

# **Campers on Mission Manual**



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## Chapter One: What is Campers on Mission?

Christians today have unprecedented opportunities to be “On Mission with Jesus” beyond the walls of their churches. Campers on Mission (COM) is one way to take the gospel to the people as commanded by our Lord in Matthew 28:19-20.

COM is a national fellowship of Christian campers who volunteer to share their faith and the love of Jesus while camping or participating in mission activities. Membership is free and open to Christian campers of all evangelical denominations.

### Requirements:

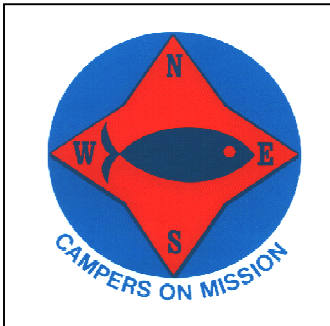
- Fill out an enrollment form.
  - The North American Mission Board (NAMB) enrollment form can be found at [www.namb.net/campersonmission](http://www.namb.net/campersonmission) (PDF and online versions available).
  - A state chapter enrollment form that is compatible with NAMB’s form can be obtained by contacting your state chapter representative, also found at [www.namb.net/campersonmission](http://www.namb.net/campersonmission) (click the Chapter Leadership link in the left navigation column)
- Be an active member in good standing with an evangelical church.
- Attend a minimum of one chapter rally and/or participate in a mission activity ever three years.

Campers on Mission was organized in 1971 through the cooperation of the Home Mission Board (HMB) and the Church Recreation Department of the Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). Until July 1997, COM was sponsored by the Special Ministries Department of HMB. In 1997, three SBC agencies (HMB, Brotherhood Commission, and Radio and Television Commission) combined to create a new national agency, the North American Mission Board (NAMB). The Adult Volunteer Mobilization (AVM) Team of NAMB has sponsored COM since that time.

Currently (2007), there are 29 state conventions with COM chapters (involving 40 states) that hold bi-annual rallies in the spring and fall. Often state and regional COM rallies are scheduled to coincide with ministry projects selected during previous planning sessions. COM has grown to over 6,200 members in 50 states and Canada.

National COM rallies are held annually in June. The national rally is a time for fellowship, training conferences, and selection of future mission opportunities.

## The COM Emblem



The COM emblem was designed to provide opportunities to witness about faith in Jesus Christ. The design—a fish encircled by a compass—promotes conversation. The fish, an early Christian symbol, denotes personal acceptance of Jesus as Savior. The compass star symbolizes the expanse of God’s creation and reminds members that, wherever they roam, God is present as they seek Him in recreation. The circle surrounding the design represents God’s eternal existence and bountiful love for all people. Another benefit of the distinctive emblem is that members displaying it are easily identified by one another so they can join together in Christian fellowship “as they go.”

## Biblical Basis of Campers on Mission

Jesus commissioned believers to “go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19, NIV). In obedience to His command, COM urges members to carry the gospel “as they go.”

Other biblical examples of carrying the gospel “as we go” are:

- Matthew 10:42, “If anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these my little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.”
- Mathew 19:19, “... love your neighbor as yourself.”
- Luke 10:25-37, Parable of the good samaritan
- John 4:5-30, Jesus’ ministry to the woman at the well
- Acts 8:26-39, Phillip’s witness to the Ethiopian
- Acts 16:12-15, Paul’s ministry to Lydia

## Types of Ministry

- Campground hosting and worship services
- Camp fire programs/sing-a-longs
- Recreation assistance in setting up camp
- Bible studies, children’s Bible clubs (Backyard Bible Club, Big A Club, day camps, Vacation Bible School)
- Non-traditional worship experiences
- Bible/Scripture distribution
- Special events (parades, fair booths, raceway ministries, rest stops)
- Seaman’s ministries
- Truck stop ministries

- Clowning, magic shows, puppet shows
- Construction and renovation work
- World Changers
- Disaster relief and long-term recovery
- Clerical assistance
- Survey work
- Crisis ministries (illness, death, domestic problems)
- Others

### **COM is Family Friendly**

Camping provides a great way for families to have the relaxation of a vacation and the satisfaction of a mission project. COM also provides a great way for retired people to exercise their gifts for the kingdom of God. So whether you are single, retired, newly married, or married for a long time we invite you to join us and be “On Mission with Jesus ‘As You Go’”.

