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60TH INTERNATIONAL RALLY, NATIONAL CAMPING TRAVELERS “In the Midst of History” ~ July 20 to 25, 2025, at Roxbury Holiness Camp in Orrstown, PA



Ann & Clifford (Cliff) Fromm,

National President - Cliff Fromm

Summer has arrived, and it looks like we are all traveling the country and enjoying the camping season.

The 59th NCT International Rally in Harrisville, PA, is now history. President Jim Jackson and his team put on a fantastic Rally with plenty of good food, fun, and fellowship. If you missed the Rally, you missed a good time.

The 60th NCT International Rally will be held from July 20 to 25, 2025, at Roxbury Holiness Camp in Orrstown, PA. The Rally will be held in the middle of one of the most historic areas in the

Eastern United States. There are many things to see within just a short distance from the Camp. Carlisle, Chambersburg, and Gettysburg are rich in Civil War history. Lancaster, PA, Dutch Country, York, and Bedford are about an hour away. Philadelphia is about two hours away and is home to the amazing Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The camp has easy access from Interstate 81 and the Pennsylvania Turnpike. All campsites are full hookups and are arranged in a wooded setting.

I am looking forward to accomplishing a lot this year. We need to wrap up the process of updating all our documents with the recent Bylaw revisions. We are also going to look at our current dues structure and see if it can be updated to fit our current needs.

As always, please contact any of your National Officers if you have any suggestions for improving your NCT experience.

*Safe Travels,
Cliff Fromm
National President 2024 - 2025*



After Action Report

Hello Brothers and Sisters.

I just wanted to thank everyone that came to the National Rally in Harrisville, Pa. Other than a couple of items. Well let's see, they decided that it would be a great time to do road work on route 58, the one that leads to the campground. Wendel August Forge decided to close the factory and store to move to a new location. Of course, the week of the rally. First time in 60 years. Let's not forget the AC in the mail building went out. They jammed a window unit in that at least cooled a little. That was the major 3.

