



Illinois Campers On Mission

June 2021

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President's Letter—John Lindeman



Rally time is at hand! We have had a long road of planning and preparation.

The hand of the Lord has been upon us every step of the way. Now it is time to enjoy the fruits of our labor. Campers from many states will gather to be revived in spirit and encouraged to continue the work to build the kingdom of God.

Thank you all for all your work and cooperation at our prep week at Lake Sallateeska.

We look forward to greeting old friends and meeting new people as we share experiences of serving God in diverse places.

Monday June 7 will be an intense day of setting up, decorating and preparing to meet our guests. Please try to arrive after 4 pm on Sunday evening or early on Monday morning.

Scripture tells us to “Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.” Colossians 3:23-24

God bless you all.

John and Francie

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2021 IL COM Schedule

Tentative 2021 Schedule ****

(all locations are tentative pending restrictions & availability)

<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.

CHANGE OF TIME OF ARRIVAL

We were notified by the Fairgrounds staff that we can enter the camping area on **SUNDAY, JUNE 6 after 4 pm**. It has also been arranged with the staff that COM will make the counts everyday of the attenders and will pay the office instead of individuals having to pay at the gate. Campers entering early will owe an additional \$40 to Dick Mowers, treasurer.

Calendar of Birthdays and Anniversaries— June



- 12 Bryan & Terri Keller
- 14 Paula Ramage
- 20 George & Penny Meese
- 28 Rand Walters
- 30 Judy Matthews



News Notes and Information

II COM members working at Lake Sallateeska for Rally Prep Week:

John & Francie Lindeman	Leroy & Irma Burnett
Sonny & Sondra McKenzie	Marilyn & Andy Thomson
Don & Jan Kragness	Jim & Judy Barnes
Bryan & Terri Keller	Richard & Anita Evans
Fred & Paula Riley	George & Penny Meese
Dick & Karen Mowers	James Rentfrow
Gary & Karen Watson	Lois Nattier
Debbie Shelton	Alberta Woodside
Cindy Minard	Jim & Pattie Noeth
Ken & Marty Ramsey	Dan & Denise Golden
DR workers for childcare—Thurman & Carol Stewart and Cindy Bogard	

National Rally Statistics

As of May 29, 2021

247 people will be attending for at least part of the week

193 COM members and children

54 speakers, musicians, DR workers, entertainers, IBSA representatives

75 camping units on the grounds

16 units in local hotels, driving from home or staying with someone else

42 are registered for the President's Luncheon—maxed out the room

390 catered meals have been ordered for Wednesday through Friday

Volunteer COM members (seminar leaders and rally workers) = 60

40 IL COM members

2 AL COM members

5 FL COM members

3 IA COM members

4 IN COM members

4 MI COM members

2 WI COM members

19 states are represented

AL AR AZ FL GA IA IL IN KS LA MI MO NE
OK SC SD TN TX WI

Chaplain's corner by Francie Lindeman

Rally time is here!!! We have all worked hard in our jobs assigned to us to get this "perfect". In our guests lips, it will be. Everyone will be so happy to be back in the new normal - including us.

Every day things are falling into place. Lake Sallateeska was such a blessing to see how everyone worked together as one body and God blessed the effort. So rest up, pray up and we will see you in a few days.



"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed" Proverbs 16:3.

This was my verse from the beginning for all the work and planning to be done for national rally.

Francie

Thank you

- to all who donated door prize and grand prize items
- to all who sewed or made items for the hospitality bags, As You Go Bears, chapstick holders, aprons, pocket prayer quilts, wooden crosses and donated other items
- to all who have made countless trips to DuQuoin working with the staff
- to all who are loaning us items for the rally: James Rentfrow and Richard Evans for the use of enclosed trailers, tractors , church busses, ATV's and side by sides
- to IBSA for the generous sponsorship of the cost of using the exhibit hall, event insurance, hosting the on-line registration, printing the name tags, orchestrating the printing of the t-shirts, printing the program booklets, sending speakers, Loaning us AV Tech equipment, writing a nice article in the Illinois Baptist News
- to Brock Vandever for use of Lake Sallateeska for our prep week and AV Tech equipment
- to John & Francie Lindeman, Don & Jan Kragness and Emil & Lois Nattier for their hundreds of hours of organizing, making phone calls, arranging speakers and program
- to all the IL COM members who have lifted this event in prayer and supported it in any way. **TO GOD BE THE GLORY AND MAY HE BE BLESSED!**