



2024 Michigan Rally FAQ's

1. **What type of sites are offered?** When you register you will be purchasing a ticket for the area you would like to camp in. Your specific site within the area will be assigned when you arrive at the fairgrounds. Each area will have a description of what is offered, i.e. Full Hook Ups (FHU), water, 50/30amp electricity. All sites are a standard size of 25-foot-wide by 45-foot-long. Much like a concert there will be a limited number of tickets for each area. When an area is sold out, there will be no additional tickets sold for that specific area. See the fairgrounds map for a description of each area.
2. **How will sites be assigned in each area?** Parking and assigning of sites (within YOUR chosen area) is done "Rally Style". Rally Style means that the parking crew assigns each rig a site as they arrive. There will be many rigs arriving in a short amount of time and rally style parking allows us to get everyone in a site as quickly as possible.
3. **Is "Group Camping" available?** Yes. To group camp everyone in your group must have chosen the same camping area during registration. Everyone **MUST** arrive to the rally together. Arriving together will ensure you will be parked with your group. If you do not arrive with your group, we cannot guarantee you will be parked with the others in your group. It is recommended for anyone wanting to Group Camp to send an email with the subject line "Group Parking" to michigangranddesignrally@gmail.com. The email should contain the number of rigs in your group, the names of those in the group and the camping area that was purchased.
4. **Is there a honey-wagon / pump-out service available?** Yes. If you purchased an area that does not have sewer service, an independent mobile pump-out truck will be coming on-site to pump out units (Date TBD). One (1) Dump Ticket will be provided during check in free of charge for all non-sewer sites.
It is highly recommended you arrive with empty holding tanks.
5. **Is there a dump station available?** Yes. The fairground has a dump station. The location will be noted on the map. Please notify the Parking Crew if you need to dump prior to being parked. ***If possible, please arrive with empty holding tanks.***
6. **Can we arrive before Tuesday?** There is an event prior to our rally and the grounds need to be prepped. No arrivals will be permitted prior to Tuesday, May 17th. Thank you for understanding.
7. **Can we stay following the Rally?** Yes. If you choose to remain at the fairgrounds after Saturday night you will need to contact Amanda Varga at michigangranddesignrally@gmail.com to arrange dates and payment.
8. **Are power adapters needed?** Depending upon your rig and the ticket that you purchased you may need a 50 amp to 30-amp power adapter. Each site will have a minimum of 30-amp electric service available. It is recommended to come prepared for a 30 amp or 50-amp connection.





9. **How much electric cord, sewer hose and water hose are necessary to reach the services at the fairgrounds?** Most of the sites are back in. Electric, water and sewer connections will all be near the back of your unit. In a few situations, your sites connections may be in a non-typical location, such as on the opposite side of your unit. Try to be as prepared as possible for this situation.
10. **What do I need when I arrive at the Rally?** You should have received a ticket via email from Eventbrite. This is your entry ticket and proof of registration for admission upon arrival at fairgrounds. Please print and have your ticket available for presentation to the parking staff when you first arrive at the rally. Once the parking staff reviews your Eventbrite ticket, they will give you a “parking designator” sheet. The parking designator sheet has a large letter designating your purchased section in campground. Please place the parking designator prominently in your driver’s side windshield so the parking team can identify the correct area and direct you to your site quickly.
11. **When does rally parking begin?** Tentatively, rally gates will open on Tuesday, May 14th at 10:00am for rally parking. Rally entry will only be available until 5:00pm. Parking will resume on Wednesday at 8:00am until 5:00pm. **FYI: Parking will pause on Wednesday during opening ceremony and will resume shortly after.** If you are arriving after Wednesday, you will need to reach out to a rally host directly for parking. (Times are subject to change)
12. **What do I do if I arrive after rally parking has closed?** There will be an afterhours staging area for you to park in just inside the fairgrounds entrance Gate F. Please be prepared as there may be limited utilities available in the staging area.
13. **Where and how do we receive our name badges, agenda, and welcome bags?** After your rig is parked your first job will be to visit the on-site check-in (shown on the map near Area D) and exchange your **Eventbrite Ticket AND Parking Designator** for your name badge, agenda, and welcome bag. Your Eventbrite Ticket and Parking Designator are the two documents that you used to enter the fairgrounds and should now have your site number handwritten on the Parking Designator by your area attendant.
14. **Is the cost reduced if we don’t want to have the meals?** No. The volume of people and the need to create meal tickets and monitor who does and does not have them is simply not practical. We require that you wear your Rally name badge which is your ticket to all meals and activities. Sometimes other public events are being held at the fairgrounds and we need to monitor that only GDRV attendees go through the food line.
15. **Do you have meals for special diets – allergies, gluten-free, etc.?** Unfortunately, in serving nearly 3,000 meals during the rally we are not able to survey for individual diet needs and prepare special menus.
16. **Are meals provided at the rally?** Yes. Generally, we try to provide a meal every day, that may be breakfast, lunch, or dinner. One of the evenings, we coordinate a group provided meal, better known as a “potluck” style meal. We also like to give attendees the opportunity to grill out or visit some of the local restaurants in the area. Please review the rally schedule to plan your meals.