### **The COM Song: Campers on Mission for Jesus**

by Alice Greenwood

As we travel the highways and by-ways, thru’ the fields white with harvest we’ll go;  
In the strength of the Lord we will share His word, and let glory to God overflow.

We are campers on mission for Jesus; we are laborers with God here below;  
And wherever He leads we will follow, sharing Christ, sharing Christ as we go.

With the talents God gave us we’ll serve Him; we will labor before it is night;  
And whatever our hands find to do for God, we will do it with all of our might.

We are campers on mission for Jesus; we are laborers with God here below;  
And wherever He leads we will follow, sharing Christ, sharing Christ as we go

We will be a bold witness for Jesus; every day we’ll proclaim His great love;  
We will tell of His mercy and grace so free, and the home He’s preparing above.

We are campers on mission for Jesus; we are laborers with God here below;  
And wherever He leads we will follow, sharing Christ, sharing Christ as we go

**COM Web Site:** [www.namb.net/campersonmission](http://www.namb.net/campersonmission)

The COM Web site contains an online and printable enrollment form, the activity report form, information about state and national leadership, a photo gallery, information about the national rally, and special projects,

## National Campers on Mission Rallies, 1972-2007

1972	May 19-21	Rushing Creek Campground	Land Between the Lakes, Ore.
1973	June 8-10		Portland, Ore.
1974	No rally because of gas shortage		
1975	July 18-20		Woodland Park, Colo.
1976	July 16-18	Jamestown Beach Campground	Jamestown, Va.
1977	July 15-17	Ramada Camp Inn Toledo Bend Lake	Many, La.
1978	Aug. 4-6	Lakewood Camping Resort	Myrtle Beach, N.C.
1979	June 8-10	Safari Camping Resort	Pigeon Forge, Tenn.
1980	June 27-29	RTA Campground	Oklahoma City, Okla.
1981		Yogi Bear Campground	Petersburg, Ill.
1982	June 23-26		Knoxville, Tenn.
1983	June 24=26	Peach Queen Campground	Jemison, Ala.
1984	June 18-20	Heart of Texas Campground	Waco, Texas
1985	June 21-23	Fairgrounds	Kosciusko, Miss.
1986	June 20-22	Norfolk Lake	Henderson, Ark.
1987	June 26-28		Orlando, Fla.
1988	June 24-26		Stone Mountain, Ga.
1989	June 19-25	Guthrie Fairgrounds	Guthrie, Okla.
1990	June 19-24	Harry Smith Lodge	Lafayette, La.
1991	June 7-9	Happy Holiday Family Campground	Cherokee, N.C.
1992	June 16-18	Logan County Fairground	Lincoln, Ill.
1993	June 22-25	Tres Rios RV Park	Glen Rose, Texas
1994	June 20-24	Leon County Fairgrounds	Tallahassee, Fla.
1995	June 13-15	Fairgrounds	Hope, Ark.
1996	June 18-21	Greenwood Civic Center	Greenwood, Miss.
1997	June 10-11	Kansas State Fairgrounds	Hutchinson, Kan.
1998	June 16-18	Missouri State Fairgrounds	Sedalia, Mo.
1999	June 8-10	Georgia National Fairgrounds	Perry, Ga.
2000	June 18-23	Expo Center	Shawnee, Okla.
2001	June 18-22	Civic Center	Rayne, La.
2002	June 5-7	Lakewood Camping Resort	Myrtle Beach, N.C.
2003	June 9-11	Colorado State Fairgrounds	Pueblo, Colo.
2004	June 2-4	National Peanut Festival	Dothan, Ala.
2005	June 1-4	Heart of Texas Fair Complex	Waco, Texas
2006	June 7-9	Dixie Classic Fairground	Winston Salem, N.C.
2007	June 20-22	James Ward Exposition Center	Lebanon, Tenn.

