

Subject: AMSA Beach Bash coming August 7th-9th, 2026

Since our spring membership survey, the AMSA events committee has been hard at work, and we're excited to announce a new official summer event on the beach. The event has been rebranded as **AMSA's Beach Bash** and will take place August 7th-9th, 2026, on Assateague Island in front of the Bullpen—the same weekend traditionally used for Camporee.

Using member feedback, we've created an event that honors more than 60 years of tradition and many of the best parts of Camporee while also introducing new ideas for the weekend.

Here are some of the activities you can expect. The schedule is still being finalized as we continue refining the format to make this a memorable weekend for our members:

- Cornhole Tournament
- Volleyball Tournament
- Fishing Contest (Men/Women/Kids)
- Kids' Games
- *New Wing* Contest
- Casting Contest
- Live Music or DJ
- Horseshoe Tournament
- Best Rig Award (three year-based classes)

The event will begin at 8:00 a.m. on August 7th, 2026, and conclude at 2:00 p.m. on August 9th.

Additional event details include:

- Registration may be completed online or by mail. Use the link below to register online, or print the form and mail it in. Registration closes July 17, 2026. Online registration will end after that date, and mail-in registrations must be postmarked by July 17 to be accepted. This deadline helps us prepare properly and estimate attendance and vehicle counts. (Reminder your AMSA dues must be paid for 2026 to attend, if you aren't current please contact our membership secretary to renew your membership).
- To help keep event costs down and use our budget for member activities, we will not pay the Park Service to staff the gate for registered attendees. Instead, our event will

count toward the 145-vehicle beach limit, so please plan to arrive during off-peak hours to improve your chances of getting on the beach and enjoying the event.

- This event is limited to self-contained campers only; no tents will be permitted. Porta-potties will not be provided, so members should plan to use their RVs as they would during a typical beach camping weekend. If you do not have a camper but would still like to attend during the day, you are welcome to join us, and a designated parking area will be available within the event area.
- If you would like to order an event T-shirt during registration, please include the quantity and sizes needed. Payment (cash, check, or credit card) will be collected at check-in, and your shirts will be provided then. A limited number of extra shirts may be available for purchase at the event, but we strongly encourage pre-ordering to ensure availability.

We are excited to bring this event back after a six-year hiatus. Many members have been looking forward to its return, as it has long been one of the best opportunities for fellowship at our favorite place—Assateague Island.

We are currently seeking prize sponsors for weekend activities. If you know of a business willing to donate gift cards, merchandise, or other items, please contact me below.

If you are interested in serving on the event committee, helping run an activity during the weekend, or assisting with setup or cleanup, please contact me below. We would be grateful for the help.

The event committee is committed to making this return memorable for our membership, and we hope to see you at AMSA's Beach Bash in August!

To register please click on the link: <http://form.jotform.com/261668197503061>

Thanks,

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