17. **Can I attend the Rally in an RV that is not a Grand Design?** No. Rally attendees MUST be owners of an RV manufactured by Grand Design.
18. **I am not a Grand Design owner yet. Can I attend the Rally?** Unfortunately, No. The Rally is only open to current owners of Grand Design Products. VIN numbers will be verified.
19. **Why am I asked to provide my VIN number?** There are two reasons for this. 1. To verify you are a current GDRV owner. 2. VIN's are provided to Grand Design so they can check to see if your unit has any recall items that need to be addressed. The Wagonmasters will only share your VIN# with GDRV.
20. **Can I attend if I am GDRV Owner but not camping at the rally?** Yes. You will still need to register on Eventbrite and provide your VIN#. We call this our "Rally Only" entry. This type of ticket allows you to take part in all rally events and activities, but dose not include any cost associated with camping at the fairgrounds.
21. **What is the pet policy?** All buildings at the Branch County Fairgrounds are pet-free (except for certified service animals in working mode). If your pet is outside your RV it must be in a carrier or restrained in an appropriate manner and on a short (6 foot or less) leash if being exercised. Please remember to pick up after your pet(s) and dispose of waste properly. Expect the pet policy to be strictly enforced. If you are having any Service Technicians (GDRV or Vendor) entering the inside of your RV, pets must be crated or removed. This is for the safety of the technicians as well as to prevent your pet from accidentally escaping from your RV.
22. **Will there be courtesy transportation available?** Yes. Transportation will be available Wednesday – Saturday. Operating times are TBD. Look for the six (6) seater golf cart shuttles running throughout the grounds. We commonly refer to these shuttles as "Lyft Mobiles"
23. **Is it true Grand Design will have Technicians at the rally?** Yes. Grand Design will have mobile technicians on-site. However, they will be working on Safety, Emergency & Recall repairs ONLY. We ask that you please not approach the techs while they are working or moving about the rally. If you have a concern that you believe requires a tech to address, we ask that you reach out to the GDRV Technician Coordinator (Location will be announced) or a Rally Host ONLY.
24. **Can I bring my golf cart, bike, moped, or Segway?** Yes. This is highly recommended as vehicle parking is very limited and not available near event buildings. Any golf carts, Side by sides etc. Must be insured to meet the fairgrounds requirement of \$25,000 liability coverage. Please adhere to the posted speed limit and be respectful of the grounds.
25. **Can I rent a golf cart for the rally?** Yes. Rental golf carts will be available for purchase on Eventbrite only. You are also welcomed to set up your own golf cart rental as well. No rentals will be available for purchase at the rally.
26. **Are there showers on site?** Yes. There are showers and restrooms for attendee use. Showers are in the restroom building across from area A-1.





27. **Is there a laundry facility on site?** No. Laundry facilities are available locally.
28. **Is there propane on site?** No. Propane is available locally.
29. **Are campfires allowed at the rally?** Yes. Only above ground gas or wood fire pits will be permitted. Absolutely no ground or large bonfires are allowed. These rules are provided to us by the fairgrounds, the Coldwater Fire Marshal and Branch County.
30. **Will there be a waiting list & how do I get on it?** There will be a waiting list started once all sites are registered. If a site becomes available prior to a waiting list being created the site will go back into the Eventbrite system for purchase. If a waiting list has started, the available site will be offered to the first person on the list. If we receive no response within 24 hours or the site is turned down, we will continue to offer the site to each person in line on the waiting list until the site is filled.
31. **What happens if I need to cancel my reservation?** We understand that people's schedules change for a variety of reasons, many out of their control. Below is the cancellation policy that will be followed.
- Cancellations prior to April 14th, 2024 will be refunded in full minus Eventbrite fees.
 - After April 14th, 2024 No refunds will be issued.
 - Tee Shirts refunds will be issued in full minus Eventbrite fees until April 14th, 2024. After 4/14/24 No refunds will be issues for tee shirts.
32. **What type of activities should I expect at the rally?** We have will have a verity of activities and entertainment for you to enjoy. Below are just some of the options that could be offered. Please check the schedule for confirmed offerings.
- Crafts (some may require additional cost to participate)
 - Live Music
 - Group Campfires
 - Games (Some are coordinated and other will be available anytime during the rally)
 - Excursions
33. **I want to volunteer at the rally how do I get involved?** We certainly welcome volunteers at the rally. Frankly, it's the only way we can put on such an event. The rally staff will put out a request for volunteers to sign up shortly before the rally. Additional volunteer opportunities will be available during the rally.
34. **Are there any community outreach programs to get involved in?** Yes! There will be an opportunity to sign up for Grand Design's "Go Grand" community involvement program. Look for details on the rally FB page or at the rally.