## **How to Host a National Campers on Mission Rally**

Approximately 16 to 18 teams/committees are needed to conduct a national Campers on Mission rally. Each team has a team leader, and together the team leaders make up the Executive Team. In smaller chapters, everyone serves to help each team. Teams are made of one person or a group of people. If all teams function as suggested, the rally should go smoothly and everyone will enjoy the event. The Executive Team and the functional teams should be in place two years prior to the national rally. It is important that the rally be conducted the week before or after the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. Many Campers on Mission choose to attend the annual Southern Baptist Convention.

### **Team/Position Functions and Responsibilities**

#### **1. National Rally Executive Team Leader**

- Leader of the Executive Team, which includes the assistant executive team leader, the functional team leaders, and the host state chapter president (ex-officio member)
- Coordinate all rally activities.
- Work closely with the national Campers on Mission coordinators and keep them updated on all plans.

#### **2. Assistant Executive Team Leader**

- Assist the Executive Team leader in coordinating rally activities.
- Leader of the Budget Team.
- Act as Executive Team leader in his/her absence.

#### **3. Budget Team**

- Develop financial procedures for the obligation of funds, payment of invoices, etc.
- Establish and maintain a bank account for receipt and disbursement of rally funds.
- Monitor and maintain records of all receipts and expenditures.
- Assist team leaders in developing and managing their budgets.
- Explore and recommend fund raising activities for the rally.
- Request funds from national and state COM organizations after January 1 of the year of the rally.
- Prepare report of financial activities for state chapter and national coordinators.

#### **4. Bulletin Board and Message Center Team**

- Develop a budget and present it to the Budget Team.
- Identify campground personnel and inform them of procedures for normal and emergency message notification in coordination with the campground manager.

- Make sure campground address and telephone numbers are included on the registration forms in coordination with the Registration Team.
- Obtain and maintain a bulletin board(s) and message center at the main meeting place. A PowerPoint slide show projected on a large screen is an excellent way to get messages out.
- Obtain assistance in locating personnel in the event of emergencies in coordination with the Registration and Parking Teams.

#### **5. Children's Activities Team**

- Develop a budget and present it to the Budget Team.
- Use day camping, Big A, VBS, or other reliable age-graded curriculum.
- Plan religious programs, games, fellowship, and other appropriate activities for children and youth daily during the rally's workshop periods and worship services.
- Coordinate with the Program and Pre-Rally Tours and Activities Teams for proper times of activities.
- Ensure that all activity areas are conducted with adequate supervision, safety, security, and accountability.
- The Children's Activities Team will always secure parent or guardian approval with a signed consent form whenever leaving the campground.
- The Children's Activities Team may secure assistance from a local church or youth group to conduct the children's activities.
- The ratio of adults to children should be:
  - Youth - one leader to 12 participants
  - Children - one leader to six participants
  - Preschoolers - one leader to four participants

#### **6. Crafts Team**

- Develop a budget and present it to the Budget Team.
- Explore the feasibility of holding craft workshops.
- Plan and coordinate craft activities for the National Campers on Mission Rally.
- Coordinate with Educational Activities Team where applicable for craft workshops.
- Coordinate with Pre-Rally Tours and Activities Team where applicable for craft activities.
- Coordinate with COM personnel, local interested city personnel, and campground manager to display crafts.
- Limit craft workshops and activities to Camper on Missions members.

#### **7. Crisis Center and First Aid Team**

- Develop a budget and present it to the Budget Team.
- Develop procedures and support for providing a crisis/first aid center.
- Obtain a site to establish the crisis/first aid center in coordination with the campground manager and the national rally Executive Team leader.

- Coordinate health care support, emergency care, and emergency vehicle support with local health officials.
- Obtain necessary personnel to staff the crisis/first aid center (usually a retired doctor or a nurse), a rescue squad, and fire department.
- Communicate crisis/first aid procedures and information about the crisis/first aid center to rally attendees in coordination with the Program Team.

#### **8. Decorations/Door Prize Team**

- Develop a budget and present it to the Budget Team.
- Develop and install decorations for campground.
- Develop and install decorations for the main meeting place to support the selected theme.
- In coordination with the Program Team, arrange tables, chairs, and stage at main meeting place.
- Collect door prizes and direct a plan for their distribution.
- Coordinate with the Program Team for the placement on the program of awarding door prizes.

