



Illinois Campers On Mission

May 2021

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President's Letter—John Lindeman

Hello campers,

I am grateful for the people that came to Lake Sallateeska last week and for all of the work that got done. I am praising God for the safety He provided for us as we worked on roofs, used power tools and hand tools, and worked hard together. I am grateful for the prayers that went up for our work, for the camp and those who will come to hear the life saving Word of God, for the staff and volunteers that work so hard to make that camp experience memorable and peaceful, for Brock and Polly as they move forward at the camp and dedicate their time to God as their ministry to the lost and hurting and the weak and weary who need a place of solace and refreshment.

Thank you for those who attended the spring rally and brought reports and had a time of fellowship that we have missed. Thanks to George Meese for bringing us a message on Sunday morning that touched our hearts and made us think about our lives with God.

As we begin to look forward to the National Rally that is rapidly approaching and has consumed our thoughts and prayers for nearly 2 years, we are seeking to present a time of encouragement and fellowship to our fellow COM members as we gather in DuQuoin. Thanks to those that have been working so hard in preparations especially Don and Jan Kragness and Emil and Lois Nattier as they diligently gathered speakers for the worship sessions and the seminars and spent countless hours on these tasks and many others. Thanks to the team leaders as they have put together a plan for their areas and recruited volunteers to help them.

Please come ready to work hard at finishing the rally preparations in May and praising God for His plan and for attendees and workers as we continue "Working with the Son in 2021."

John and Francie



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2021 IL COM Schedule

Tentative 2021 Schedule ****

(all locations are tentative pending restrictions & availability)

May 17—21	Final Preparations for National Rally	Lake Sallateeska
<u>June 9-11, 2021</u>	<u>National COM Rally</u>	<u>DuQuoin, Illinois</u>
July 18—23	TBD	
August 15—20	Baptist Children’s Home	Carmi, IL
September 19—24	Streator Baptist Camp	Streator, IL
October 10—14	Fall Rally	Lake Sallateeska
December 4	Christmas Luncheon	Farina, IL

***** If you were not able to attend the February Fling but know you are available and willing to come help on any of these projects, please let Leroy Burnett or John Lindeman know right away. At this point if we don’t have enough signed up for a particular project it may be dropped or another project substituted.**

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR NATIONAL RALLY

1. God to be glorified and His name lifted high
2. Safety for speakers, workers, attendees, those traveling—everyone involved
3. Encouragement and fellowship
4. Good weather during the week

Calendar of Birthdays and Anniversaries— May



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| 9 | Dan Golden |
| 10 | Harold Booze |
| 10 | Arnold Ramage |
| 14 | Don Kragness |
| 16 | Larry Pat Boggs |
| 16 | Wayne Riley |
| 23 | James Catherine Rentfrow |
| 25 | Joyce Churchwell |
| 28 | Chloe Page |
| 31 | Barb Greaves |



News Notes and Information

II COM members working at Lake Sallateeska in April:

John & Francie Lindeman	Leroy & Irma Burnett
Sonny & Sondra McKenzie	Marilyn & Andy Thomson
Don & Jan Kragness	Jim & Judy Barnes
Arnold & Paula Ramage	Bryan & Terri Keller
Richard & Anita Evans	Fred & Paula Riley
George & Penny Meese	Dick & Karen Mowers
James & Catherine Rentfrow	Gary & Karen Watson
Lois Nattier	Paul & Debbie Shelton
Alberta Woodside	Cindy Minard
Jerry & Margaret McDowell	Linda Riley
Augie Dothager	Jim & Pattie Noeth
Ken & Marty Ramsey	

Project list for May, 2021 at Lake Sallateeska:

1) bring **EVERYTHING** you have for National Rally—signs, door prize items, grand prize items, hospitality bag items, Tech equipment, display boards, decorating items, banners, etc.

******* James Rentfrow has arranged to loan COM a 16 foot trailer for the time between the work week in May and the set up of the National Rally. Everything will be put into the trailer so it can quickly be unloaded at DuQuoin on Monday morning, June 7 starting at 9 AM*******

- a) we will be assembling & loading hospitality bags
- b) sorting out door prize items and grand prize items
- c) finalizing volunteer work assignments so everyone has a job that wants one
- d) packing the trailer with supplies
- e) baking and freezing cookies for snacks
- f) reviewing final instructions for the rally
- g) reviewing the rally schedule so everyone is aware of what will be happening
- h) worship team rehearsals—teaching songs to everyone
- i) organizing signage for parts of the rally

2) tools for work projects at Lake Sallateeska if we have time to work

Chaplain's corner by Francie Lindeman

Be still and know that I am God

One year ago everyone became concerned as the world as we had known it began to shut down—churches closed, restaurants and stores closed, festivals and family gatherings were stopped, people were getting sick and dying and our busy lives ground to a sudden and terrifying halt. For some, depression and loneliness set in as the days turned to weeks turned to months and there were no answers only fears and uncertainty. But as these months went on, churches began to adapt with on-line services, people took up new hobbies and learned new skills to fill their time, some turned to Bible studies and spending quality time with God as they searched for answers because they had time to pursue His Word as they never had done before. It was a sweet time with Him that we had not disciplined ourselves to do in our “busy” life. Now, as things slowly open up again and festivals and meetings and events and churches start to fill our calendars with “things” for us to do, we are grateful for getting out but some of us are starting to mourn that more peaceful life we began to enjoy and that time for God is getting filled again. **Just remember to be still and seek God.**