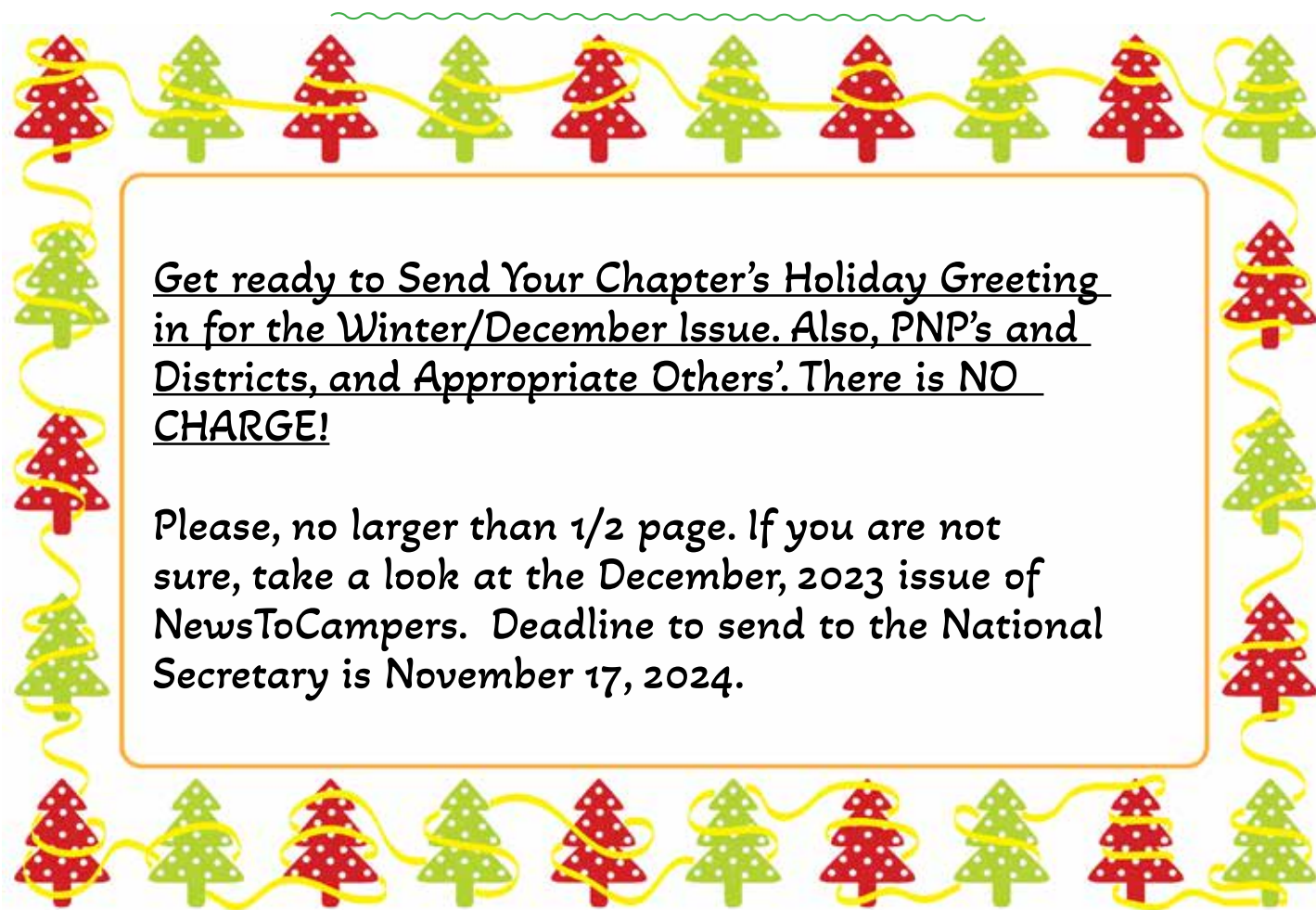


I think everyone had a great time; I believe. My complaint chairperson didn't tell me if we did.

I want to thank especially. My Rally Chairperson. Tracey did a bang-up job. She had her hands full just trying to keep me in line. The rest of Penn West. Nancy on the keyboard, Bob and Mary Sue Steele. Jeff and Tracey Knox. We managed to bring Past National YNCT president Brenda Leslie out of Retirement to be Youth Director. Art Spencer to getting the choir together and to all of those that added their voices. Thanks!

There are numerous others that helped that I haven't mentioned SO A BIG Thank You too all. From finding where the power went once to just helping others.

Jim, PNP, and Pat Jackson





Dennis and Madolyn (Lyn) Morgan

National First Vice President -
Dennis Morgan

Greetings from the newly installed 1st VP. Madolyn and I have had a very busy camping/travel season so far!

We attended the 2024 National Rally in Harrisville, PA, and had a great time visiting everyone and participating in the activities. Prior, we had District 1 campouts in MA, NH, and ME. We joined the Shriners Camel Caravanner's in Maine for a very nice weekend. Many NCT Brochures were handed out at that event. Our camping season is not over yet; more to come.

In conversations with other NCT members, I have learned that many have also had busy camping schedules. This is great and shows that we are keeping NCT active and robust.

District 1 attended the District 11 Rally in Byron, NY, from August 8 to 11. As usual, everyone had a great time! The District 11 meeting included discussions on how to promote membership and eligibility for Chapter and National offices. This provided some ideas on how NCT can grow.

Please pray for our members who are having medical issues or other hardships. Send a card, email, or call to let them know you are thinking of them. This is especially important for those who are not currently attending our events.

We hope to see many more of you for the remainder of this camping season!

Dennis Morgan
1st Vice President



Sickness and Distress



Pat Kalinauskas, Secretary CT1, Ch 6, had hip replacement and her healing has taken longer than expected due to anemia.

Please say a prayer for our sisters and brothers, asking for patience and peace during this time of waiting and healing.



Keith and Carrie Manbeck

National Second Vice President -
Keith Manbeck

You Never Know Who You Will Hear From

Earlier this month I wrote an article about NCT that was published in “*The Ohio Beacon*” which is The Grand Lodge of Ohio’s quarterly newsletter. (See page 4.) Shortly after it was published, I started to receive inquiries for further information from brethren in the state of Ohio.