#### **9. Educational Activities Team**

- Develop a budget and present it to the Budget Team.
- Plan for and coordinate the educational activities (workshops and seminars).
- Enlist the assistance of the Campers on Mission national coordinators, North American Mission Board (for at least six conferences), Lifeway, and the host state Baptist convention in providing speakers for educational activities (one year in advance if possible).
- Plan for and coordinate the mission fair program and activities.
- Obtain personnel, equipment, and exhibits to support the mission/craft fair program activities.

#### **10. Food and Refreshment Team**

- Develop a budget and present it to the Budget Team.
- Plan and coordinate catered meals.
- Coordinate with the Registration Team to place meal prices on the registration form.
- Plan and be responsible for donuts/cookies/coffee/juice, etc. each morning.
- Plan and coordinate evening refreshments.
- Ensure that all supplies are available to support refreshments, meals, etc.
- Plan for the needs of disabled and handicapped participants.

#### **11. Hospitality Bags Team**

- Develop a budget and present it to the Budget Team.

- Plan, assemble, and distribute hospitality bags to each family attending the rally and to each program personality.
- Coordinate with the Registration Team to determine the number of bags needed.
- Coordinate with the Children's Activity Team to identify and obtain any required prizes for the children's activities.
- Seek items for the hospitality bags from the state Baptist convention and the North American Mission Board.

## **12. Facilities and Parking Team**

- Develop a budget and present it to the Budget Team.
- Use golf carts, bicycles, campers, etc. at stations.
- Provide radios so rigs can be parked easily.
- Plan for and coordinate with the Registration Team the receiving of incoming rally attendees and the parking of their RVs.
- Assist attendees with hook-ups of their RVs.
- Identify and assist in the parking of handicapped attendees.
- Coordinate with the Message Center Team and Registration Team on posting the location of RVs and attendees on a central message board so that rapid notification can be made in case of emergency. (Know where everyone is camped.)
- Assist the Decorations Team in set up and arrangement of tables, chairs, and stage in the main meeting place.
- Provide space, tables, and chairs for the Campers on Missions store and displays.
- Maintain and monitor CB communications (channel 13) with incoming campers and coordinate arrivals with Registration Team.
- Plan for and coordinate departure procedures of attendees from the campground.

## **13. Program Team**

- Develop a budget and present it to the Budget Team.
- Select a theme for the rally.
- Plan and secure the program personalities (at least a year in advance) to include music leaders who can inspire the crowd to participate, special music, entertainment, and speakers.
- Select the Master of Ceremonies for each evening's program.
- Make sure the timeline of the programs is followed. Speakers should speak 30 minutes or less and promotion of next year's rally should be no more than 10 minutes.
- Secure morning devotional speaker.
- Ensure that commitments of program personalities are made in writing.
- Ensure travel and lodging accommodations for program personalities are provided.
- Provide a host or hostess for each program personality when appropriate.

#### **14. Promotion Team**

- Develop a budget and present it to the Budget Team.
- If possible start two years in advance to plan and provide promotion through national meetings, Web sites, and publications.
- Plan for and arrange publicity for the rally to include the state Baptist newspaper, other newspapers, TV stations, radio stations, and Web sites.
- Issue an invitation to local churches to attend the rally.
- Coordinate with appropriate teams to ensure sufficient information is available about the rally to provide adequate publicity.
- Coordinate information about the rally with the North American Mission Board and state Baptist conventions 12 months in advance of the rally.

#### **15. Registration Team**

- Develop a budget and present it to the Budget Team.
- Prepare a registration form and send it to the national COM coordinators before November 15 the year before the rally.
- Design and provide name tags for rally attendees (name tag should reflect theme of the rally).
- Plan for, coordinate, and conduct a speedy registration of attendees.
- Have several registration stations to avoid long waits.
- Maintain an updated list of all registered attendees.
- Present a list of attendees (by state chapter) to the national COM coordinators by noon before the Parade of Flags.
- Prepare a list of registered attendees, number of rigs, and participating states for the national COM coordinators with daily updates during the rally.
- Plan for, coordinate, and conduct a mail-out of all pre-registration materials.
- Plan for, coordinate, and mail out confirmation and registration materials within two weeks of receiving registration forms.
- Establish a registration deadline and refund policies for the rally.
- Coordinate Registration Team activities with Parking Team (for disabled attendees), Hospitality Bag Team, and Food and Refreshment Team.
- Notify Children's Activity Team of numbers and ages of pre-registered children and youth.

