

SURVIVAL GUIDE



FIRST-TIME BUYER SURVIVAL GUIDE

From “Just Looking” to “We Found It.”

STEP ONE: KNOW WHAT KIND OF CAMPER YOU ARE

Before you fall in love with a floorplan, ask yourself:

- ? Weekend getaways or long road trips?
- ? Just the two of you or full family crew?
- ? Campgrounds with hookups or off-grid adventures?
- ? Do you already own a tow vehicle?

Your lifestyle decides your RV — not the other way around.

STEP TWO: KNOW YOUR NUMBERS

This is where smart buyers win.

- >What can your vehicle safely tow?
- >What's your realistic monthly budget?
- >Insurance + storage costs?
- >Do you need financing pre-approval?

[If you don't know your tow limits — stop by a dealer booth and ask. It's one of the most common first-time mistakes.]

STEP THREE: DON'T GET OVERWHELMED

There are hundreds of RVs here.

Here's how to simplify:

- >Pick 3-5 models to compare.
 - >Take photos of model names and price boards.
 - >Write quick notes in your phone after each walkthrough.
- After 10 rigs, they all blur together.

STEP FOUR: TEST THE REAL LIFE

Don't just peek inside — experience it.

- >Sit on the toilet (yes, really)
- >Stand in the shower
- >Lay on the bed

>Open every cabinet

>Imagine cooking dinner inside

If it feels cramped or awkward now, it won't feel better on your first rainy weekend.

STEP FIVE: ASK “FIRST-TIMER” QUESTIONS

Dealers expect you to ask:

- >What's included vs optional?
- >What's the warranty?
- >How long for delivery?
- >Is there show-only pricing?
- >What happens after I buy?

There are no silly questions — only expensive assumptions.

STEP SIX: UNDERSTAND SHOW DEALS

RV shows are designed for comparison shopping.

Ask:

- >Is this the best price?
- >Is this pricing good after the show?
- >Are there added incentives today?

You don't have to decide instantly — but if you find the right one at the right price, *be ready*.

STEP SEVEN: BUY FOR YOUR REAL LIFE

Not the influencer's life.

Not the “someday” life.

Your real weekends. Your real travel style.

The perfect RV is the one you'll actually USE.

FIRST-TIME BUYER MISTAKES TO AVOID

- >Buying too big for your tow vehicle
- >Choosing features over floorplan
- >Forgetting storage space
- >Rushing because of pressure
- >Not comparing at least 2-3 similar models

FINAL ADVICE FROM THE PROS

You're not just *buying an RV*.

You're buying:

Family memories

Campfire stories

Road trips

Freedom

Take your time. Ask questions. Compare smart.

[Your adventure starts here.](#)

RV SHOW SURVIVORS GUIDE

Plan Smart • Shop Confident • Enjoy the Adventure

KNOW THE VENUE

Colorado Convention Center – Denver, CO

1. Pick up a floor map or scan the QR code at entry.
2. Identify dealer zones, overland areas, restrooms, food, and exits.
3. Start at the FAR END of the hall and work your way TO THE FRONT to avoid crowds.

BEFORE YOU HIT THE FLOOR

Review the exhibitor list • Identify must-see RVs and rigs • *Decide if you're researching or ready to buy.*

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Comfortable walking shoes • Layers for changing indoor temperatures • Backpack or tote for brochures and notes.

SHOP SMART TOGETHER

Divide and conquer: one person focuses on layouts and comfort, the other on towing, power, suspension, and tech.

ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

What's standard vs. optional? • Lead times • Warranty & service locations • **Show-only incentives.**

TEST-DRIVE THE LIFESTYLE

Sit at the dinette • Stand in the shower • Open cabinets • Imagine a rainy day inside.

PACE YOURSELF

Take breaks • Hydrate • Eat real food. Clear thinking leads to better decisions.

USE YOUR PHONE

Photograph model names, layouts, pricing boards, and VIN or stock numbers for later comparison.

NO PRESSURE—BUT BE READY

Know your budget • Know your tow limits • Ask about show pricing vs. post-show pricing.

LARGEST DENVER REAL DEAL

RV SHOW March 12th 13th & 14th at the Colorado Convention Center

The Colorado Convention Center is being taken over by a **MONSTER** of an RV Show!!

Over 50 Manufacturers will be showcasing 400+ units for one big weekend.

Denver, Mar 12 -- **WELCOME TO THE GREAT AMERICAN REAL DEAL RV SHOW**

Featuring **Overland OFF GRID EXPO**

This isn't just an RV show.

This is the largest indoor RV product event in America — and the biggest multi-dealer RV show west of the Mississippi — all under one roof.

And this year, it's bigger than ever.

