



CAMP NOTES

Winter, 2006

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President's Message

I'm penning this with horizontal rain beating on the office window, and the wall calendar stating that a new moon and the Chinese New Year are the next big events I have to look forward to...

In reality all I have to do is fix my gaze at my overflowing in-box, (take your pick; paper, e-mail or voice-mail in-boxes, they're all equal opportunity over-flowing), or my looming deadlines for brochures, ads, and seasonal program / staffing "To Do's" to quickly realize that I've got an already full plate in front of me without the needed anticipation of a moonless January night or wishing wondering friends and colleagues a "Happy Year of the Dog".

Didn't they say that by going into camping you were guaranteed bliss-filled winters off? ("Yeah Right" as my middle-school teaching wife reminds me when I chide her for having her nose in a lesson plan every 4th of

July...). Alas, this is the vocational path we've chosen to follow.

And boy was I exceedingly overjoyed to find myself walking down that very path earlier this week with the boundless enthusiasm of the newly seated ACA Evergreen Board of Directors! This group, numbering 20 strong, came together between winter rain drops to: laugh, question, imagine, vision, review, and commit. Their unified zeal for life and the health and success of ACA Evergreen quickly combined to part any clouds of commitment I might have had in my personal forecast.

Together we assessed our place and purpose as year-six pilots of ACA Evergreen's on-going journey along its ten-year master plan.

For 2006 (or 4707 according to the Chinese calendar) we've committed ourselves to excel in providing outstanding **Educational**

opportunities, as we increase our **Members** with the good **News** of ACA. I encourage you to read thoroughly this newsletter, and real-time updates on-line at www.ACAEvergreen.org to learn how your camp can get involved.

When I returned to my desk after the uplifting Board retreat, my desk – and its overloaded testament to duties and deadlines welcomed me back. The only thing that had changed was my restored confidence that not only will another gray winter past into the always brilliant rainbow of summer colors; but also the knowledge that I'm traveling this journey equally-yoked with a group of the best camping professionals in the business!

ACA Evergreen, and me, are blessed to be in the presence of such great company as our 2006 Board of Directors!

GUNG HAY FAT CHOY!
Steve Shivelv. President

ACA Evergreen – 2006 Board of Directors

Tom Burek, Trailside Discovery
Joanna Cerar, Camp Killoqua
Jennifer Dickson, Camp River Ranch-
Girl Scouts
Randolph Farrar, Camp Burton
Mike Heinrich, CYO
Brant Henshaw, United Methodist
Camping
Mark Herndon, Girl Scouts
Connie Jones, Canoe Island French
Camp
Daniel Kaylor, "The Treasure!"

Magill Lange, Camp Seymour - YMCA
Jaclyn Mallery, Camp Fire USA Inland NW
Council
Todd McKinlay, Hidden Valley Camp
Jan Milligan, Camp Sealth
Tom Nielsen, Section Executive
Erik Oost, Museum of Flight - ACE
Steve Shively, Washington State Parks
Joanna Stark, Camp Colman - YMCA
Bill Tubbs, Camp Huston
Michelle Van Alstine, independent
Abby Wadlow, Camp Goodtimes East

USA TODAY'S CAMP TODAY



ACA members- take advantage of a buy-one-ad, get-one-ad-free promotion.

Showcase your camp in *USA TODAY*'s advertising feature, **CAMP TODAY**. This nationally distributed feature allows camps across the U.S. to reach a daily audience of 5.2 million readers per day, 39 percent of which have children and household incomes in excess of \$90,000 annually.

This year **CAMP TODAY** will include editorial submitted by the ACA within each publication date. Topics covered will include:

- **Ready, Set, Camp! Finding the Right Camp for Your Child**
- **Strength Training — The Power of Camp**
- Kids and Healthy Lifestyles: Run, Jump, And . . . Eat Vegetables!
- Camp's Secret Weapon: The Buzz About Emotional Intelligence and Your Child

Deadline for space reservation, material, and payment: February 14, February 16, February 21, and February 23

For more information or to place an ad, please contact Dana Revak, Account Executive/USA TODAY (703)-854-6344; drevak@usatoday.com

"Raise money for your program's campership funds, while also making a contribution to ACA's I Believe."

