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CreekRidge Campground

CreekRidge Campground Happenings

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Coming Events

Lip Sync Battle
July 3-5

Mr. CRC Bear & Cub
July 9-11

Retro Revolution
July 17-19

Naughty Leather Christmas in July
Mr. CRC Leather 2020
July 24-26

Toga
July 31-Aug. 2

Cowboy
Mr. CRC Cowboy 2020
Aug. 7-9

Whatever Floats Your Boat
Aug. 14-16

Glow Somewhere in the Woods
Aug. 21-23

Queens of the Camp
Miss CRC 2020
August 28-30

Northern Decadence
Sept. 4-6

Boots-n-Boogie Cowboy Dance
Sept. 11-13

My Ferociously Fabulous Bear
Sept. 18-20

Lumberjack
Sept. 25-27

Pups Weekend
Oct. 2-4

Halloween
Oct. 9-11

*For a complete listing of 2020 events
visit our website at:*

creekridgecampground.com/events

Season 4: New Challenges Await

As the opening of our fourth season drew near, CRC management did not expect that we would be in the middle of a pandemic and the opening of the campground would be delayed by government mandates. Following the guidance of the Governor and Ingham County Health Department, CRC revised and updated our operating plan to protect our visitors.

creekridgecampground.com/covid-19-updates

We appreciate your assistance and efforts as we adjust our operating plan and take all necessary precautions to prevent and minimize the spread of COVID-19. For a complete listing of our COVID-19 plans, please visit our website at:

2020 Office Hours

Sun-Thu: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Fri-Sat: 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

As a result of the late opening of the campground, some of our weekend events have been moved to ensure that our members are able to participate in as many of our events as possible.

4th of July



On Friday when you arrive, we have our "first Friday" line dancing lessons in at Solitude 7:30 -9:30 pm. Come out and learn the steps and practice and refine your moves as we will hold first Friday dance lessons each month leading up to our Boots and Boogie Cowboy Weekend where you can then put what you have learned to good use. Thank you to The Grand Rapids Renegades and Andrew Rabka for instructing.

Then on Friday at 9:30 pm in Solitude, it is your chance to qualify for the Saturday Lip Sync Battle Show.

Saturday we will have a tea dance by the pool from 12:00 - 3:00 pm. Starting at 5 p.m. in The Crossings, it's a Bingo Extravaganza, giving you enough time to make it to Solitude at 7 p.m. where we will sash our third CRC Lip Sync Battle Royalty 2020 with special guest host and performer Hershae Chocolate.

After the show, we will have Solitude ready from 9:30 pm-12:30 am for our Red, White, and Blue party. A \$25.00 prize will be awarded for the best patriotic costume starting at 11 pm.

Sunday at The Lodge from 9-11 am, Morning Joe is perking and the conversation about the awesome Lip Sync talents will be lively!

Sunday at 12 noon we will have a blast at the pool with DJ Firebrand during a tea dance. From 4-6 pm come join us for Nekkid with Jim and Jason at Lot 53.

Sunday grab favorite munchies and head to the crossings at 10 pm for a drive-in movie.

As with all events, times and schedules are subject to change.

Club Solitude: A Behind the Scenes Look at the Venue within a Venue



Most campgrounds offer a variety of events and facilities for their camper. Swimming pools, volleyball courts, etc. When CreekRidge Campground was under development, the owners decided that they wanted to offer something truly special for nighttime entertainment. The campground was fortunate to have two large buildings which could house entertainment facilities. With one building housing the bathrooms, laundry room, kitchen and dining room, it was decided that the second large building would become home to a dance club. This club would become Club Solitude, a high energy, high tech private dance club for CRC members and their guests.



It was important to build Solitude with a space created to serve multiple purposes. It was determined that the club should have a stage for presentations and performances, an incredible dance space, and room to expand. With over 2,400 square feet of space, Solitude has evolved and reinvented itself over the years.

CRC campground management decided that engage the skills of JAMAC Entertainment, a professional firm with expensive in club design and DJ services, to help design and operate the club.

Solitude is CRC's on-site, premier dance club and venue for special events. It has been compared to a New York City nightclub by some. With three theater screens, full stage, video monitors, and a spectacular light and sound system.

Solitude is in a campground, creating dust and dirt issues that most clubs do not have to face to this level. This is seasonal venue, operating approximately six months a year. It does not produce any of its own revenue, so growth and expansion has come

through budgeted improvements and corporate sponsorship. It is a "bring your own beverage" facility with no liquor license. Yet with all these things not in Solitude's favor, it still pulls off an excellent evening of entertainment for CRC's members and their guests.

There are several fun facts about Solitude. Each year, enhancements are added to Solitude. In the first season, Solitude saw the installation of its first of eventually three theater screens for movies, image projection, advertising, etc. The sound system, including four primary speakers and a bass speaker are strategically set up to filter sound towards the back of the club. This helps create good relations with neighbors who do not have to hear bumping music all night as well as at our campground sites as the layout reduces noise pollution. Instead, sound is directed towards the back property and campgrounds woods. The sound system is powered by two Crown Concert Pro Amps that provide 2400-watt amplification per amp, more than enough power to bump the music! There are two Electro Voice Box Speakers and two Electro Voice Box Speaker 9/19's along with a bass speaker. The Prodigy B52 Sound Mixing Board was the first generation of boards to make the music happen.

