



Campers on Mission National Newsletter 3rd Quarter 2024 "Sharing Christ as We Go"



From the National Coordinators' desk



Greetings to you all! We love Campers on Mission because of its outreach, evangelism, and opportunities to be a blessing to camps, churches, etc. and everyone we meet! Thank you for your trust in us to serve as COM National Coordinators. We are touched by your support and love already. During this past year we have learned so much from you and several things were accomplished to improve our website, communication, and future events. We have learned a lot from you and look forward to working together. We are here to listen to your ideas and goals for your chapter. Our hearts desire is to see COM grow within our chapters, and most of all for even more people learn about Jesus through COM.

It's a joy to have a great team of Presidents to support and encourage, wonderful Regional Representatives that are a joy to share with, and the best secretary and webmaster we could ask for! COMers, this is teamwork for God's work! Let's each one do our best in serving Him and see what He has in store for COM!

Sharing Christ as We Go,
Rick and Cindy

Highlights from the 2024 COM National Rally in Elkhart, IN

Jerry & Barbara Miller, Rick & Annalisa Porter, and the IN COM Chapter did a fantastic job hosting the 2024 COM National Rally. We were spiritually and physically fed each day. Thank you, IN COM, for giving so much of your time and energy to make this a successful event. We all came away with our hearts filled with joy and praise. Lots of pictures are posted on COM Facebook.



Morning worship was led by Tim Jones, emcee Rick Porter, and opening music by the IL COM Choir and guest, Gayle Jones.

Evening services were filled with great preaching and singing. Jerry Miller, IN COM President, greeted the people and warmly welcomed everyone.

Opening Flag Ceremony is always a beautiful way to officially begin the rally.

Seminars were good, many subjects were covered



Attending the National Rally fills you with amazement as you see friends from all the various states who attend. The worship services are spiritually uplifting and encouraging, the workshops and exhibits are fun and hands-on opportunities to learn and experience new things. Each year there are new ideas and exciting things going on. So plan to be at the 2025 COM National Rally. South Carolina is our host for 2025 and they invite you to come. Registration will begin around the first of the year. Get this date on your calendar now so you can arrange your travels as you continue on mission. Don't miss out on this wonderful annual event.

More information to come as SC COM continues to prepare to host the 2025 COM National Rally

2025 COM NATIONAL RALLY

Hosted by

SOUTH CAROLINA CAMPERS ON MISSION

June 3-5, 2025
Tuesday - Thursday

at

Western Carolina State Fairgrounds
561 May Royal Dr
Aiken, SC 29801



South Carolina



South Carolina



Welcome to Reviving and New COM Chapters

Pennsylvania/New Jersey COM Chapter has not been active for some years. Bill and Sue Hoops are stepping in as the Presidents and looking for members to help get this chapter up and running. If you are from PA/NJ, please join them in this endeavor. Call them at 570-660-9515 and see how you can help.

Gary and Shirley Bearce are starting a new chapter in Alaska and need our help. Anytime you plan to travel to Alaska anytime in the future, let Gary know. Regardless of where you are going, there may be a project you can do. Call him at 907-982-0133.



Regional Representatives

During the Regional meetings in June, members voted for several changes.

- Region 2 Jim and Laura Parks, GA COM voted
- Region 3 Nolan and Donna, LA COM voted
- Region 4 Tim and Gayle Jones, MI COM voted
- Region 5 Martin Verwey, KS/NE COM continues

Barbara Rotunda, Don and Janice Kragness will mentor these newly elected reps.

National Projects

The revised National Projects list is on the website. We recently got the list of SBC camps and are calling each one to see how COM might work with them. This will open the door to even great ministry opportunities as we travel this great country. So keep watch for an updated, expanded list in the next month.

Florida COM – Invitation to work at the Fair

Florida’s largest yearly project is the North Florida Fair in Tallahassee, FL. We would love to have you join us this year. It is a ministry to those who are attending the fair. We also scan tickets and serve as building hosts in exchange for our spot on the midway and camping spots on the fairgrounds. Come work for a few days or for the full time.

