



Illinois Campers On Mission

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President's Letter—

Happy January,

Hope you all had a great Christmas and Happy New Year!!! Some people make New Year resolutions for 2023. I pray everyone will renew their faith and always keep Jesus Christ in their heart.

A good passage for the new year both personally and for COM is: Jeremiah 29:11-13.

¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Please join your prayers with mine as we seek to do the best for God in 2023 with Illinois COM.

Be safe. See you all in February at Lake Sallateeska for the winter planning meeting.

Yours Truly,
Fred



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2	Judy	Booze
6	Jim & Judy Barnes	
7	Mary	Smith
8	Logan	Diercks
11	Alberta	Woodside
13	Mike	Young
15	Anna	Wade
17	Jerry	Walden
20	Jerry	McDowell
27	Karen	Watson
29	Sky	Diercks
29	Ella	Diercks
30	Ronnie	Donoho
31	Marianne	Collins



A PRAYER FOR GRATITUDE IN THE NEW YEAR

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family, our friends and our faith.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

Let us keep God in our hearts and praise God's name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

May your year be filled with peace and love and God's sustaining grace no matter the circumstances. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year. May you take every opportunity to share your testimony with those God puts before you and may you minister to a hurting world.

May God grant you the wisdom that only He can give and may you live a life as a light to those in the world.

Happy New Year to you and those whom you love.

IL COM will be printing new pictorial directories soon. If you were not able to attend the Christmas Luncheon and would like to have your photo included, please send a photo to Karen Mowers (kcc61254@gmail.com) Thanks.

Here are a few of our members! They are part of the leadership team for 2023 IL COM



Region 4 COM Representatives
Don & Jan Kragness



2023 IL COM President
Fred & Paula Riley



2023 IL COM Treasurer—Dick Mowers
2023 IL Com Secretary/Newsletter—Karen Mowers



2023 IL COM Chaplain
Marilyn & Andy Thomson

2023 COM NATIONAL RALLY

Hosted by

MICHIGAN CAMPERS ON MISSION

When:
Wednesday – Friday
June 7-9, 2023

Where:
Hillsdale County Fairgrounds
115 S Broad St - Hillsdale, MI



Worship & Praise A.M. & P.M.

- Special Singers
- Guest Speakers

Seminars & Activities mid-day!

- Ministries where you can serve
- RV maintenance and repairs
- Crafts and hands on learning
- Disaster Relief information
- Taxes for Volunteer Missionaries
- Shoebox Packing Party
- ... and much more!

Exhibit Hall to browse each day!

- COM chapters sharing their ministry
- Ministries where you can serve
- Book Link – bring Bibles, SS literature and books on sound doctrines to donate at this table!
- Craft and sale items to purchase!

Children's Program each day!

- Teaching
- Activities

Registration begins in January 2023.

Here's information that will be helpful as you plan:

RV Sites are \$30 per night for 30 AMP; \$40 per night for 50 AMP. Water & Electric; Dump Station.

Days Inn Special Rates limited rooms reserved for COM: \$94.99 TU-FR nights.

Bambi Lake Baptist Camp will provide meals, menu & cost TBD.

FREE DINNER TUESDAY BEFORE PRE-RALLY PROGRAM: 5:00 p.m. compliments of Bambi Lake Baptist Camp.

For more information, please contact:

Rick & Cindy Truesdail

Phone: (810) 869-4716

Email: michigancampersonmission@gmail.com

Chaplain's Corner -

What a wonderful month it has been. So busy with the family, Church, cooking, wrapping gifts and staying focused on our Lord. Now it is time to start a new year.

We are excited to be going to Woodlake, Texas with Don and Jan Kragness, and Chet and Debbie Whyers and several others on January 14th, to work with Phil & Stephanie Hall. I'm sure we will have plenty to do when we get there. COM work never stops, it just changes locations!