#### **16. Audiovisual Equipment Team**

- Develop a budget and present it to the Budget Team.
- Plan for and coordinate with campground manager and other appropriate teams for necessary sound equipment to support all programs and activities.
- Secure best equipment available and have an experienced engineer present during sessions.

- Provide microphones, wireless microphones, monitors, and speakers adequate for the size of the rally.
- Provide projectors and screens for workshops, worship services, and other activities of the rally.

#### **17. Pre-Rally Tours and Activities Team**

- Develop a budget and present it to the Budget Team.
- Plan for, coordinate, and conduct pre-rally tours.
- Plan, coordinate, and conduct recreational, fellowship, and pre-rally activities.

#### **18. Crisis Control Team**

- Develop a budget and present it to the Budget Team.
- Train all members of the host chapter to serve on the Crisis Control Team.
- Wear state identification (special vests, hats, or shirts if possible) during the rally.
- Plan for and keep activities running smoothly.
- Know who to and how to contact emergency personnel in the event of an emergency.
- Develop an emergency plan and be prepared to activate the plan in the event of an emergency.
- This is one of the most important teams. These are the folks you hope you don't need but they are ready if anything goes wrong.

## How to Have a Successful Mission Trip

### What Is a Mission Trip?

A mission trip is a spiritual experience which, if planned correctly, can be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life. The trip can consist of starting a new church, construction, Backyard Bible Clubs, and ministering at fairs, festivals, parades, raceways, seamen's ministry, and a lot more.

There exists in America a great need for volunteers to respond to the many needs of our churches. The Bible states that a voluntary, freewill response is the only basis on which God desires man to worship, serve, and relate to Him and mankind. To volunteer is to offer one's self for service with this type of response.

1 Peter 4:10 tell us, "Based on the gift they have received, everyone should use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God."

The call to Christian missions is a progressive and abiding relationship with Christ. It begins in the initial new birth experience when the disciple voluntarily opens him/herself up to whatever God will do with them at a given moment, with the confidence that moment by moment submission will accomplish the overall purpose for that life in Christ. The Christian is then free to find his/her own way of expressing his/her gift(s) under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

The willing, voluntary submission to Christ's Lordship is only the beginning of an ongoing and continually growing relationship. Mission trips provide an opportunity to seek God's will, grow in his love, and become ever more committed to serving his purposes in this world. They are life-changing experiences. This is why you should be prepared to share your personal testimony. It is the basis of your witness. It is your story, your eyewitness account of what God has done and is doing with Christ in your life. Your testimony communicates. It is language that people can understand. It is an example of reality, not just theory.

### Planning a Mission Trip

- **Plan the Place to Go.** The Bridge, an online project/volunteer management site hosted by the North America Mission Board, SBC is a good place to start. Go to [www.TheBridge.namb.net](http://www.TheBridge.namb.net) and find hundreds of projects in the United States and Canada that need assistance and can benefit from your help. After you decide on where to go, God will decide the team. Pray for laborers.
- **Plan the Details of the Project.** Study your plans carefully. Check to make sure all materials will be on site as needed. What equipment is needed to complete the project? Select your team. No game can be

played by one person. Examples of responsibilities might include: 1. construction leader, 2. safety officer, 3. kitchen leaders, 4. Bible Club or VBS leaders, 5. music leader, 6. historian, and 7. photographer.

### **Mission Team Participant's Covenant**

Carefully read through the following list of responsibilities, Sign and date the form as a pledge of your commitment to ensure a fulfilling mission trip experience. This form does not have to be returned, but all need to be made aware of your witness.