- Dates: November 6-17.
- Contact: Eileen Ansley
- Email: president.florida.com@gmail.com
- Call: 239-826-4617.

COM Manual Revisions

The proposed 2024 COM Manual revisions were not approved at the Presidents Meeting in June. After hearing the concerns, a new committee is working on revisions that will be presented at the Presidents Meeting in at the 2025 COM Rally. Please continue working with the guidelines of the 2015 COM Manual.

COM Promotional Video

For visitors to our COM website, we have posted an updated COM Promotional Video. You can also download it to use at your churches and on your websites if you wish.

Campers on Mission
National Project
 at
The Great Passion Play



Monday, March 31 – Friday, April 25, 2025

COM has a great history of helping get the Great Passion Play (GPP) ready for their Easter Weekend Play, as well as for the entire year long programs. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve and spread the gospel to every person that enters onto the GPP grounds. Whether you want to work the 4 weeks or part of that time, you are welcome to come. If you wish to come earlier or stay later than these dates, we can help you make those arrangements as well. Arkansas, Illinois, and other chapters work at closing up for the winter, special projects. You are welcome to join them at GPP when you can. GPP is welcoming to COM members who want to work with them year round. Registration will be available a little later this year, you have plenty of time to plan.

Other things you can do to also help out:

- If you wish to donate flowers (new or lightly used), start collecting them now and bring them with you. Many churches need to clean out their storage, here’s a good chance to put flowers to further use.
- GPP has a beautiful Christmas display of lights on the grounds in December. If you have a Christmas tree you would like to donate, bring it when you come to work.

After the rally, then what?

Bill & Sue Hoops, PA/NJ COM, and Tim & Gayle Jones, MI COM, were at Highland Lakes Camp, Indiana, working with Rick Porter. Tim said, "We fixed two sewer connections that were broke. 1 More in 24!"



IA COM got their trailer organized and ready to go to work. President Rick Mott reported, "This is a first for our group and God has provided someone to pull it to and from projects."



MI COM members worked at Bambi Lake Camp. It's not always an organized work week, help is needed regularly. Sharon Hessling said, "So much TLC going into Bambi this week! Volunteers are awesome!!"



Well, many COMers were back to work right way!

KY COM worked at Bright Life Farms replacing a ramp, painting, electrical, etc. "We fixed supper for the residents a couple nights and they blessed us by singing to us. We also had the joy of new friends from IN COM - Steve and Debbie. It was a joy to work with them. We had a great week doing God's work," says Sheila Johnson



OK COM, Carolyn Vanderburg, posted on Facebook, "In the June heat, our members showed up to fix roof leaks with new shingles and repair sheetrock damage for this lovely church in Walter's, OK."



MS COM post by Al Kornman, "Day trip to St Matthew's Church to install the windows and finish the rough in electrical."





“The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26

The Gospel on Wheels

Poet Unknown

They are Campers on Mission
And they go with a smile,
Wherever GOD leads them,
Mile after mile.

Carpentry, quilting, crafts and more,
Roofing, framing, fixing a floor,
Painting, plumbing, electrical, too
Ah, but this is not all they do.

They sing and they worship,
They laugh and they pray,
Gathering morning and evening,
To hear what GOD has to say.

With hearts full of JESUS,
HIS light in their eyes,
They encourage and minister
In each other's lives.

It's the Gospel on Wheels
That's what they show,
The hands and feet of Christ
To all the places they go

'Cause they're Campers on Mission
And they go with a smile,
Wherever GOD leads them,
Mile after mile!

Sharing Christ as we go

Let your light so shine
before men, that they may
see your good works and
glorify your Father which is
in heaven.
Matthew 5:16



The A-B-C's of WITNESSING

Admit you are a sinner and have done wrong things

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1:9

Believe that Jesus died and rose again for your sins

“...if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved...”

Romans 10:9

Confess (acknowledge) Jesus as your Lord and Saviour

“for whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved” Romans 10:13



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