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Marilyn



Tentative Schedule for 2023 IL COM Work Projects

February 24 & 25	Winter Planning Meeting, Lake Sallateeska
April 17—21	Lake Sallateeska
April 22 & 23	Spring Rally
May 15 – 19	Streator Baptist Camp
June 7—9	National Rally, Hillsdale, MI
July 17—21	TBD
August 21—25	Carmi Children's Home, Carmi
September 17	Fall Festival, Carmi Children's Home
September 18—22	Morning Star Mission, Joliet
October 16—20	Fall Rally, Place TBD
December 2	Christmas Luncheon, FBC, Farina

Other Dates for your Calendar: (See Don or Jan Kragness)

January 15—23	Texas to work with Phil and Stephanie Hall
March 12—18	COM National Project at Great Passion Play, Eureka Spring, AK
March 22—April 8	IL COM work weeks at Great Passion Play

Campers on Mission National Rally Registration Form
June 7-9, 2023
Hillsdale County Fairgrounds, 115 S. Broad St., Hillsdale, MI



Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (Cell) _____ (Other) _____ Email _____

Member of _____ COM State Chapter _____ Region No. _____

Additional Guests: Children _____ Ages _____ Adults _____ Name(s) _____

* Children ages 4 – 14 are welcome to join the great program planned just for them. *

Your Emergency Contact _____ Phone No. _____

Registration Fee: (Per Unit) \$40 \$ _____

In case of illness or emergency, requests for refunds must be made to Rick or Cindy Truesdail no later than MAY 15, 2023.

After May 15, register at gate upon arrival or email MI COM michigancampersonmission@gmail.com

Camping Fee: \$30 per night 30 AMP #Nights _____ @ \$30 Night \$ _____
 \$40 per night 50 AMP #Nights _____ @ \$40 Night \$ _____

(Maximum of 4 nights (TU-FR nights) for rally)

Sites are available with water, electric. Dump station and showers available.

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

RV Type: MH _____ Class C _____ 5th Wheel _____ TT _____ RV length _____ #Slides _____

(Early arrivals welcome and you may stay at longer @ \$25-35 per night payable directly to the fair grounds.)

President's Luncheon: President(Spouse) Business Meeting/Luncheon Buffet

Check one: President _____ VP _____ Regional Rep _____ Delegate _____

An All-American Buffet will be served. Thurs. June 8th at 11:30 # Attending _____ @ \$20 ea.

(Hardwood-Smoked Pulled Pork, BBQ Chicken, 3 Salads, Rolls, Iced Tea & Pink Lemonade) \$ _____

FREE DINNER TUESDAY BEFORE PRE-RALLY PROGRAM: 5:00 p.m. compliments of Bambi Lake Baptist Camp

_____ attending this meal (We just need a headcount to be sure there's plenty of food!) \$ No Charge

Lunch Meals WE-FR @ 11:30 a.m. - \$12.50 ea., Child's plate available for children under 10 years old at \$5.00

Evening Meals WE-FR @ 5:00 p.m. - \$16.50 ea., Child's plate available for children under 10 years old at \$8.00

(Side dishes, bread, drinks, and dessert provided at all dinners) (No refunds)

Mark meal choices on menu on back of this form **Total Meal Cost** \$ _____

Rally T-shirts: \$18 How many each size S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____ **Total T-Shirt Cost** \$ _____

(No T-Shirt purchase after April 15; none will be available at the rally) (NO Refunds on T-Shirts)

COM Chapters: Opportunity to display something about your state. Table(s) @ \$10 each # _____ \$ _____

Total of all fees above \$ _____

You will receive a confirmation receipt.

Questions:

Rick & Cindy Truesdail, Michigan COM Presidents

Call: 810-869-4716 or email: michigancampersonmission@gmail.com

Mail registration form and money:

Michigan Campers on Mission, Attn: Cindy Truesdail, 4372 Timber Line Ln, Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Make checks to: Michigan Campers on Mission

Remember to mark meals on reverse side.