While participating in this mission trip, I will seek to demonstrate my love for Christ and for others by agreeing to:

- **Keep myself healthy.** I agree not to use tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs.
- **Maintain a safe environment for my fellow participants.** I agree not to have possession of or use any fireworks, firearms, or illegal knives outside my camper.
- **Work to the best of my ability.** I am excited about demonstrating my love for Christ by ministering and working hard for the duration of this mission trip. To the best of my ability (that is, understanding my limitations), I pledge to work in a manner that would be pleasing to Christ, at least six hours per day, five days per week.
- **Follow the mission trip schedule.** I understand that any schedule change must be made by or approved by the mission trip coordinator. In respect to others and in order to receive sufficient rest, I will respect the time-out time each night, devotions time, and breaks each day.
- **Maintain a clean environment.** I will do my best to keep all areas of the church or campsite free of litter. I will respect the property and grounds serving as my home for the trip. I understand that any property I damage will be my personal responsibility.
- **Demonstrate a Christ-like spirit.** My attitude will be like that of Jesus (see Phil. 2:5). I will love those with whom I work and those around me throughout the trip. I will not allow another's property or personality to be abused.
- **Be aware of my witness 24 hours a day.** I understand my attitude at restaurants, at my lodging, or during free time is just as important as when I am "doing my mission assignment." I will serve with this maxim in mind: Do no harm.
- **Share my faith.** I will come prepared to share my personal testimony with lost people and to make a clear, concise presentation of the plan of salvation to anyone I might meet.

I have read the mission trip responsibilities listed above and agree to follow these during the time I am participating in this mission trip.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

You also will need to turn in a release/consent form to your group leader. This should be a requirement for all.

### **Some Be's That Contribute to Success**

- **Be flexible.** Roll with the punches. Regardless of what happens say, "Praise God, no problem." Think of the best interests of the team and the project, not yourself. Be adaptable!
- **Be a servant.** Pitch in and help anywhere you can. No job is more important than another. Be a helper. Do the job that you know best how to do, but offer to be a helper when the task is unfamiliar to you. You may learn a new skill!
- **Be positive.** Don't complain about anything; don't even think about it! Make the best of every situation. It may be "different" – not "bad."
- **Be supportive.** Keep a good attitude, especially about other team members. Remember, everyone is a little strange but you! Offer continuous words of encouragement.
- **Be punctual.** Be at your appointed places on time; don't make the group wait.
- **Be responsible.** Keep up with your belongings at the campsite and worksite.
- **Be wise.** Keep safety in mind at all times. Don't do unsafe things. If you see an unsafe practice, offer a suggestion for a safer way to do the job. Talk to the safety team leader.
- **Be light-hearted.** Smile a lot! Have fun with your group. Don't take the mission project so seriously that you lose sight of witnessing.
- **Be spiritual.** Pray and let the Lord talk with you about His plan for your life.
- **Be loving.** 1 Peter 4:8 "Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love makes up for many of your faults" (TLB).

### **Some Do's That Contribute to Success**

- **Safety first.** If in doubt, don't! Don't take any chances. You are better off to take a little longer at the job and not get hurt. Look out for each other's safety.
- **Pace yourself.** Do not overdo it in the heat. Get in out of the sun and rest a lot. Take a nap during lunch break. You know your limitations.
- **Drink a lot of liquids.** However, don't drink too many soft drinks. Water is better for you.
- **Work together as a team.** Don't worry about who gets the credit for a job well done. Remember that no job is more important than another. All volunteers are necessary.

- **Keep up with your tools at all times.** Engrave or mark your tools with your identifying mark. Gather up and clean your tools at the end of the day. Don't leave the work site until everything is cleaned up and put away. Cooperate with each other by returning tools to their owner.
- **Keep your head covered.**
- **Lift properly and get help if the object is too heavy.**
- **Do your best.** Volunteer work does not have to be and should not be substandard.
- **Enjoy yourself!** Both "work" and "witness" in all you do throughout the day.
- **Remember we are Kingdom Builders, I John 3:18:** "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."