I Believe - Summer Fundraiser

Looking for a new and fun way to end cap your pre-camp staff orientation? Does getting more funds for campership dollars and developing your staff's interest and involvement in the American Camp Association and in the field of camping as a profession sound like the perfect way to jump start summer? If you want to make your camp more accessible to kids in your area and to help ACA

through "I Believe", then you should consider adding an auction to your staff training.

What, you say? How can an auction do that? It's an easy and great tool to raise money for your program's campership funds, while also making a contribution to ACA's I Believe event. Staff become engaged in the excitement of a live outcry auction, develop a

passion for helping kids come to camp and become involved in our national professional organization.

Prior to orientation you get your staff really excited about camp and the camp experience. Introduce the auction as a way to make sure that all kids who want to come to camp have the chance.



Here's how it works

1. Solicit donations of items. Here are a few ideas of where to go or who to ask:
 - Gift certificates from local restaurants/shops
 - Ask your t-shirt vendor for surplus shirts that they might have
 - Ask each staff person to donate one item to the auction- something that has a story or is important to them
2. Have everyone at camp participate in the auction. Decorate, play music, have yummy food- find your best auctioneer and gather everyone together to bid.
3. Half of the funds raised (or whatever portion you choose) go towards your camper ships. The remaining funds will go to the Evergreen Section of ACA for our annual I Believe fundraiser.

Good luck and happy fundraising!

Camp Enrollment/Recruitment Survey

All of us want to know how we are doing compared to others at some point. In January, April, and October of 2005, we asked for your enrollment and recruitment information. See results at www.ACAcamps.org/research. Once again we ask for your current enrollment and recruitment information, even if you have not yet begun the

process.

Spend ten minutes right now to provide us with a national "snapshot" of the current status of enrollment and recruitment. Through the wonders of technology, you can look not only at the total picture, but can use "filters" to narrow it down camps in your

section, agency camps, etc.

Please help us have the most accurate information possible- Go online and complete the survey before the end of February! The survey is completely anonymous. Thank you for your help!



Follow this link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=739291652073>



JOB OPENINGS

CAMP SITE MANAGER

Location: Camp St. Albans, near Belfair WA. The 414-acre property is on a 94-acre freshwater lake and includes over 50 structures and a fleet of canoes, sailboats and Viking rowboats. Summer resident camp operates June through August, with troop camping, training and events occurring the remainder of the year. St. Albans is accredited by the American Camp Association.

The SITE MANAGER position is a full-time, year-round, exempt position to provide grounds/building maintenance, support services to campers, light security, and supervise employees and volunteers. Candidate must have demonstrated experience in site operations, janitorial, general fix-it abilities in plumbing, electrical, and carpentry, power equipment operation, and positive people skills. Required: valid driver's license, good driving record, on site living in house provided. Salary: \$23,347 plus benefits, housing and utilities. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Application online at www.gsppc.org or call 1-800-541-9852. Position closes 2/24/06.

ASSOCIATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Location: YMCA Camp Seymour. Full time exempt. Live on site during program season (late June to late August), and other times when running program (weekend hosting). Start Date: March 2006

General Function: Provide program support, including program delivery, administration, and development, for year-round programs at Camp Seymour. Responsibilities will include a significant summer camp role (possibly teen director or skills director) including program development in the spring, hosting an average of 2 weekends a month (with teen volunteer emphasis), facilitating the challenge course, and supporting the OEE program. Operate programs in accordance with policies, procedures and standards established by the Metropolitan Board of Directors, YMCA Camp Seymour Board of Advisors, and the American Camp Association, under the general supervision of the Camping Director.

Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in education, recreation, or social services preferred. Significant related experience including a minimum of two years experience in residential camping, environmental education, and/or youth programs, and a practical understanding of all aspects of camp operations. Demonstrated skills with program development (planning, organization, and implementation), and human resources (training, supervision and evaluation) are essential. Experience with working with teens, supervision of staff and volunteers, and group facilitation required. Communication skills (verbal and written), a customer service orientation, understanding of the YMCA values, and the demonstrated ability to work with members and staff of all ages are essential. \$25,000-\$30,000, plus excellent benefits package.

Please submit cover letter and resume to:
Magill Lange, Camping Director
YMCA Camp Seymour, 9725 Cramer Rd
KPN, Gig Harbor, WA 98329.
Phone: (253) 460-8883
Fax: (253) 460-8897
Email: mlange@ymcatacoma.org

Closing Date: February 15, 2006

2006 STANDARDS TRAININGS

All camps scheduled for a visit in 2006 must have someone attend a Standards Course.