One of the inquiries from outside of Ohio that I received was from MWB Ron Ferraro who is the current Grand Master of Delaware. He had read the article that was published in “*The Ohio Beacon*” and was seeking further information on NCT as well as possibly forming a new chapter in Delaware. I put MWB Ferraro in touch with our National Secretary Bob Bennett and we will continue to follow up to see how we can assist them.

I would encourage you to work with the chapters in your state to take the time to write an article to be published in your state newsletter about the best kept secret in Masonry, National Camper Travelers. Also, share your experiences and outings on social media as this is a great way to reach a large audience without much effort.

If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to reach out to me.

Fraternally,
Keith Manbeck
National 2nd VP



Innumerable Caravan

Mr. Bennett:

I am writing you regarding the passing of my Dad, Walter L. Cayce, who was a past president of NCT. Dad passed on December 31, 2023 and recently while my sister and I were going through his paperwork, we came across some NCT newsletters and we realized that we had never let anyone at NCT know of his passing.

I have so many fond memories of camping with NCT while growing up. It was an important part of my family’s life and I know that my parents and I made many friends through this organization.

Again, we just wanted to make sure that you were notified. Best wishes to everyone at NCT.

Jackie Lagna
4113 Slater Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21236

Learn about National Camper Travelers

Are you looking for another opportunity to spend time with your Brothers and include your family? Do you like to spend time camping? If you answered yes to these two questions, then National Camper Travelers (NCT) is your opportunity to do both.

Founded in 1966 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, National Camping Travelers Inc. is an organization dedicated to bringing Masonic families together for fun and fellowship. We are a Masonic family camping club made up of Master Masons, Eastern Stars, their families, and the widows of our deceased Brethren who died while they were active NCT members. Since 1966, the organization has spread, creating chapters all across North America.



The basic unit of NCT is the chapter. Each chapter is led by a Master of Travel, assisted by a Wagon Master, Secretary-Treasurer, Chaplain, Safety Director, and the Chapter Trustees. Between the chapter officers and the national officers we have, in many cases, a State or Provincial Director and a District Director. Each district is typically made up of four states and/or provinces. Activities vary from chapter to chapter, but they typically include potluck meals, barbecues, crafts, area trips, golf, parties, games, and worship services.

Each year, we have an annual National Rally that is typically held from Saturday through Thursday in July. We also have an official publication, *News to Campers*, which is printed quarterly in March, June, September, and December. Through this, we keep members up to date on what is going on in NCT, including planned activities at the district and state/provincial level, as well as special functions planned by the chapters. In addition, many of the individual chapters publish a monthly newsletter. NCT chapter members are also very active within their communities through charitable work and outreach programs. From planting trees on Arbor Day to crocheting blankets for local hospitals, members are dedicated to giving back to their communities.

Currently there are two NCT chapters active in the state of Ohio. The Shawnee Kookin' Kampers chapter are active in the central and southeastern portion of the state and the West Central Ohio chapter is active in the west central portion of the state. Both chapters enjoy opportunities to gather together camping or for a meal monthly April-November. There are also opportunities to gather in Florida over the winter if you are a snowbird.

For further information, please feel free to contact Keith Manbeck, National 2nd Vice President of NCT, at (614) 554-0718 or kjm7460@yahoo.com. You can also visit gonct.org.





Robert (Bob) and Debbie Bennett

National Secretary - Bob Bennett

News from your National Secretary's Office...

Debbie and I had a great time at our National Rally, We really enjoyed the outstanding fellowship. I still owe one Amy for the fashion show. LOL! On the way home, we were held up by Hurricane Debbie, rode it out in Jacksonville for a lot longer than we would have liked. We did return home safe, and no damage.

1 Corinthians 13:13

A STRONG ROPE FOR ROUGH SEAS

Intro: By way of introduction, please turn to Ecclesiastes 4:9-12.

These verses speak of the value of fellowship. They remind us that two are better than one and that three together are better than two together. Solomon uses the analogy of a three-fold cord. He reminds us that a one-stranded cord is weak by itself. A double-stranded cord is stronger, but a three-stranded rope is stronger than either. If I were sailing a stormy sea and wanted to drop my anchor for stability in the storm, I would want such a strong rope. I would want something that would allow me to get anchored and weather the storm that was assailing me.

