving reservations. Former Campground Manager, Jimmy Weaver, will be here that weekend working the event. Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> is his birthday, so you can sing to him, give him a birthday hug, or just throw a bunch of money at him. If you throw money at him, don't make him pick it up... it's his birthday. While he is taking care of the campers, I will be visiting with the few, the proud, the middle-aged... Marines of MCAS Tustin, Ca. There are a few of my brothers that I served with from '94 - '98 while I was enlisted in the Marine Corps. If you would like to come down to Shelter 2 the weekend of the eclipse, you can thank them for their service, have a drink with them, or you may just want to tell them how awesome of a General Manager Mike is... when he's not golfing. It has been 26 years since I have seen most of these guys. I think I am more excited to see them than I am to see the eclipse. The eclipse will be phenomenal in it of itself though. Book your campsite now for this once in a lifetime event. Let's Go Campin'!

# Solar Eclipse



**WELCOME  
MARINES OF  
MCAS TUSTIN!**

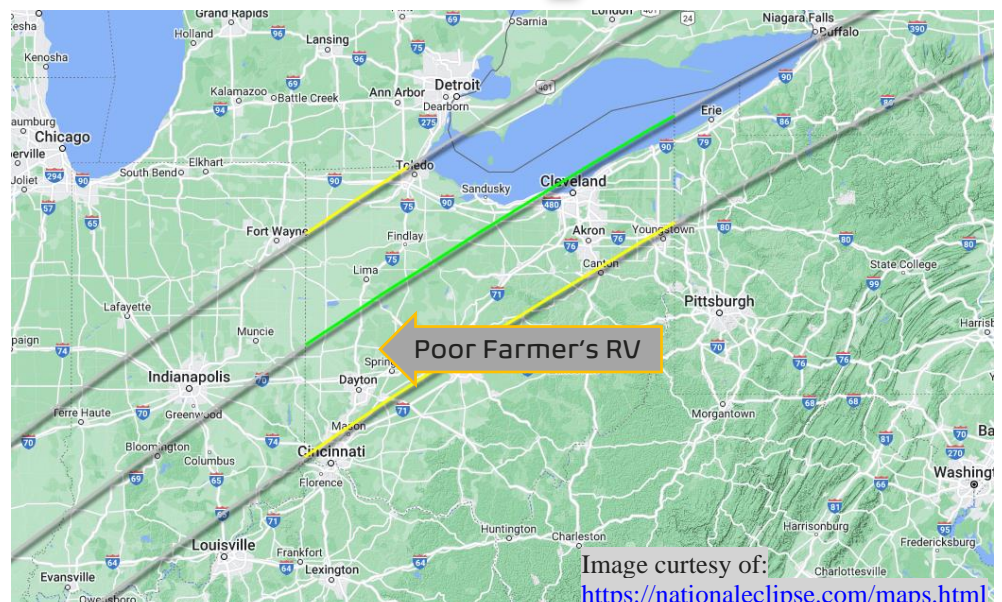


Image courtesy of:  
<https://nationaleclipse.com/maps.html>



# Poor Farmer's RV Service

Early Bird

**Labor Rate**  
**\$125.00/Hr**

**Ends March 15<sup>th</sup>**



The Poor Farmer's RV Service Center, headed up by Service Manager, Justin Dickensheets, is ready to welcome you back to camping for 2024. So much, that Justin thought it would be a great idea to offer an Early Bird special. You locals get your travel trailer, fifth wheel, motorhome or truck camper into Poor Farmer's RV before March 15<sup>th</sup> and you will get a reduced rate of \$125.00/hr. That's almost 20% off! The shop is painted, the cage is installed and the toolboxes are loaded and ready for your RV. Call Justin and his team at 937-368-2449 to get your coach scheduled for those repairs you don't want to do yourself, or email him at [justin@poorfarmerrvs.com](mailto:justin@poorfarmerrvs.com). Don't miss this opportunity to save big.