Lunch and Dinner Menu for 2023 COM National Rally

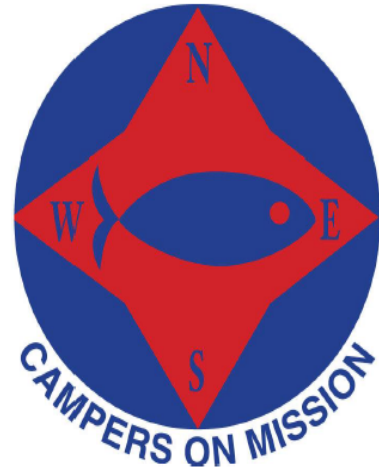
Lunch		# Children @ \$5.00	Children Total	# Adults @ 12.50	Adult Total	Total Lunch
WE	Hamburgers	#	\$	#	\$	\$
	Chicken Strips					
	French Fries					
TH	Pork BBQ Sandwich	#	\$	#	\$	\$
	Chicken Strips					
	French Fries					
FR	Sliders	#	\$	#	\$	\$
	Chicken Strips					
	Tator Tots					
Dinner		# Children @ \$8.00	Children Total	# Adults @ 16.50	Adult Total	Total Dinner
TU	Low Country Boil (Sausage, Shrimp, Potato, Corn, Onion)	#	\$ No Charge	#	\$ No Charge	\$ No Charge
WE	Pork Butt	#	\$	#	\$	\$
	Grilled Chicken Breast					
	Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Gravy					
	Green Beans					
TH	Chicken Leg Quarters	#	\$	#	\$	\$
	Smoked Brisket Chuck Roast					
	Yukon Mashed Potatoes & Gravy					
	Glazed Baby Carrots					
FR	Ribs	#	\$	#	\$	\$
	Chicken					
	Sweet Potatos, Cinnamon Butter					
	Green Beans					
(Side dishes, bread, drinks, and dessert provided with all lunch and dinners)						
GRAND TOTAL					\$	

Please carry the Grand Total to the front page. Thank you.

Please tell us about food allergy you or your family have:

What does the Campers on Mission emblem mean?

The Campers on Mission emblem was designed to provide opportunities to witness about faith in Jesus Christ. The design, a fish encircled by a compass, promotes conversation. The fish, an early Christian symbol, denotes personal acceptance of Jesus as Savior. The compass star symbolizes the expanse of God's creation and reminds members that, wherever they roam, God is present as they seek Him. The circle surrounding the design represents God's eternal existence and bountiful love for all people. Another benefit of the distinctive emblem is that members displaying it are easily identified by one another so they can join together in Christian fellowship *as they go*.



Who joins Campers On Mission?

In obedience to His command, Campers on Mission urges members to carry the gospel "*as they go*." It is easy to see where the campers got the slogan *As we go!* God instructs us to "go ye therefore" As long as a person's focus is on working for Jesus, this is a great place to work independently or with others in trying to fulfill our great commission.

If you enjoy camping and want an opportunity to combine that love with mission work, the campers is the place to be. If you would like to get your children involved with mission work and want to do it as a family, this is the place! If you would like to turn your vacation time into meaningful mission experiences, this is the place! If you are retired and want to give your life meaning and direction, this is the place! If you are retired and want to give back some of what the Lord has blessed you with, this is the place! If you want to see a mighty moving of the Lord, this is the place! Or if you just want to follow God's instructions, this is the place!

Camping provides a great way for families to have the relaxation of a vacation and the satisfaction of a mission project. Campers on Mission also provide a great way for retired people to exercise their gifts for the kingdom of God. So whether you are single, retired, newly married, or married for a long time, we invite you to join us and be "*On Mission with Jesus*" "*As You Go*".

Here are some facts you might like to know if
someone asks you questions about
Campers On Mission.

This information is taken from the 2015
National Campers on Mission Handbook. You can
read the manual to answer your questions at
www.campersonmission.net