There are times when life is like a stormy sea. Times when we need to anchor ourselves in Someone stronger than ourselves. Times when we need a strong

The board of directors has approved officer and director's insurance, and a policy has been issued. The President formed a committee to review our dues structure and membership, both retention and new members. It is an exciting time. We would also like to fill in our missing third National VP office. If interested, please submit an application (on page 8) to our National Office.

Dues for 2025 are slowly coming in. If you have not sent them in, please do so as soon as possible. We have received applications for two new members. Please welcome Brother Rodney Gray and his lady Michelle, members at large from Deltona, Florida, and Brother Kenneth Hunt and his wife Dorise (Reese) Chapter 156, Gold Panners, from Volcano, California.

*Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Bob Bennett, National Secretary*

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rope to bind us to a Rock of safety. Our text verse tells us of such a three-fold spiritual rope. When these three things—faith, hope, and love—are utilized and exercised together, they enable us to weather any storm that arises in our lives.

If we aren't properly anchored, there is a tendency to drift when the storms come. If we aren't connected well enough by this strong, three-fold cord, then when the going gets too tough, we might find ourselves trying to run away. Psalm 118:27 speaks of binding sacrifices to the horns of the altar. This was done to prevent them from running away until it was their time to die. Well, we are told to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to the Lord, Romans 12:1. Since this is true, and since we have a tendency to drift away and run away when the pressure is on, then we need to bind ourselves to the things of God and determine in our hearts that we will stand for Him, regardless of what others do!

...Bob Bennett

Connecticut 1, Chapter 6

Camping Schedule

* Oct. 17-20, Campout & Turkey Roast/
Ham Dinner at Mineral Springs, in Stafford
Springs. Dinner on Oct. 19. Last official
campout in 2024 for CT.

* Sat., Dec. 7, Brunch & Toy Drive for
St. Mary's Hospital & Ed Kids. Monroe,
Masonic Temple,



Mass One Chapter 9, Camping Schedule – 2024

October 17-20, Campout & Turkey
Roast /Ham Dinner at Mineral Springs
Campground, Stafford Springs, CT. Dinner
on Oct. 19.

November ? Camp-in - TBA

Penn West #23 NCT

Camping Schedule – 2024

**October 11-13 – Deerhunters (Maple
Springs)**

Rt. 58 East, Eau Claire Rd., Harrisville, PA.
Phone: 724-735-2666

**November 9, 11:30 a.m. Lunch at the Villa
Grande**

183 New Castle Rd., Butler, PA

**December 14 -11:30 a.m., Lunch at the
Villa Grande**



Finger Lakes Travelers

Camp Schedule - 2024

October 4-6 Gannett Hill Park
(Mike Simmons will share the details).

*Mike Simmons - FLT Master of Travel
Chris Egburtson - NY State Director and
FLT Wagon Master*

West Central Ohio
Chapter #92
Camping Schedule 2025

April 27, 2025 Dine In.
Beer Barrel, 4:00 PM
1200 Indiana Ave.
St. Marys, OH 45885

May 15-18, 2025
Indian Lake State Park
13156 OH-235.
Lakeview, OH 43331

June 12-15, 2025
Back 40 Campground
959 County Highway 111 E
Rushsylvania, OH 43347

July 10-13, 2025
Cowan Lake State Park
1750 Osborn Rd.
Wilmington, OH 45177

July 20-25, 2025
National Rally
Roxbury Holiness Camp
13763 Cumberland Hwy,
Orrstown, PA, 17224



August 7-10, 2025
Poor Farmers
7211 Lost Creek Shelby Rd,
Fletcher, OH 45326
We'll be around the shelter house and along
the creek

August 14-17
District 2 Campout
Sauder Village Campground
22611 OH-2
Archbold, OH 43502

September 11-14, 2025
Scenic Hills RV Park
4483 Township Rd. 367
Millersburg, OH 44654

October 9-12, 2025
Darke County Fairgrounds
800 Sweitzer Rd.
Greenville, OH 45331