## Reserve your Flea Market Campsite Today!

Due to the overwhelming number of requests, we are now taking reservations for our Flea Market weekends. You can now go to [www.poorfarmerrvs.com](http://www.poorfarmerrvs.com) and pick the camping spot you desire long before the event date. This means you will not have to sit in line for hours, burning up a Sunday, or worse, a Memorial Day to get the site you want.

If you are interested in only a Flea Market spot and you are not camping, we will be assigning those spots starting on the Monday before the event starts. I repeat, we will not be here on the Sunday before to park campers. Please pass this info to those who might not see it here.

If you are camping and want to sell fleas, you will have to purchase a flea permit from the camp office for \$40 and display that at your site while you are set up. This will change the Flea Market a little bit, as there will be people selling on the bottom and top of the pull throughs. The only camping sites that will not be able to sell their fleas are the permanent sites and any overnight site across the creek. Those people will have to purchase a "Flea Only" spot to sell from.

If you are bringing a tractor, you have two options. You can reserve your spot online and when we see your tractor we will refund the difference for the discount in camping, or you can bring your tractor in the Monday before the event and pick your spot then. For fifty years we have set up the Flea Market in the same manner. This change will be good if you guys get the word out. Please let anyone who needs to know how we are setting up the Flea Market this year. The more people that know, the smoother it will go.



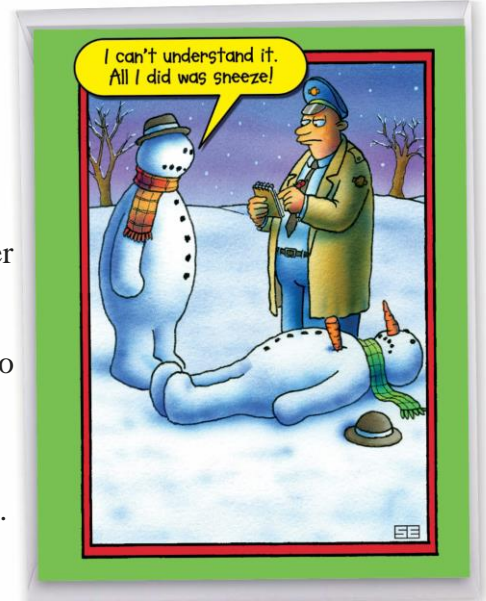


# Polar Farmer's

Hello campers! 2024 has been pretty forgiving so far. The only real issues we have had are some malfunctions with the LP dispenser and a day or two of cold temps. I would like to thank the individuals who informed me that water was being left on in the shower house. I rely greatly on you folks to help keep me informed.

We are going to try very hard to have the water on at the end of March so we can be prepared for the Eclipse event at the start of April. Of course, this is all weather permitting. Please make sure, if you are up top temporarily and still have a summer spot that is sitting empty, please make sure that empty spot is not cluttered and looks good. I will be bringing new campers and campers that wish to move in March and I want the place looking good.

For those of you who do not have a summer campsite and have your application in, please remember that site availability is scarce. I have not heard of too many campers that are leaving this year and I have on my desk over eighty applications. So, if you don't get a summer site assigned to you after April 1<sup>st</sup> you will have to reserve your spot online or in the parts store on a week-to-week basis.



## Cooler Drawing 5/4/24!

\$5/ticket or \$20/5 tickets

12 pack 12oz  
Yuengling Lager

40 Quart **BIGDOG**  
Wheeled Cooler

Jack Daniel's  
Old No. 7  
750ml

6 pack Black Cherry  
White Claw

12 pack 12oz Miller  
Light

Crown Apple  
Whiskey  
750ml



Tito's Handmade  
Vodka  
750ml

Woodford Reserve  
Bourbon  
750ml

The Kraken  
Spiced Rum  
750ml

**FIREBALL** 20 pack of 50ml bottles

# First Discount Deadline

February 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the first camping discount for returning Poor Farmer campers. If you want to take advantage of the lowest camping rate in the area, get in here before Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> and get that spot paid for. Now that February is here, the parts store will be open again on Saturdays to allow you more opportunity to save. Also, let us know if you are not coming back for 2024. If you are not returning, please have your site clear and ready for a new camper.

