



# Illinois Campers On Mission

**March 2023**

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### President's Letter—

Hi COM Family:

Hope everyone had a great time at Lake Sallateeska. So wonderful that we had a very large turnout this weekend. Praise the Lord!!! We also had great food! Thanks to all that brought something. Special thanks to France and helpers in the kitchen. We had 46 people attend on Friday night.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next gathering at Lake Sallateeska for our April Work Week and Spring Rally! Since the weather has been so nice, please get out there and start finding your "treasures" for the Saturday auction. It is not only fun, it is also our only fundraiser for the year. We love to eat at our work projects and this is the way we raise that money so we don't have to ask for donations every time.

Thanks to Brock and Polly, Jim and Pattie for the warm welcome we received when we arrived. Thanks also for the welcome bags for the ladies. That was a nice surprise and very thoughtful.

*1 Thessalonian 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, Just as in fact you are doing.*

Fred



### COM Officers

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2	Harold	Mills
11	Pattie	Noeth
14	Janice	Love
23	Richard & Anita	Evans
24	Linda	Riley
27	Betty	Riley
30	Glen & Eileen	Ansley



**Tentative Schedule for 2023 IL COM Work Projects**

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 16	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)**

- March 12—18 COM National Project at Great Passion Play, Eureka Springs, AK
- March 22—April 8 IL COM work weeks at Great Passion Play
- October 23—November 5 IL COM work week at Great Passion Play



**Praise reports are due to Fred Riley by April 1. if you have questions or need help, please let him know. These are important records for the**

### Notes from gathering at the Spring Fling

**Present:** Fred & Paula Riley, Richard & Anita Evans, John & Francie Lindeman, Terry & Debbie Odum, Doug & Suzy Kingsbury, Jim & Marilyn Diercks and family, Dick & Karen Mowers, Gary & Karen Watson, Sonny & Sondra McKenzie, Don & Jan Kragness, Randy & Kay McClellan, George & Penny Meese, Jim & Pattie Noeth, Leroy & Irma Burnett, Alberta Woodside, Emil Nattier, Harold & Susan Mills, James & Catherine Rentfrow, Clayton & Rosalyn Horton, Andy & Marilyn Thomson

President Fred opened the meeting at 10:20 with prayer. Marilyn gave devotions on volunteering and led us in prayer for the prayer requests given.

Fred introduced the new officers for fall, 2022 – Fall, 2024. He asked if anyone would like to assist the sewing project coordinator for work projects and Anita volunteered to help.

Don gave the Region 4 report:

1. Everyone needs to have a National COM membership card and can get it from the National Coordinators.
2. some states are also doing state membership cards and Illinois is using our background check ID cards for our state membership cards
3. National Rally in Hillsdale, MI – June 7 - 9. They have asked Illinois to come help. Indiana is also helping. There will be many areas to volunteer.
4. Praise reports – these are needed to see how COM is working. Send to Fred by April 1.
5. extra opportunities for 2023 at the Great Passion Play, Eureka Springs, AR– National week Mar. 12 – 18, Mar. 22 – April 8 and Oct. 23 – Nov. 5, Please ask your churches if they have items to donate.

Discussion of the work schedule for 2023. July is still open and there are several possibilities that Fred and Richard will check out for suitability for COM. We will know in April the complete schedule. Fred asked everyone to sign up on the project sheets if they can come help.

Karen talked about background checks, newsletters and short & long term volunteer opportunities at the ISBA camps.

Dick closed in prayer and Don led the closing songs.

**Chaplain's Chatter -**

We are now in the month of March. The word "march" appears 123 times in many translations of the Bible. The word means: a steady development or forward movement of something, an organized walk by many people from one place to another, in order to protest about something or to express their opinions; an act of marching; a journey made by marching; and a piece of music written for marching to.

How are we "marching" in our lives for Jesus? Are we making forward movement and a steady development in our understanding and living out our lives as we express our faith and give our testimonies about what God is doing in us? Do you remember the old hymn Onward Christian soldiers marching as to war? We are in a battlefield every day so march on with Jesus.