With 400 rigs, 50 brands, and the region's top dealers competing side-by-side, the Great American Real Deal RV Show offers the ultimate comparison-shopping experience. From luxury Class A motorhomes to lightweight travel trailers, fifth wheels, camper vans, toy haulers, and compact adventure rigs — it's all here.

Be sure to catch this year's Big Reveal, featuring exclusive first looks and debuts of some of the most exciting new RVs and overland builds in the industry.

EXCLUSIVE ATTENDEE BONUS

This year, we're proud to collaborate with The Dyrt Camping App — the nation's leading camping resource.

Every adult ticket includes a FREE 1-year subscription to Dyrt PRO, giving you access to:

- Advanced campground search tools
- Offline maps and trip planning
- Public land camping locations
- Campground discounts and reviews

It's the perfect companion to help you plan your next adventure long after the show ends.

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THE ROAD TO DISCOVERY

In an age where technology dominates our lives, camping emerges as a cherished escape, offering a way to reconnect with the natural world. This simple yet profound activity draws people for various reasons, each finding unique value in the experience.

Nature and Digital Detox

Camping offers a direct line to nature's tranquility, away from the urban hustle. It's a chance to unwind, unplug from digital devices, and enjoy the present moment. This natural detox can lead to improved mood, reduced stress, and a deeper appreciation for the environment.

Bonds and Adventures

Beyond solitude, camping fosters quality time with loved ones, away from daily distractions. It builds community, offering a space to meet like-minded individuals. The spirit of adventure is alive in camping, with each trip promising new discoveries, challenges, and a chance to explore the great outdoors.

Skills and Health

The camping experience is enriching, teaching valuable life and survival skills, boosting confidence and independence. Physically, it promotes health through activities like hiking and swimming, while mentally, it offers a peaceful retreat for stress reduction and mental clarity.

Affordability

Camping remains an accessible way to vacation, accommodating tight budgets without compromising the adventure or experiences it brings.

GO CAMP

Camping captivates with its simplicity, health benefits, and the deep connections it fosters with nature, others, and oneself. It's a versatile escape that satisfies the longing for adventure, peace, and personal growth, making it a timeless choice for those looking to step away from the digital age and into the embrace of the natural world.

WHAT TYPE OF CAMPING DO YOU DO?

- Car camping
- Tent camping
- Truck camping
- Van camping
- Trailer camping
- Off grid camping
- Sport camping
- RV camping

MATCH CAMPING WITH THE DESTINATION

WHERE DO YOU CAMP?

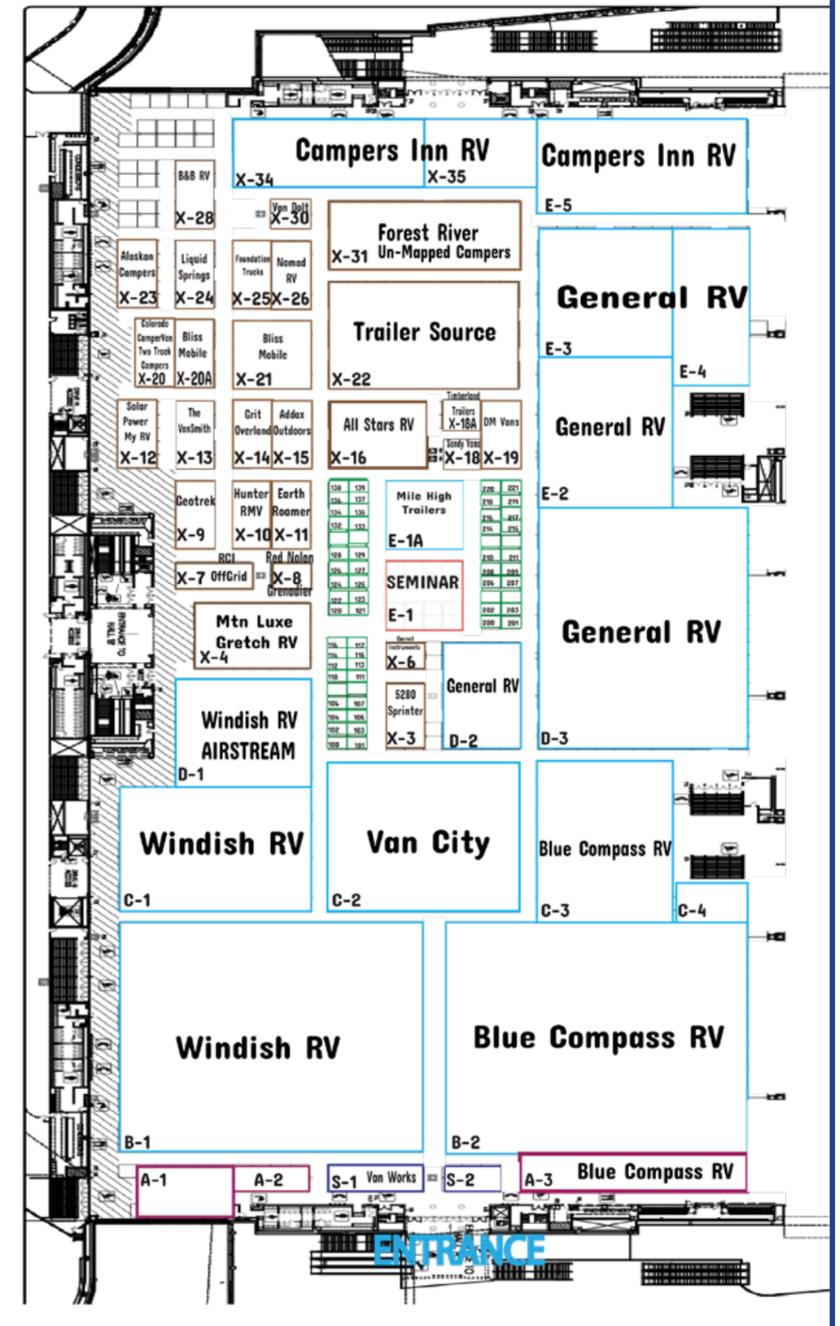
- Woods
- Forest
- Desert
- Meadow
- BLM
- Campground
- Backyard
- Mountains
- Park
- Beach
- River
- Driveway