PSA! We have had a couple periods of high wind so if you haven't been out to check, please make a trip out to make sure all your lawn ornaments, sheds, and covers are still in place. I lost a grill cover that still hasn't been recovered.

## Family Gathering!

### Marions Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Every year during the off season, there are always a couple get togethers for seasonal campers that you can participate in. The first happened in January. If you missed it don't worry, we will have another one February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Amy Miles is hosting the event and will have a section reserved. If you know you are coming, email Amy at [amy@poorfarmerrvs.com](mailto:amy@poorfarmerrvs.com) or text 937-368-2449 so we can have a close count. These get togethers are great for keeping up with your camping family during the offseason. If you have any questions concerning this event you can contact Amy Miles. Andrea and I missed the previous one, but we should be at this one. See you there.





# 2024 Activity Schedule

## 2024 Poor Farmer's RV Schedule of Events

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**April**

8<sup>th</sup> 1pm **Total Solar Eclipse. Reservations online.**

28<sup>th</sup> 2pm **5K Run/Walk for Autism Awareness** Register by April 15<sup>th</sup> to guarantee a T-shirt. Go to: [www.cantstoprunningco.com](http://www.cantstoprunningco.com) to sign up online.

**May**

**3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> OPENING SEASON WEEKEND**

4<sup>th</sup> 9am **Ice Cream Breakfast!** Donuts, waffles, ice cream, cereal, and sprinkles if you want. Bring \$ for donation.

10:30am **May the 4<sup>th</sup>... Be with You, Lightsaber Build.** Channel your inner Jedi!

1pm **Star Wars Paint w/ Paula** Sign up in the Parts Store. Cost is \$5 Yoda Best Paula!

4pm **Star Wars BINGO** Win Out-of-this-World prizes by using the Force. \$.50/card (10 player minimum)

5:30pm **Dinner at the Big Shelter** Bring a donation to support the Fletcher Fire Department

6pm **Fletcher Fire Dept Gun Card Sale** Buy cards for a chance to win a new handgun, rifle, or shotgun.

6:30pm **Raffle drawings** Enter the 50/50 or cooler raffle. Buy tickets at the Parts Store or camp office.

7pm **TOMMY KNOX & OVERDRIVE!** Outside if the weather permits.

9:30pm **FIREWORKS!** Mike Elsner and American Fireworks will impress your senses.

1:00pm **Poor Farmer's Golf Scramble** at Lakeland GC in St. Paris. Sign up in the parts store.

**24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

25<sup>th</sup> 10am **GOLF CART SHOW, OBSTACLE COURSE AND PARADE @ PULL TRACK**  
Fun for singles and couples! \$5/entry. Prizes will be awarded before the blind quarter auction.

4pm **Cornhole Tournament** Put bag-in-hole for a great time and a great cause.

6:30pm **Pizza Night! Sign-up in Parts Store. \$5/person**

7:30pm **Blind Quarter Auction** Bring the quarters from your couch cushions for a crazy fun auction.

26<sup>th</sup> 2pm **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Campground Poker Run** Meet @ Camp Off. Drive your cart, ride your bike, or walk.

4pm **BINGO** \$.50/card (10 player minimum)

7pm **Karaoke w/Bill Miller!** Karaoke is for everyone... once the booze kicks in.

27<sup>th</sup> 1pm **Fletcher Parade** Meet in front of Parts Store at noon to participate.

**June**

**6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> ANTIQUE TRACTOR, ENGINE SHOW & FLEA MARKET**  
Get your camping spot reserved online. Flea Market only spots will be available in person starting Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

9<sup>th</sup> 12:30pm **Kiddie Tractor Pull** Kids, ages 3-8, Meet at Basketball court next to the Big Shelter.

**28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> GRANDPARENTS WEEKEND**

28<sup>th</sup> Dusk **Moonlight Mania Scavenger Hunt** @ camp office. All are welcome! Bring a flashlight and bag.

29<sup>th</sup> 10am **Full Day of Activities** Craft, Fun & Games, Fire Trucks, Balloons, and Ice Cream.