Marilyn

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**Those signed up for Lake Sallateeska Work Project April 17—21**

Jim &amp; Marilyn Diercks &amp; family

Doug &amp; Suzy Kingsbury

Don &amp; Jan Kragness

James &amp; Catherine Rentfrow

George &amp; Penny Meese

Richard &amp; Anita Evans

Terry &amp; Debbie Odum

Fred &amp; Paula Riley

John &amp; Francie Lindeman

Dick &amp; Karen Mowers

Sonny &amp; Sondra McKenzie

Leroy &amp; Irma Burnett

Andrew &amp; Marilyn Thomson

**PLEASE LET FRED OR KAREN KNOW IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND!**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

<b>Lunch</b>		<b># Children @ \$5.00</b>	<b>Children Total</b>	<b># Adults @ 12.50</b>	<b>Adult Total</b>	<b>Total Lunch</b>
WE	Hamburgers	#	\$	#	\$	\$
	Chicken Strips					
	French Fries					
TH	Pork BBQ Sandwich	#	\$	#	\$	\$
	Chicken Strips					
	French Fries					
FR	Sliders	#	\$	#	\$	\$
	Chicken Strips					
	Tator Tots					
<b>Dinner</b>		<b># Children @ \$8.00</b>	<b>Children Total</b>	<b># Adults @ 16.50</b>	<b>Adult Total</b>	<b>Total Dinner</b>
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)						
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>					<b>\$</b>	

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

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

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**Illinois Campers on Mission**

4 Past Illinois COM  
Presidents

Leroy Burnett

Fred Riley (current)

John Lindeman

Don Kragness

Thanks for your time!



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Table groups at the spring fling—  
- and it really felt like spring this  
year!!!



**Prayer requests from the Spring Fling**

Jim Diercks—recovery from shoulder surgery, back pain and an upcoming sinus surgery

Doug Kingsbury— pray for Pastor Dennis Felix and his health

Clayton & Rosalyn Horton—pray for Clayton’s mission trip to Haiti for safe travels and good health. (Clayton left Feb. 27)

Andy Thomson—pray for his sister who just had a knee replacement and is having problems with it

Jan Kragness—Jeff Gee family and Carterville church and driver and family

George & Penny Meese—pray for granddaughter that just lost a baby and granddaughter in hospital with a bad infection

Randy & Kay McClellan—Cheryl Walters

Leroy & Irma Burnett—Jason Burnett

Bryan & Terri Keller—for Terri’s dad last days (Dad passed away on Saturday)

Sonny & Sondra McKenzie—for John McKenzie—life adjustments and for Tony McKenzie Jr

Richard & Anita Evans—Aunt Linda has liver cancer and several other spots of cancer  
Jerrel Dungy suffering from effects of COVID

Gary & Karen Watson—for family member recovering from cancer surgery and waiting for test results

Mike Williams—a young man missing for over one month

Dick & Karen Mowers—for comfort and peace for our family after the death of my twin sister

IL COM—for wisdom in the finalizing of the work project schedule, for safety as we work, for opportunities to share our testimony and the gospel message, for the places we will work

For our nation and our leaders—that God will give them wisdom and that the revival that is happening will be true and that hearts will be changed and the gospel will go forth.  
For our pastors as they lead the church in a changing culture and have busy schedules.



## Okay boys and girls, the auction is about to start!!!!

Once again, IL COM invites you and your family (children, grandchildren, friends, neighbors, people from your church, everyone you know!!!) to join us at the 2023 fundraiser auction during the Spring Rally on Saturday.

It is time to clean out the basement, barn, garage or whatever space needs cleaning and bring your best “treasures” that you are willing to part with for the auction. It can be homemade jelly or crafts or kids books or tools or camping items or anything you have that you don’t need any longer.

If you know someone who likes to have a good time, is interested in supporting IL COM projects and is willing to spend an afternoon with all of us *CRAZY* people, please invite them to come to this event. It is always interesting and we can come away with some really good stuff to take home! It is not just for COM members but anyone you know.

**The main reason for the auction is:** this is the only fundraiser for IL COM and it pays for our project lunches, memorial gifts for COM member families, project expenses, evangelism outreach supplies and any other supplies that we need.

What we usually tell new COM members is pray about how much money God might lead you to spend at this event and then find items to buy with that amount or write a check to IL COM and just sit back and watch everyone enjoy themselves.

This is not mandatory giving and no set amount is ever required, it is just a way to support the group without charging dues or membership fees or asking for money at projects. God knows what you are comfortable with giving and it may be very little all the way to a great amount. No one will ever ask you for anything except to join in the fun with your brothers and sisters.