Company	Booth #
The Dyrt	Lobby
Blue Water Development Corp	100
Renewal by Andersen	101
Hitch Corner	102
Kwaggari African Safaris	104
AlcheMeats LLC	105
Trail Ridge Tech	106
Gold Wealth Management	107
Cutco	110
Colorado RV Roof	111
Universal Fleet RV & Auto Collision	112
Passanante's Home Food Service	113
RVVault	114
Ageless Mens Health	115
Jellystone Park at Larkspur	117
Grizzly Knife Company	120
Unique Camping and Marine	121
Lifetime Home Remodeling	125
Trek Systems	126
UnitedHealthcare/DCT Insurance	127
Next Step Pro Sales	128
Hart Ranch	129
Air Care Med Network	132
Rocky Mountain Constuction	133
Streamside Parks	134
Champion Windows Home Exteriors	136
Mile High Hot Tubs	200
Blue Bird Windows & Doors	206
Happier Camper	207
Apollo Energy	210
Drop Everything CPR	211
Hello Fresh	212
Pet Fresh	213
T Mobile	218
Seminar	E1
Solar Power My RV	X12
Dragon Fly Tarps	X13
5280 Sprinter Service	X30
Garnet Instruments	X6
Red Noland INEOS Grenadier	X8

Company	Booth #
Blue Compass RV Wheat Ridge	A3 B2
Blue Compass RV Wheat Ridge	C3
Blue Compass RV Wheat Ridge	C4
Campers Inn RV	E5
Campers Inn RV	X34
Campers Inn RV	X35
Chinook	A1
General RV	D2
General RV	D3
General RV	E2
General RV	E3
General RV	E4
Mile High Trailers	E1a
Mountain Luxe RV	X4
Trailer Source Inc	X22 X31
Van City RV	C2
Windish RV	B1
Windish RV	C1
Windish RV/Airstream	D1
VANWORKS	S1
Hunter RMV	X10
EarthRoamer	X11
The Vansmith	X13A
Grit Overland	X14
Addax Outdoors	X15
All Stars RV	X16 X17
Sandy Vans	X18
Timberleaf Trailers	X18A
DM Vans	X19
Colorado Campervan	X20
Two Track Campers	X20
Bliss Mobil USA	X21
Alaskan Campers	X23
Liquid Spring	X24
Foundation Vehicles	X25
Nomad RVs	X26
B&B RV, Inc.	X28
Van Doit	X30
RCI Off Road	X7
Geotrek	X9

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2026 BIG REVEAL



STETSON 6666
AIRSTREAM



BLISS MOBIL



UNMAPPED
TRAILER SOURCE



STORY TELLER
VAN CITY



CHINOOK
VAN CITY

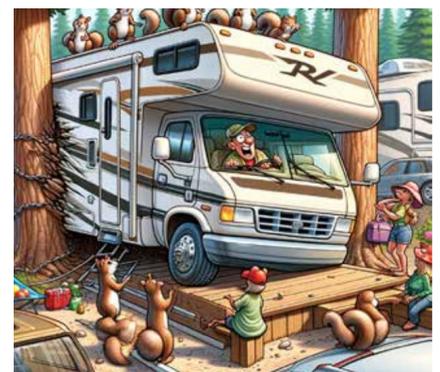


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MOUNTAIN LUXE

And some people call it Living
What does CAMPING represent?
Disconnecting from day to day
Wonder
S'more

