



# ADMIN'S NOTE

## Skoolie U.P. 2021

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As most of you know, I am the Administrative Assistant for **Bus Conversion Magazine**. I travel around the United States in a self-converted Skoolie with my family of four.

This year we decided to take part in Skoolie U.P. (Upper Peninsula) 2021. It was held in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and ran from July 26 – August 1, 2021. The amazing weather and abundance of lakes to cool off in were much welcomed and appreciated after spending three days in 108-degree temperatures in Oregon.

On Monday, pre-registered buses began showing up. We received instructions and packets with information and a schedule, as well as raffle tickets for a big drawing. Once familiar with the grounds and the events taking place, buses pulled in to either a campsite with hook-ups or the field that was separated into a generator section and a solar section.

The festivities started upon arrival. Children immediately began participating in the scavenger hunt and craft time. Later that night, most of us gathered around the community campfire. For the rest of the week, nomads and travelers participated in activities like escape rooms, community meals/potlucks, a chlidog cookoff, trivia games, flag football, bingo, beach day, face painting, movie nights, singles night, nature walks, open mic, group kayaking, water balloons and even a few small business and social media seminars.

We met lots of fellow nomads and toured a lot of amazing converted buses of all kinds. There were Skoolies, MCIs, a Flxible, vans, trucks, campers, and even tents. These nomad events are really something to witness. People from all walks of life, with all different backgrounds and experiences, come together and help each other. They offer up what they have, be it knowledge or physical help with a project, everyone is there to learn and grow.

The children run around the campground selling fresh-picked flowers and homemade keychains adorning "Skoolie U.P. 2021". They learn from their parents that their talents and passions can serve others.

My teenage daughter wanted to get Henna (powdered leaves of a tropical shrub that are used as a dye to color the hair and decorate the body) from another Skoolie that was set up for the art. So, she set up a table and began giving people tarot card readings for a minimal price. Once she got enough, she packed up her table and took three other friends to the Henna table. She made enough money to pay for her and her friends to have a beautiful piece of art painted on them.

This event was organic. A sort of pop-up community that often happens when these bus events take place. Skoolie U.P. will be something I remember forever, as will my children.

Click [HERE](#) to see a video capturing the attendees and the camping style of Skoolie U.P. 2021.

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