For shows, Solitude has 4' X 8' stage pieces that can be moved and situated for various performances. This flexibility allows the club to do special things to the stage. At the back of the stage, a winch lifting system has been installed for levitation during performances along with 20 par lights that can change colors for various effects. Both wired microphones and wireless microphones, a headset, and a lapel mic provide performers with whatever option is needed for their performance. Solitude was designed with maximum flexibility. Some professional singers who have performed at Solitude have indicated that Solitude's sound system is one of the best systems they have worked with, quite an honor. Solitude also has a follow spotlight for shows.



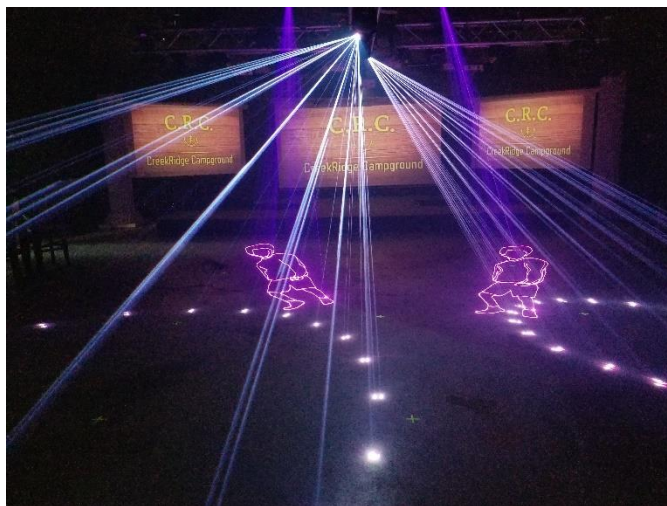
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The truss system that holds the lighting and effects equipment are arranged in such a way as a square truss runs around the stage area. A Cross Truss runs from the stage towards the back of Solitude, where a 10' circle truss hangs to complete the ceiling. Inside the 12" X 12" box trusses are equipped with blacklights that glow the entire floor and a eight bubble machines. Eight moving gobo spot lights can be activated on the cross and circle truss along with tri-spider lights added in 2019 on the circle truss. There are Chauvet high Intensity flash out strobe lights in the ceiling. There are American DJ effects lights on the cross truss as well as spider lights. To create a blinding effect, Nuclear High-Power wash lights run along the front of the stage.

Solitude hosts three American DJ Professional fog machines in the ceiling. This allows for the lasers to show well as the fog drops to the floor. The stage has two American DJ Jet Foggers that add a blast affect with colors to the stage. Hanging in the middle of the circle truss is our 20" disco ball with 3-pin spotlights.

Over the years, Solitude has been a “first” to introduce new technical to the club scene in the USA. Solitude was the first nightclub in Michigan to have blue laser lights. A year later, yellow lasers were added to the mix. For 2020 Solitude was challenged to add white lasers which are extremely rare. After an intensive worldwide search, two smart laser writer lights were purchased for Solitude. Currently there are only eight of these in the world at the present time. Two white laser writers were secured and only twelve are in existence in the world at the present time. Lighting scheme of lasers are extremely popular and we stay challenged to find new and innovative laser items to add to Solitude.



The power consumption of Solitude is utterly amazing. When we are fully powered up and running everything at our disposal, we barely budge the electrical meter. This is in part because of the use of LED lighting which delivers peak light output with extremely low power usage. This was designed into Solitude in order to provide a ecofriendly club.

The DJ booth is built on the side of the club toward the back of the dance floor. A removeable panel allows the DJ to experience the music the same as the club guests. A Numark Digital Mixing Board has been installed for clearer sound quality and flexibility along with a Roland Video Mixing Board. This allows Solitude to put in up to four video images that can be mixed to various music and situations. We have a video library of over 10,000 video images, making the possibilities are endless. We have the ability to run movies in Solitude through our HDMI system and 6 output sources three screens on stage and three 50" LED TV monitors.). Internet and computer hookups provide the ability to pull resources on the Solitude system. Solitude's video capabilities rivals a small TV newsroom. This is being developed with the intention of someday offering the CRC Television Network allowing campers to tuning in your television to segments, live action, or music available. These are just a part of the future vision of the campground management and production team.

Solitude also has a commercial popcorn machine and outside of the Pandemic, fresh popped popcorn is provided to Solitude's guests. There are several other elements to Solitude that continue to make it the leading entertainment venue in Michigan and a must see. Some of the features are trade secrets so we cannot talk about them here but, come visit Solitude soon, you will not be disappointed.



To learn more about Solitude or the latest events happening at CreekRidge Campground, LIKE us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/CreekRidgeCampground.