Making you want s'more
I don't know what it is,
I'll know it when I get there
Camping is a feeling
Camping is the key that opens the world
Ignites the pioneer spirit in us
Soothes the soul like a field of lavender,
Crackling fire, babbling brook
The call of the wild is camp
Give into it

Let your imagination GO WILD ~ GO CAMP
-Lyn Colley



LEARN & SHARE

1:00p THUR| 10:30a FRI | 10:00a SAT

SeeLevel by Garnet Instruments

Introduces a highly reliable and easy-to-use digital holding tank monitoring solution designed to eliminate guesswork and enhance user confidence. Unlike traditional probe-style sensors, the SeeLevel external sensing technology delivers precise, percentage-based tank level readings with high accuracy and minimal maintenance.

PRESENTED BY STEWART PURVIS

2:00p THUR| 11:30a FRI | 11:00a SAT

The Dyrt: Discover the Top Camping App for 2026

Kevin Long, founder of The Dyrt — the nation's leading camping app built by the largest RV and camping community in the U.S. — will share insights from three years of full-time van life on the road with his wife and co-founder, Saraj.

In this session, Kevin explores how technology can simplify trip planning, help you stay connected while traveling, and make camping more flexible and enjoyable.

You'll learn:

- Essential camping and RV apps
- Tips for staying connected on the road
- Lessons from full-time travel
- Practical steps toward a more flexible camping lifestyle

Perfect for RVers, campers, and anyone looking to travel smarter and explore more

PRESENTED BY KEVIN LONG, CEO

3:00p THUR| 2:00p FRI | NOON SAT

Outdoor Photography Seminar

Your RV takes you to incredible places — now learn how to capture them like a pro.

Join outdoor photography experts Chauncey Luce and Malcolm Hillman for a practical, high-impact seminar designed specifically for RVers, overlanders, and adventure travelers. Whether you're shooting with a DSLR, mirrorless camera, or smartphone, you'll learn how to:

- > Capture dramatic mountain landscapes and golden-hour light
- > Photograph your RV and campsite like a lifestyle magazine spread
- > Elevate your social media travel shots
- > Shoot better campfire and low-light images
- > Frame action, wildlife, and candid family moments

PRESENTED BY CHAUNCEY & MALCOM

4:00p THUR| 3:00p FRI | 1:00p SAT

No Hookups Required: The Smart Retirement Guide to RV Solar

No generators. No campground dependency. No limits. In this practical 60-minute session, learn what 600+ real-world RV solar installs have taught us — including common failure patterns, why many systems underperform, what a properly designed setup looks like, and how to size your system for real-life travel, not just sunny days.

No brand bias — just experience-based guidance from a team that designs and services RV solar systems every day.

PRESENTED BY EMILY LAFLEUR

5:00p THUR| 4:00p FRI | 2:00p SAT

RV First Aid: What Most Travelers Overlook

In this practical session, former Ski Patrolter and EMT Charlie walks through the most common medical emergencies RV owners face and how to better prepare for them - from traveling day medical events to hiking mishaps.

PRESENTED BY CHARLES SHIMKUS

6:00p THUR| 5:00p FRI | 3:00p SAT

I bought a Sprinter B-Class, Now What? Congratulations — now let's protect your investment. This practical session covers essential maintenance tips, service schedules, common mistakes to avoid, and how to keep your Sprinter van running smoothly for years to come. Ideal for new B-Class owners who want confidence, reliability, and fewer surprises on the road.

PRESENTED BY 5280 SRPINTER SERVICE

12:30p FRIDAY ONLY

OUTDOOR COOKING WITH TRACY

Get ready to turn up the heat — and the flavor.

Morning radio personality Tracy Dixon is bringing her energy from the studio to the stage for a live RV-friendly cooking demonstration you won't want to miss.

Perfect for campground weekends, tailgates, and backyard hangouts, Tracy will show you how to elevate your outdoor menu.

You'll pick up simple prep tips, outdoor cooking hacks, and easy ways to impress your crew on your next RV adventure.

Come hungry. Leave inspired.

PRESENTED BY TRACY DIXON

OFF GRID RIGS



TWO TRUCK CAMPERS



ROSSMONSTER



COLORADO CAMPERVAN



AALASKAN CAMPERS



VAN DO IT



EARTH ROAMER



DM VANS



MULE



BLISS MOBIL EXPEDITION



VERTEX VANS



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GRIT OVERLAND



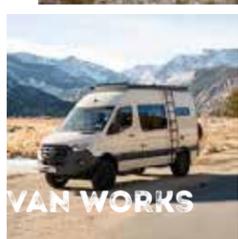
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