November 1, 2025
Der Dutchman, 4 p.m.
445 Jefferson, Ave.
Plain City, OH 43064



Secretaries - MOTs - Send your camping schedules for publication

West Virginia Pioneer Travelers #200 Summer 2024



Larry and I represented West Virginia Pioneer Trav-
els at the 59th NCT Rally at Deer Hunters Club in
Harrisville, Pennsylvania. We really enjoyed just
sitting around a continuous campfire and talking
with friends. Thanks to Jim Jackson and his crew for
reminding all of us of the simple joys of camping. We
had lots of great food and entertainment. The Men's
fashion show was outstanding and something to be
remembered.

Eight past presidents were in attendance, which was
great support for Jim. Jack Mulhall is not pictured, be-
cause he and Pat left early to attend a family gathering.



Hoping to see everyone at the 60th NCT rally next
year. Cliff has been working hard to showcase the
history of the area.



We recently celebrated the 90th birthdays of John and
Luella Cvechko. They are Charter members of our
club.

Looking forward to going to Florida this winter.
Janet Aylestock, secretary

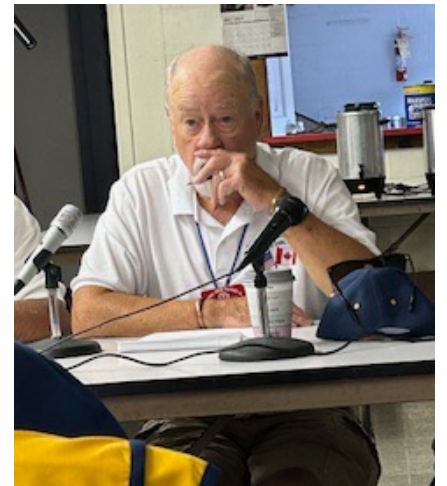


District 11 2024 Rally:

What a great time with delicious food and wonderful fellowship! Many thanks to our district leaders and organizers, Chris & Hilary!! Friday featured two bean-bag baseball games, crafting courtesy of Hilary and Pat, and a dinner of pizza and wings. Saturday Chris demonstrated Dutch oven cooking, and several dishes were created. In the evening everyone participated, and was entertained by, the Table by the Fire. This is an adaption of Ladies at the Table authored and narrated by Hilary. Friday and Saturday breakfasts and Saturday dinner were provided by Chris & Hilary with some assistance from the Finger Lakes Travelers. The Dutch oven dishes of mac n' cheese, roasted chicken, and several desserts were also shared. Sunday's breakfast feast was provided by the Triple O's with Phyllis presenting the worship service. A special shout-out to the three new members (and ladies) of the Finger Lakes Travelers for jumping right in and helping make this such a memorable weekend! What a truly fantastic group of people in attendance! We missed the rest of our fellow NCTers & hope you can make it to the next one.



Photos from the 2024 Rally in Harrisville, PA



NATIONAL CAMPING TRAVELERS, INC.

ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION

I, _____, DO HEREBY ACCEPT THE NOMINATION FOR THE NATIONAL OFFICE OF _____ IN THE NATIONAL CAMPING TRAVELERS, INC., AND DO AGREE TO ATTEND ALL BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS IF ELECTED TO THIS OFFICE.

Signed: _____ NCT# _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Personal Resume:

Lodge: _____

NCT positions and dates:

Community affiliations and activities:

Children (names and ages):

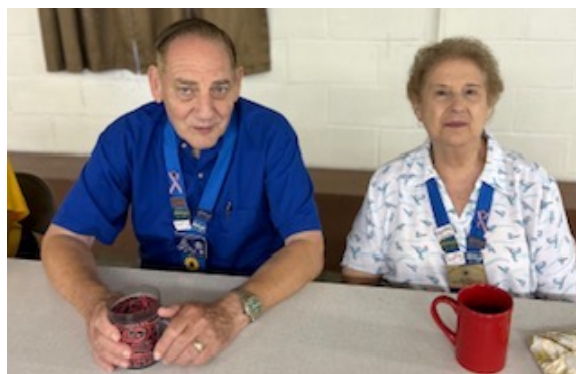
Other:

Mail this form to the National Secretary:

National NCT Secretary

P.O. Box 707
Parish FL. 34219

(use back side if needed, or attach extra pages)



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NCT Members Only: Check out the Dashboard on the Website for Manuals and Forms.