## How to Find Mission Projects Using The Bridge

The Bridge, located at [www.TheBridge.namb.net](http://www.TheBridge.namb.net), is a Southern Baptist Web site serviced by the Volunteer Mobilization Center (VMC) at the North American Mission Board. It connects volunteers with missions. Hundreds of projects are posted and can be viewed by thousands of volunteers, both individuals and groups. Through The Bridge, you can:

- As a volunteer, search for mission projects by state or geographical region, project type (construction, VBS, campground, etc.), NAMB affiliation (World Changers, Appalachian Regional Ministry, etc.), and other criteria. Get project information and communicate with the project coordinator directly.
- As a project coordinator, post projects for the large audience of volunteers to see. Keep project details up-to-date over the course of the project. Also search for volunteers by state and/or skills needed. View contact information and communicate directly with volunteers. Invite volunteers to come be a part of your project, if it fits!
- Receive support and assistance through the Volunteer Mobilization Center at the North American Mission Board.

Further instructions for project managers and volunteers wishing to use The Bridge are available by calling the Volunteer Mobilization Center at 1 800 462-8657 or e-mail [volunteers@namb.net](mailto:volunteers@namb.net).

### Statistics on The Bridge (April 2007)

- Over 23,867 registered users
- Over 3,927 registered volunteer groups, which represents more than 183,000 individual volunteers
- Over 1,776 registered ministries
- Visits during April: 10,266

## How to Fill Out a Mission Project Activity Report

Reporting your activities is very important for your chapter and the North American Mission Board. You say, "I'm not doing this for recognition, I'm doing it for God." OK, let see what He had to say: In the book of Numbers, chapter 13, verse 1, God told Moses to send some men to explore the land, come back and report. He also called for an annual report of his people. In Luke 10, Jesus sent 72 out and in verse 17 they returned with a report.

### **Please report!**

Reporting your activities after each project is very important. Below are some directions on how to report to your chapter and/or NAMB. An activity report form is available on the Web at [www.namb.net/campersonmission](http://www.namb.net/campersonmission). Click the COM Activity Report Form link in the left navigation bar.

A report of the following activities is requested on the activity form:

- Professions of faith
- Worship services led
- Bible studies led
- Rededications
- Scriptures/tracts distributed
- Shared personal testimony
- Number of hours of ministry donated
- Number of events participated in

Professions of faith are when you personally lead someone to Christ through an event sponsored by COM. This could be an event that only you are involved in, such as at a campground or the gas station. It could very well be a disaster relief event or rebuild project. Do not report the camp total professions of faith that you worked at; count only those people that you personally lead to Christ.

If you lead a worship service or a sing-a-long around the camp fire or at your campsite, count these under Worship Services Led. These are times of worshipping the Lord and sharing your faith. This is also a great time to lead a Bible study.

You can only count hours donated when you are on site or preparing for the mission trip, such as putting materials together to be used while ministering at fairs, festivals, special events, VBS, BBC, clowning, balloon sculpturing, etc. You can also count hours while training for the ministry. Do not count traveling hours. Your regular church activities such as teaching Sunday School class or VBS do not count as mission hours, unless you reach outside your local church.

The number of events is the number of different projects you participated in. For instance, a construction project is one project. Two construction projects count as two projects. A raceway ministry is another one. A disaster relief event is another one. If you go on two disaster relief events, count both.

## Campers on Mission Release and Indemnity Agreement

I do hereby represent and acknowledge that I am entering upon a missionary venture with others and that as a volunteer am paying my own expense, including insurance, for the purpose of helping in a Campers on Mission event for the glory of God and to demonstrate my faith in Christ; that the work may at times be hazardous and somewhat arduous; and that I may be working with other volunteers who may or may not be professionally trained.

I recognize and acknowledge potential accidents at the work site involving motor vehicles in or about the living, sleeping, and eating areas, or during activities of the COM group; am fully aware of possible injuries to members of the group, including myself.

Therefore, I desire to protect, release, acquit, indemnify, and hold harmless from any and all claims, injuries, damages, losses, expenses or attorney fees incurred by me, my heirs, administrators, executors, or assigns.

I attest and certify that I have no medical conditions that would prevent me from performing my duties.

No insurance coverage is provided to volunteers by the the COM chapter or state convention. Personal liability is the responsibility of the volunteer. I further recognize that such risks have always been associated with missionary service (2 Corinthians 11:23-28).