4pm - 8pm **Summer Cruise-in FREE!** Bring your sweet ride to show off. Food Truck open

**July**

**JULY 5<sup>th</sup> - JULY 7<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY WEEKEND**


5<sup>th</sup> 9:30pm **Light Parade** Decorate your cart, bicycle or self with lights and join the fun.

6<sup>th</sup> 1pm **Redneck Games!** Win cool ribbons by playing stupid games.

4pm **Patriotic BINGO** Win Red, White and Blue Prizes \$.50/card (10 player minimum req)

7pm **Karaoke w/Bill Miller** Bring your drinks and your good times.

17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> **BUCKEYE WOODCARVER'S ROUND-UP**  
You too can turn plain pieces of wood into beautiful works of art!  
Get more info for this event at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/362058247466868/>


**26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

27<sup>th</sup> 2pm **Christmas Paint w/Paula** Sign up in the parts store for holiday art. \$5/person

6pm **Christmas Dinner with Santa** He will have a gift for all the kids.

9:30pm **Christmas Golf Cart Light Parade** Spread holiday cheer throughout the campground.

**August**

**August 9 - 15** See our display at the Miami County Fair

24<sup>th</sup> 10am **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Cart Rodeo** Bring your golf cart to the pull-track. Show and Shine then we race! \$5 per person. Test your skill on the **Teeter-Totter of Doom!**

7pm **Game Show Night** Play classic game shows with you favorite host, Bark Bobber!

**September**

**AUG 30<sup>th</sup> - SEP 2<sup>nd</sup> LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 8:30-10am **Shriner's Breakfast** Join us to raise money for the Shriners Hospital. Sign up in the parts store. Pancakes, Sausage and More!

1pm **Sock Puppet Craft** Create life out of footwear. Bring your creative ideas and craft clothes.

2pm **Cornhole Tournament** Bring your "A" game for this high-stakes event. 1/K... it's only \$5.

5:30pm **Weiner Roast** Hot Dogs and Chips provided. Bring table service and a dish to share if you like.

7pm **Welcome Back Mike Hemmelgarn!** Comedian, Ventriquoist, and Juggler for all ages!

1<sup>st</sup> 2pm **THE AMAZING RACE!** Get your team of four ready for a race around the campground. Compete in various challenges to advance your team to the finish line first. Bring your walking shoes.

6pm **4-on-4 Volleyball Tournament** Keep your team from the Amazing Race or find some taller friends.

8pm **Adult Paint w/Paula** Sign up in the parts store. Bring your favorite wine glass for us to fill. \$10/person

**19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> CARL SPRINGER MEMORIAL TRACTOR, ENGINE SHOW & FLEA MARKET**  
Get your camping spot reserved online. Flea Market only spots will be available in person starting Monday the 16<sup>th</sup>

21<sup>st</sup> 6:30pm **Human Tractor Pull** Sign up early in the parts store or at the pull track the day of. ...

22<sup>nd</sup> 12:30pm **Kiddie Tractor Pull** Meet at Basketball court next to the Big Shelter.

**October**

**HALLOWEEN EVENTS**

5<sup>th</sup> 1pm **Fall Paint w/Paula** \$5/person sign up in parts store

4-8pm **Halloween Cruise-In** Bring your SWEET RIDE out to the campground for a scary good time. Decorate your ride and bring candy for the heathens. **FREE!!!**

6-8pm **Trunk or Treat** Open to the public. Kids get real candy while parents get eye candy.

12<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm **Costume Contest** Prizes awarded to Best overall, group, kids, scariest, etc.

6-8pm **Trick or Treat Around the Campground** Campers will be out in front of their sites to give treats to ghouls and goblins. **Please do not knock on camper doors.**

9pm **Haunted Shelter** Purchase discount tickets at the Camp Office or full price at the door.

