**57th Annual Ohio K of C State Family Campout**

**July 28 – August 3, 2025**

**The Cardinal Center**

**616 State Rte 61 Marengo, OH 43334**

**Greetings Brother Knights and Families,**

Mark your calendars and start making your plans! We are thrilled to announce that the **57th Annual Ohio Knights of Columbus Family Campout** **Activities** are scheduled for **Friday, July 31 through Sunday, August 3, 2025**, at the beautiful **Cardinal Center in Marengo, Ohio**. This year’s event is proudly hosted by the Attica #3062, Monroeville #1117, and New Washington #1718 councils. We invite you to join us for a weekend filled with **food, fellowship, and full-on fun!**

Camping is available for the entire week (**Monday, July 28th – Sunday, August 3rd, 2025**) at a **special group rate**, thanks to the campground management. Enjoy *full-hookup (woo-hoo!)* campsites complete with picnic tables and fire rings, or reserve a cozy cabin. The on-site air-conditioned banquet hall will host indoor activities, and firewood will be available for purchase at the campground store, as well as ice and other camping necessities.

Not camping? No problem! Visitors are welcome to join us for meals and activities throughout the weekend by ***pre-registering as a Visitor via a mailed in registration form or an online registration submission***. Meal costs are as follows:

* **Friday Evening "Munch and Mingle"** – *we’re serving a free meal!* If you plan to eat with us: we just ask for a donation – whatever you’re able.
* **Saturday Dinner & Sunday Morning “Farewell Breakfast”** – $10 per person (full meals and drinks provided)

If you're coming from out of town and prefer hotel accommodations, there are several nearby options:

* Best Western Executive Inn/approximately 9 miles north (419) 768-2378
* Holiday Inn Express & Suites Sunbury-Columbus Area/approximately 15 miles south (740) 362-3036
* Hampton Inn Columbus/Delaware I-71 North/approximately 15 miles south (740) 363-4700
* Residence Inn Columbus Polaris/approximately 19 miles south (614) 436-3955 ***15% off booking!***
* Fairfield Inn & Suites Columbus Polaris/approximately 20 miles south (614) 568-0770
* Staybridge Suites Columbus Polaris/approximately 20 miles south (very close to Fairfield Inn) (614) 880-9080 ***15% off booking!***
* Quality Inn & Suites Bellville – Mansfield/approximately 25 miles north (419) 719-0611
* Comfort Inn Splash Harbor (Bellville)/approximately 25 miles north (same general location as Quality Inn) (419) 886-4000

Some of these hotels offer special discounts for guests attending events at the Cardinal Shooting Center. For instance, Residence Inn by Marriott Columbus-Polaris, and Staybridge Suites Columbus Polaris provide a *15% discount* when you *book online via the discount links posted on the Cardinal Center website under “hotels” tab*. ​Let us know if you need assistance with reservations or more information on any of these accommodations!

**\*\*Important Dates to Remember\*\***

* **Campground Campsite Reservation Deadline:** June 20, 2025 (reservations after this date cannot be guaranteed a site)
* **Camper/Visitor Registration Deadline:** July 1, 2025

Please note: There are ***two important steps*** to finalize your participation—***reserve your site*** directly with the campground ***and*** ***register as a camper/visitor*** with the committee either online or by mailing the registration form. Payment can be made by check, cash, or Venmo.

Get a head start on the fun — come early and dive into adventure! Before Friday’s excitement kicks off, take time to explore the fantastic mix of attractions, shops, and activities all within 40 minutes of the Cardinal Center in Marengo, Ohio. There's so much to discover — make every day an adventure! *Here are just some highlights* – *Just like my Papa used to say “Blow the stink off!” and get some fresh air*: Mount Gilead State Park, The Shooting Range at the Cardinal Center (yes, on site where we’re camping!), Hogback Ridge Preserve, Alum Creek State Park. *Shop ‘til you drop*: Easton Town Center, Tanger Outlets Columbus, The Marengo Flea Market, Sandusky Street Antiques, Duchess Shoppe, The Marengo Flower Shop, Outdoor Outfitter. *Eat, drink, and be merry*: Hoof Hearted Brewing, Henmick Farm and Brewery, Surve*. Support the local talent and explore the arts and theatre scene*: The Amazing Giants, Capitol Theatre. These attractions and destinations offer a blend of outdoor recreation, shopping, dining, and cultural experiences, all within a short drive from the Cardinal Center. Whether you're looking to explore nature, indulge in retail therapy, or enjoy local cuisine, there's something for everyone to enjoy.​ If you have specific interests or need more detailed information on any of these places, feel free to ask!

We are also gratefully accepting donations to support the event, whether monetary, raffle items, or door prizes. Your generosity helps ensure the continued success of the campout for future years!

***Let’s get the word out — invite your friends to join the fun!***

If you know someone who would love to be part of our campout, we’d be happy to send them a registration packet. Just reach out to Jacob Siesel at (419) 685-6424. You can also point them to our Facebook group page or visit the Ohio Knights of Columbus website’s campout page for all the details. The more, the merrier — let’s make this year’s campout the best one yet!

For more information, please feel free to call us: Jacob Siesel (419) 685-6424, Gary Siesel (567) 267-0519. *We can't wait to see you at the end of July 2025 for a memorable and exciting weekend!*

Fraternally,
**Attica Council #3062, New Washington Council #1718, Monroeville Council #1117 – 2025 State Campout Committee**