



## Illinois Campers On Mission

April 2021

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### President's Letter—John Lindeman

Hello campers,

Spring has sprung and we are ready to start our year's activities. This year is different because of the rally. Preparation for the rally is going great. Registrations are flowing in and excitement is building.



Our first work week is Lake Sallateeska, April 18-23 with spring rally on that weekend April 24-25. We will have a business meeting on Saturday April 24. The auction will be held in the fall. I do not have a project list at this time for our work week so just plan on your general tool kit. (See page 3 for the sign up list.)

Many of our members have already been out working on COM's behalf.

\*Dick and Karen Mowers have been helping occasionally at Streator camp.

\*Arnold and Paula Ramage have been helping occasionally at Lake Sallateeska.

\*Bryan and Terri Keller have been working at a camp in Louisiana.

\*Don and Jan Kragness, Chet and Debbie Whyers, Sondra McKenzie, Harold and Susan Mills and Dan and Denise Golden have been working at the passion play in Eureka Springs, Arkansas along with John and Louise Thomas from MO COM.

As we kick into our work schedule, let us be mindful and prayerful about why we do what we do and how we fit into the kingdom picture. We support the camps and churches so they are prepared to host groups and share Jesus with them. We may never know the eternal result of the effort we make but God is pleased by the spirit in which that effort is made.

See you all soon. 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)**

April 18—23	Work week and National Rally planning	Lake Sallateeska
April 24—25	spring rally	
May 17—21	Final Preparations for National Rally	Lake Sallateeska
<b>June 9-11, 2021</b>	<b>National COM Rally</b>	<b>DuQuoin, Illinois</b>
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.**

**Daily Schedule at work week (may be adjusted due to weather and projects)**

- 7:30—coffee and prayer and set up daily work assignments
- 10:00—morning snack break
- Noon—lunch and devotions
- 2:30—afternoon snack break
- 4:00—work day ends

**Calendar of Birthdays and Anniversaries— March**



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3 Marty	Ramsey	
4 Irma	Burnett	
4 Paul	Debbie	Shelton
5 Paul	Shelton	
7 Leroy	Burnett	
18 Gary	Karen	Watson
20 Bonnie	Walden	
21 Waymond	Ledbetter	



**News Notes and Information**

**The sign up list for Lake Sallateeska Work Week is:**

John and Francie Lindeman	Leroy and Irma Burnett
Fred and Paula Riley	Bryan and Terri Keller
James and Catherine Rentfrow	Emil and Lois Nattier
Alberta Woodside	Gary and Karen Watson
Don and Jan Kragness	Sonny and Sondra McKenzie
Arnold and Paula Ramage	Andy and Marilyn Thompson
Dick and Karen Mowers	

If you are not on this list and would like to come, please let John know. 618-559-9375 or johnflindeman@gmail.com

**\*\*Please remember to bring snack items (healthy choices are appreciated as well as anything that you think others will enjoy.)**

**Tentative Schedule for Spring Rally Weekend on April 23—25**

**Friday, April 23**

6 PM - wiener roast & s'more's potluck and possible hay ride (COM will furnish paper goods, condiments, s'more's fixings, lemonade, tea and coffee)

**Saturday, April 24**

9 AM—Executive meeting

10:30 AM— General membership meeting

Noon—Soup & sandwich lunch (bring a crockpot of soup or 1 doz. sandwiches)  
COM furnishing paper goods, lemonade, tea and coffee

1:30 PM—Packing hospitality bags for National Rally

6 PM—potluck supper (COM furnished paper goods and fried chicken)

**Sunday, April 25**

9 AM—breakfast (tentative)

9:30 AM—worship service

10:30 AM—Closing songs and say good-bye

**Chaplain's corner by Francie Lindeman**

Yes !!! Spring has sprung. Although I love my seasons, spring and fall are my favorites. I'm sitting here doing devotions and looking out our front door. The trees are budding and my bushes are turning green. I'm looking forward to putting my swing up and having front porch visits.



We have all made it thru a year of the COVID. Some of us are a little worse for wear, but we made it by God's grace. He has plans for us as we start our new schedule. I'm thankful for His blessings and strength. He has blessed us all to start our new season of "Working for the son in 2021" . Looking forward to the rally.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dhU-Omwg2rU> is a sweet Easter song to listen to.

Psalm 40: 3a He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.



He  
Is  
Risen  
Indeed!

**THANK YOU**

Please remember to thank IBSA leaders for their generous contributions to help with the COM National Rally. They are providing financial help, equipment for tech, speakers and devotional leaders, have hosted the on-line registration process, have assisted with the printing of the t-shirts for volunteers and attendees and have been a huge blessing to all of us in many, many ways. May God bless them for leadership and assistance to us and to God's church.

## National Rally 2021 Updates:

The DuQuoin fairgrounds have asked that we not come in to camp until Monday because they will be having a huge event the weekend before.

1. Volunteer t-shirts are in and available from Don Kragness. They will be \$9 per shirt. Don will have them in April during our work week at Lake Sallateeska.

### 2. Summary of Rally registrations as of 3-31-2021:

144 people registered and more coming every day  
(57 camping units + 10 in hotels)

15 states represented

279 meals have been sold

\$13,443 in registration fees & meals sold

\$3,558.70 in expenses

3. Cookies and snacks are still needed for refreshment time and for the children's area. Please make sure that they are individually wrapped to meet health guidelines. Please contact Francie Lindeman (618-713-2402) or Jan Kragness (618-922-5549) for more information or to volunteer to help. Invite your church to be part of filling this need.
5. The hospitality bags will be packed at the April work week. If you are working on any project or items to be included in the bags, please bring them or contact Sondra McKenzie (618-889-1950).
6. **The Fairground Inn (a motel at the entrance to the DuQuoin fair grounds) has reopened and is willing to offer a discount rate for those attending the rally. Their rate is \$70 per night plus tax. If you are interested in attending the rally and are not planning to bring your camper, you might consider this option. Call them directly for reservations and tell them you are attending the rally to get the discount.**
7. **The decision has been made to extend the registration deadline to May 15 due to the continuing registrations coming in and the hope that more will feel safe to come with the increase in numbers of those who have been fully vaccinated.**



## COM Members at Work



Building a human Foosball game at Streator Baptist Camp. One group has already enjoyed it.

Jacob & Katie Kimbrough and Dick & Karen Mowers



The Great Passion Play at Eureka Springs, AR Don & Jan Kragness, Chet & Debbie Whyers, Sondra McKenzie, John & Louise Thomas (MO COM), absent from photo Dan & Denise Golden