60th NCT INTERNATIONAL RALLY

"In The Midst Of History"

Roxbury Holiness Camp, Orrstown, Pennsylvania

July 20 - 25, 2025

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____ Spouse: _____ NCT#: _____

Adults: _____ Children: _____ Children's Names & Ages: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Emergency Contact & Number: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Chapter Name: _____ Chapter #: _____ First NCT Rally? _____

Handicapped Parking? _____ Special Needs (Explain) _____

RV Type: _____ Length: _____ ft.

Slideouts: Left: _____ Right: _____ Electric: 30 Amp: _____ 50 Amp: _____

Present National, District or State Office Held: _____

There is a group using the facilities during the weekend before our Rally. Availability of campsites before Sunday may be limited. I will know much more next Spring when their reservations are in.

See separate list for nearby campgrounds that would also be available before the Rally.

REGISTRATION FEES:

PRICE

Per Unit w/ 2 Adults \$425 \$ _____

Per Unit w/ 1 Adult \$380 \$ _____

Each Additional Person (18+) # _____ \$150 \$ _____

Drive In (Per Person) # _____ \$150 \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

I/we plan to attend the 2025 NCT International Rally in Orrstown, PA and do hereby release NCT, Inc., NCT Rally Committee and the Roxbury Holiness Camp from all liability or responsibility at this Rally.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

Make checks payable to: Ann Fromm

MARK MEMO LINE: 2025 NCT INTERNATIONAL RALLY

Mail to: Cliff Fromm • NCT 2025 International Rally • 981 Clark Street • Lancaster, PA 17602



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“In The Midst Of History”

Roxbury Holiness Camp, Orrstown, Pennsylvania

July 20 - 25, 2025

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MARK MEMO LINE: 2025 NCT INTERNATIONAL RALLY

Mail to: Cliff Fromm
NCT 2025 International Rally
981 Clark Street
Lancaster, PA 17602

For confirmation, please include a self addressed stamped envelope.

DO NOT MAIL any registration forms after 7/1/2025.

After 7/1/2025, please contact Cliff Fromm at 717-575-9095 or cefromm@comcast.net.

Cabins or Motel Rooms may be available on site for members wishing to attend without an RV. Contact me for availability information.

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Updates will be posted in News To Campers and the NCT Website

See separate list of local area campgrounds.

Registration fee includes:

Five (5) nights camping (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday Nights)

Full Hookups (50 or 30 amp electric, water & sewer hookup)

Tuesday Catered Dinner

Thursday Catered Brunch

Hospitality (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday Mornings)

Ice Cream Social

Entertainment

Parking will be hobo parking. If you wish to park together, you must arrive together.

More Rally details will be posted on the NCT website and News to Campers as it becomes available.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Cliff Fromm at 717-575-9095 or cefromm@comcast.net

The Cumberland Valley is filled with plenty of areas of historical interest.

Gettysburg, Carlisle, Shippensburg and Chambersburg are a short drive away.

Bedford and the Pennsylvania Dutch Country are an hour away. Philadelphia is 2.5 hours away.

There are plenty of restaurants and shopping, including antiques, nearby. Golf is also available.

CAMPGROUNDS NEARBY TO ROXBURY HOLINESS CAMP

CHAMBERSBURG

Twin Bridge Campground www.twinbridgecampground.com 717-369-2216

CARLISLE

Western Village RV Park www.westernvillagervpark.com 717-243-1179

GARDNERS

Mountain Creek Campground www.mountaincreekcamping.com 717-486-7681

MERCERSBURG

Saunders Park www.saundersapark.com 717-328-2216

GETTYSBURG

Artillery Ridge Campground www.artilleryridge.com 717-334-1288

Drummer Boy Camping Resort www.RVontheGo.com 800-293-2808

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Gettysburg Battlefield Resort www.travelresorts.com 717-337-3363

Gettysburg Campground www.gettysburgcampground.com 717-334-3304

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