**2024 Church in the Big Red Barn**

Facebook Only: Feb 4 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> March 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> April 7 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> (TBD) October 6 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> (Parts Store)	Big Shelter and Facebook: May 5 & 19 June *9 (9am) & 23 July 7 & 21 August 4 & 18 September 8 & *22(9am)
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\*Church will begin at 10am except for Flea Market Weekends. We will host a breakfast on June 9<sup>th</sup> and Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8am before 9am church. To participate online, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=barrykathy620love>





All the activities listed above are "family friendly". Please be respectful with your language, dress, and actions while participating in the fun.

**All activities will be held in the Big Shelter unless otherwise posted on the Schedule.**

Activities are subject to change. Check The Monthly Chatter and our website for info.

The World-Famous Poor Farmer's Activity Schedule is now available for you to view on our website. The schedule is full of fun activities that you will be able to attend as campers at Poor Farmer's. Some events are also for the public, such as the two flea markets, opening season fireworks display, The Buckeye Woodcarvers Round-up and more. Of course, there are some extra costs for certain activities, but that cost is only to cover supplies or a free will donation.

We start the schedule off on April 8<sup>th</sup> with a once in a lifetime celestial event, a total solar eclipse. We are not doing much in the way of activities during that weekend, we feel that folks would rather relax and enjoy the experience of the event. April 28<sup>th</sup> is our 5K Run/Walk for Autism Awareness. Get signed up for this fun activity before April 15<sup>th</sup> to guarantee that you get a t-shirt.

The camping season officially starts May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>, which is Opening Season Weekend. Since Saturday is May 4<sup>th</sup>, "May the Fourth be with you". That's right! Star Wars Day! If any of you know me then you know I never miss a chance to celebrate the franchise that George built. BTW, all my Star Wars collectables are in my office. If you would like to see them let me know.

The evening of the fourth we will host the Fletcher Volunteer Fire Department who will provide a dinner for donation. Scarlett with Tactical Solutions will be here to sell cards for a gun draw. We will draw the winner of the Big Dog Cooler and oh yeah... did I mention that we will have a huge firework's display that night? Mike Elsner and American Fireworks will be lighting up the sky once again to bring in the 2024 camping season.

As you read the rest of the schedule, you will see games, karaoke, art crafts, a game show night, an Amazing Race and more. Don't miss any of these activities in 2024 only because you didn't get the schedule. Please remember that many of the activities on the schedule are weather permitting and cancellations will be posted on our Facebook page. Thank you and we are excited to be your campground for 2024.





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Realtor

## Sign-up NOW for these two Events!

### POOR FARMER'S 5K

RUN/WALK FOR AUTISM AWARENESS

April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

I WILL SUPPORT

**AUTISM**  
HERE OR THERE,

2pm  
START

I WILL SUPPORT  
**AUTISM**  
EVERYWHERE



For sponsorship  
info or event  
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Cost w/ t-shirt: \$40 if paid before April 15th

Charity: Proceeds go to Autism Speaks

Course: Out and back 3.1-mile road course

To register online, go to:

[www.cantstoprunningco.com](http://www.cantstoprunningco.com)

### POOR FARMER'S RV Sunday - May 5<sup>th</sup> - 2024 FOUR-MAN SCRAMBLE

\$60/GOLFER

1:00pm Start

LAKELAND GC

ST. PARIS, OH

Email your four-  
person team to  
Mike Till at:

[mtill@poorfarmerrvs.com](mailto:mtill@poorfarmerrvs.com)

On or Before  
April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Cinco De Mayo!**  
**Taco Dinner!**  
**Cerveza!**

Proceeds go to the Fletcher Volunteer Fire Department

## Guess the Year

- US President Bill Clinton faces sexual harassment charges from Paula Jones
- Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning first pick by Indianapolis Colts
- Mercedes-Benz buys Chrysler for \$US40 billion and forms DaimlerChrysler in the then largest industrial merger in history.
- Washington National Airport is renamed Ronald Reagan National Airport
- XVIII Winter Olympic Games open in Nagano, Japan
- Osama bin Laden publishes a fatwa declaring jihad against all Jews and Crusaders
- Total solar eclipse in Venezuela-Pacific Ocean (4m09)
- Dr. Dre's Aftermath Entertainment signs then unknown rapper Eminem
- TV sitcom "Sex and the City" premieres