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## Trail Signs

### INSECT SHIELD OFFERED IN MORE PRODUCTS



Originally known as **Buzz Off** Insect Shield, the Seattle-based company rebranded itself earlier this year as Insect Shield and improved the durability of its insect-repellent technology. Apparel products available for summer that feature Insect Shield offer the increased repellent durability of 70 washings—almost three times the initial claim of 25 washings achieved in July 2003, when the insect-repellent clothing was the first ever registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Insect Shield is invisible and odorless, and protects against mosquitos, ticks, ants, flies, chiggers and midges (no-see-ums). It is proven to repel through six months of constant exposure to sun and rain. Aside from hats and clothing, this summer Insect Shield is available in other products, such as selected REI tents, Eagles Nest Outfitters hammocks, TravelChair chairs, and Cocoon travel covers and protective accessories. More products should follow in the near future, including larger family-size tents.



### CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST RV RALLY

*Camping Life* was a proud sponsor of the 10th annual Affinity RV Rally held in April in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The event attracted more than 3100 registered motorized and towable RVs, about 400 suppliers, and 30 manufacturers and dealers with around 500 units on display. Affinity is the parent company of *Camping Life*.

Throughout the event, attendees had plenty of opportunities to enter the various raffles that included such prizes as ThermoCELL Insect Repellent Patio Lanterns, a set of Motorola Talkabout MR1000E two-way radios, the SPOT Satellite Messenger and Tracker units, a Roadmaster Sterling All-Terrain Tow Bar, EnGenius TengaInternet wireless network adapters, portable power supplies from Xantrex, RV care products from Protect All, in-line water filters from SHURflo, Winegard Sensor DTV antennas, doormats from Patio Mats, Motion-Proof Putty from Ready America, shammies from Shabby Wow, and a variety of cleaning wipes from Thetford.

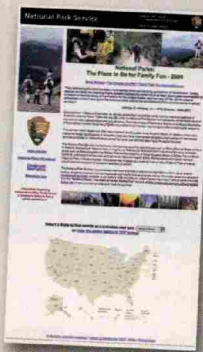
The 11th Annual Affinity RV Rally is scheduled to be held July 22-25, 2010, in Louisville, Kentucky. For more information, visit [therally.com](http://therally.com) or call 877/749-7122 to make early-bird reservations.

### WEB WATCH

[nps.gov/pub\\_aff/parks2009/index.htm](http://nps.gov/pub_aff/parks2009/index.htm)

This seems to be the year for our nation's national parks, as PBS will feature the new Ken Burns documentary series, "The National Parks: America's Best Idea" in the fall (go to page 40 to read an interview with Ken Burns about the documentary).

The National Park Service offers many new adventures for park visitors, as well as traditional programs that have attracted families for years. This link takes visitors to "National Parks: The Place to be for Family Fun," which includes a list of activities each national park has to offer this season.



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