For and on behalf of myself, my heirs, administrator, executors, assigns and all other persons, firms or corporations, I do hereby release and discharge from liability all other persons on the Campers on Mission team with me, those who notified, selected or assigned me to said team, the \_\_\_\_\_ (Campers on Mission chapter), the \_\_\_\_\_ (state Baptist convention), the North American Mission Board, the Southern Baptist Convention, missionaries, local churches, local ministries, their employees and representatives, successors or assigns, from any claims, demands, damages, actions, or causes of actions which I, the undersigned, have or may hereafter and on account of, or any way growing out of injuries or damages both to persons or property resulting or that may hereafter result from the voluntary venture.

I further state that I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FORGOING ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS, AND I VOLUNTARILY SIGN THIS RELEASE AS MY OWN FREE ACT. THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT AND I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY BEFORE SIGNING IT.

Witness my hand on this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:** Please have two witnesses observe your signature and have them sign below. They must be at least 18 years of age and should not be relatives.

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Consent/Release Form for Children and Youth Under 18  
Campers on Mission Rally**

All children and youth under age 18 must complete this form and have the signature of a parent or grandparent before they can participate in COM activities. All sections must be completed. Please print legibly.

**Participant Information**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**In Case of Emergency**

Person #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (night) \_\_\_\_\_

Person #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (night) \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Profile**

Generally, my health is (check one) \_\_\_\_\_ Excellent \_\_\_\_\_ Good \_\_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Poor

If fair or poor, please explain your condition: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List any medical difficulties for which you are currently being treated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List any medications you are currently taking: \_\_\_\_\_

List any medicines or substances to which you are allergic: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Address \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Policy number \_\_\_\_\_

## Authorization for Medical Treatment

For myself and for and on behalf of my participating child/grandchild under age 18, I hereby give permission for any physician, hospital, or health care facility to provide medical care, treatment, and administer medication to participant as deemed necessary by a physician or the Campers on Mission first aid station.

## Release of All Claims

For and in consideration of participation in Campers on Mission activities, I hereby acknowledge that we understand that there could be some risks involved, and we hereby assume all such risks. I hereby release the North American Mission Board (NAMB) of the Southern Baptist Convention and all of its agents, employees, officers, and directors, including all Campers on Mission staff, from any and all risks, actions, causes of action, claims, demands, liabilities and obligations of any and every nature whatsoever, including, without limitation, for illness, personal injury, death, property damage, and personal or proprietary rights, and hereby hold NAMB harmless and agree to fully indemnify NAMB from and against any and all claims.

I hereby personally assume full responsibility for any and all claims and for any and all hospital and medical bills for my self and participant. I hereby certify to NAMB that I have obtained and will maintain in full force and effect adequate primary medical insurance for myself and participant. In the event it is necessary for me or participant to return home due to disciplinary action, for medical reasons, or otherwise, I hereby personally assume full responsibility for all such transportation arrangements and costs.

## Consent to Use and Publication of Image

I hereby give NAMB the absolute, unconditional, and irrevocable right and permission to use my name and Participant's name and to use, reproduce, edit, exhibit, project, display, copyright, and publish, photographic images and/or moving pictures and/or videotape images of me and/or Participant, with or without voice, in which I and/or Participant are included, in whole or in part, photographed, taped, videotaped, and/or recorded prior to, during and/or after the Campers on Mission event and to circulate same in any and all forms and media for art and advertising, and I hereby consent to the use of all printed matter in conjunction therewith and waive all rights to inspect and/or approve drafts, finished products, and/or editorial, promotional, and printed copy and sound tracks that may be used in connection therewith, and waive all rights to control any aspect of any production, alteration, use, distribution or disposition of said products, copy, and/or sound tracks, and hereby discharge and agree to hold NAMB harmless and fully indemnify NAMB from and against any and all claims arising by virtue of any blurring, distortion, alteration, optical illusion, or use in composite form, whether intentional or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the production, processing, duplication, projecting, or displaying of said images of me and/or Participant, and from any and all claims for violation of any personal and all proprietary rights me or the Participant may have or may claim to have in connection with such images and with the production, alteration, use, distribution, and disposition thereof.

## Please complete and sign below (youth under 18 years requires parent/custodial signature).

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Custodial Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Custodial Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