STANDARDS COURSES

This course is to help prepare Camp Directors and staff for their visit and to serve as an introduction to the Standard Program for those interested in becoming visitors.

9:00am - 3:00pm

PLEASE BRING A SACK LUNCH

March 6, 2006 - Girl Scouts Center - Seattle

March 20, 2006 – TBA – Ross Point Baptist Camp, Post Falls ID

March/April - 2006 – TBA - Anchorage, AK

April 8, 2006 - Seattle Camp Fire Office - Seattle, WA

VISITOR UPDATES

This course will prepare and update Standards Visitors for their 2006 visits. All visitors must attend one of these courses to visit in 2006

March 6, 2006 - Girl Scout Center – Seattle, WA 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

March 20, 2006 - Ross Point Baptist Camp, Post Falls, ID, 3 – 4 p.m

April 8, 2006 - Seattle Camp Fire Office., Seattle, WA 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

March/April, 2006 – TBA – Anchorage

Please call Bill Tubbs, Standards Chair, (360) 793-0441, if you have questions or would like additional information concerning the Standards Program.

STANDARDS REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CAMP _____ NUMBER ATTENDING _____

COURSE: (Please indicate the course and location for which you are registering.)

Standards Course _____ Location: _____

Visitor Update _____ Location: _____

Please return the form to: ACA Office, 6523 California Ave. SW #305, Seattle, WA 98136-1833 or sign-up at www.acacamps.org/eg.

A map and directions will be mailed to all those who pre-register for the training.

CampWest Conference

A Conference You've Never Experienced Before!

Now's the time to make your reservations for the CampWest Conference. CampWest offers an in-depth, focused, practical and never-before-addressed educational adventure: your experience will evolve based on your needs and interests.

Conference registration includes **open access** to all general sessions, over 80 interest sessions, and the exhibit hall - featuring purchase discounts, show specials, FREE food and entertainment.

What You Will Gain From Attending

CampWest will provide you and your staff ample opportunities to:

- **EXPLORE** a variety of critical camp issues utilizing brain development research to provoke thought, sharing and action.
- **DEVELOP** a personal learning plan culminating in new learning.
- **EXPERIENCE** a conference community committed to the value of the camp experience.
- **IDENTIFY** resources that provide products and services to enhance camp delivery systems.



Embrace the Challenge: Brain Development Research Meets the World of Camp

Visit www.CampWest.org or call (213) 433-4300 x 210 for more information! To submit a proposal, email the CampWest Conference at info@acasocal.org.

Covering the Core

Another Success Story

Bev Clevenger, The Museum of Flight's Director of Education, led a session on experiential education at Covering the Core. It was fun and informative, and well-received by the audience. Based on her presentation, she was asked to present on Brain Development at CampWest, since brain development and speech pathology is her background. Plan to attend another interesting workshop of Bev's in Las Vegas.

Washington State Legislative Issues

Attention Camps or Parent Organizations

There are two bills before the WA. St Legislature that affect "After School programs. These might provide an opportunity for camps to be involved in the process.

Please Check out HB 1981 and SB 6256

Go to Washington Afterschool Network info@schoolsoutwashington.org.

Attention camp programs offering EE

Speak up on this pair of bills requiring a study of environmental education. HB 2910 - 2005-06 <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2910&year=2005>. Directs the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction to conduct a study of strategies to reach every student. Agency (State Parks) endorses the idea. Companion Bill: SB 6735 - <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6735&year=2005>

HELP!!

We have "interpretation questions to Coast Guard Regulations concerning the use of motorized boats.



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See us at:
www.acaevergreen.org

See YOU in Chicago!

ACA National Conference
February 7-10, 2006

*Partnering with Parents-
Starting the Conversation*

Join other camp professionals in our ACA community at the Sheridan Chicago Hotel and Towers for our annual conference.

Meet up with neighbors and friends at the Evergreen and Oregon Trail Sections' Gathering on Tuesday, 4:45-5:45 in the Arkansas Room.

Check the hospitality desk for up-to-date information on room assignments.



Think warm summer thoughts.

ACA HOTLINE 1-800-573-9097

Call anytime- 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

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