**Missions Carolina**

God has purpose for our lives. With over 10 million visitors coming to the Great Smokies from around the world, participation in Destination 828 ministries allows you the opportunity to live out God's calling on your life and make a worldwide impact.

**When:** Thursday, June 27-Monday, July 1, 2024

Orientation Thursday evening, and Monday would be available for tourism/going home.

\*All ages are welcome. Typical volunteers are families, youth groups, and retired couples.

**Lodging options**:

-Fort Wilderness Cozy Camping Cottages are $95/night with either a Queen bed or a bunk bed. 2 per cabin would be $190 per person for the 4 nights. [fw.bookmysites.com/reservations/checkout-availability?checkin\_date=2024-06-27&checkout\_date=2024-07-01](https://fw.bookmysites.com/reservations/checkout-availability?checkin_date=2024-06-27&checkout_date=2024-07-01)

**Food.** The cottages have refrigerators, and there are firepits/grills at the campground. But if you calculate $10/meal Thursday supper-Monday breakfast=$110. We are asking local churches to provide lunch and supper but this is not finalized yet.

**Transportation**. Friday-Sunday, you can expect to drive about 120 miles back and forth between ministry sites and camp sites. 20mpg x $4/gal=$24 for gas.

**Supplies**. We have plenty of Bibles, give aways, and some craft supplies. Volunteers are welcome to bring give aways and craft items.

**Locations**: Dillsboro, Whittier, Cherokee, and Bryson City.

September 12, 2023

Dear friends,

I would like to introduce you to or reacquaint you with a mission organization that has served Swain, Haywood, and Jackson Counties for several decades during the summer peak of tourist season. Our organization, formerly known as SWARM (Southwest Area Resort Ministries), will now be known as Destination 828. The number 828 (area code) is not only a tribute to the area but also a reference to Romans 8:28 from Scripture, in particular the phrase “according to His purpose.” Our goal is to reach families with the Gospel of Jesus Christ by providing quality activities and programs to campers as well as to the local population.

A typical day camp program would consist of sharing a Bible event, crafts, games, songs, snacks, and the Gospel presentation for camping children ages 3-12. A family evening program would consist of songs, drama, testimonies, meet and greet, and Gospel presentation for all ages. We can also provide family worship services on Sunday mornings.

We would love to be a part of your summer events any time from June 24 through July 15, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact Carole Allen at 910-671-7925 or Karen McCracken at 828-506-4463. Karen is local to you and may have already been in contact with your business. We are looking forward to hearing from you regarding this opportunity.

Loving Serving Christ,

Carole Allen

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Secretary/Treasurer Destination 828 Ministries