Notes about setting up for National Rally

- 1) We need as many people as possible at the DuQuoin Fairgrounds ready to help set up at 9 AM on June 7 even if you are not attending the rally or camping there**
- 2) Be flexible and ready to jump in where you see a need during the week
- 3) If you have volunteered for a particular task, help in that area set up first. The areas of decorations, food, education and parking will be in need of help with signage placement and room set up, hanging banners, setting tables and decorating the stage.
- 4) As soon as the registration area is set up, please come and pick up your hospitality bags to eliminate the big rush on Tuesday & Wednesday.
- 5) Site assignments for campers cannot be done until Monday morning because of a huge event the previous week so be patient with this team.
- 6) If you are bringing a golf cart, ATV, or other similar vehicle, please bring them on Monday for use in set up
- 7) We know we will be tired so please be patient with each other and if you cannot help set up, please be praying for those that are.

Projects completed at Lake Sallateeska April, 2021

Family Cottage -

- Remove awning
- build new awning – trip to Salem for metal brake, shingled, cedar shake on sides
- Install new window sills on 3 windows
- Wrapped front window sills with aluminum
- Pour cement for 2 awning posts

Chapel

- Build sound booth – construction, dry wall, paint, wood trim, set up sound board
- Build 4 foot stage extension
- Remove old flooring from stage
- Install new laminate flooring on stage (30 boxes)
- Change some outlets to 20 amp
- Cleaned up wood scraps
- Drain repaired under porch

Claybrook

- Remove 4 x 4 posts on porch (3 posts)
- Install cedar posts on porch
- primed walls and painted

Cleaned up fallen trees behind kitchen

- Chainsaw into smaller pieces
- Haul to wood pile by amphitheater

Wilma lodge

- Painted with Kilz
- Painted 2 times

Cleaned the 3 cabins by the swimming pool (3 brothers)

- Bed repairs
- Mattress covers

Meals served to volunteers – 242

Spring Rally

- Fellowship meals – hot dog roast, potluck, breakfast
- Executive Team meeting
- General membership meeting
- National Rally Leadership meeting

National Rally preparation

- Worship team rehearsals – 4
- Facilities & parking team went to DuQuoin to look over camping situation for parking trailers
- Rag quilt preparation
- 36 wordless books
- 112 Good News dolls
- A COM table cloth
- 28 aprons
- Ordered blue shirts
- Contacted speakers
- Finalized program

Bridge – replace rotten posts

Campground – 50 AMP service

Devotions – 5 days

Gutters on office building and patch hole in the ceiling

Posts on the bridge are in but not painted yet

Put new carpet on the mini-golf course and replaced bricks

Burned brush pile

Repair bench and will paint

General Business Meeting 4-24-2021

Present: Sonny & Sondra McKenzie, Penny & George Meese, Fred & Paula Riley, Paul & Debbie Shelton, Jim & Judy Barnes, James & Catherine Rentfrow, Bryan & Terri Keller, Leroy & Irma Burnett, John & Francie Lindeman, Dick & Karen Mowers, Don & Jan Kragness, Jim & Pattie Noeth, Richard & Anita Evans

Meeting opened with prayer by John.

Minutes –Irma motion to accept minutes, Richard seconded. Motion passed

Treasurer's report – Dick reported on the bank balances for the rally and general COM accounts. Motion to accept Sonny, second Jan. motion passed

Food Report – Karen updated the food report to include the April expenses. Motion by Sondra, seconded by Jim. Motion passed

Project report – Individual projects that we are doing can be reported and will be listed in the newsletter. Leroy went over schedule for 2021. Motion to accept Dick, George second, motion passed

Chaplain report - Francie gave a report on devotions given and personal contacts made with COM members. Jan reported on items that were collected for Grace Haven. Motion to accept Jim, second Fred, motion passed

Sewing report – Sondra gave a report on sewing projects completed. Motion to accept Terri, second Anita. motion passed

Region 4 representative report – Don and Jan reported on their activities since Fall Rally.

Rally Report - Team leaders were asked to list volunteer needs for their areas because we have a list of people who will volunteer. In May, everyone is to bring items they have to go to the rally and it will be packed into a 16 foot trailer donated by James Rentfrow.

Old business – Jim and Patti and Ken and Marty were thanked for their work on the electrical service in the camp ground.

New Business - Jan brought up the need to consider background checks for IL COM to make it safe and in line with most requirements of camps and other public places. The executive committee will look into this.

Moved to adjourn Don, Leroy seconded, motion passed. Sonny closed in prayer