

# Northland News

April 2008

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**Dear Northlanders,**

The ACA Mid-States Conference will be held April 11th and April 12th, 2008 at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, Illinois.

The conference is awesome with both big name speakers and modest camp professionals who share their experience and stories. It is a wonderful time for veteran staff and seasonal rookies to get fired up about camps, and strengthen your relationships as you experience the conference together.

The Northland Board of Directors has approved a plan to reimburse our section camps up to \$125.00 for what they paid to Mid-States for the basic fee. This is our conference and I hope you attend. The Northland will have a section meeting during the conference. Check your Mid-State's program for time and location.

See you at Mid-States!

Respectfully,

Chet Tschetter

ACA Northland President—volunteer

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#### Newsletter Deadline:

**April 23, 2008**

## **Learn Together, Grow Together: Our Camper's World**

**Mid States Camping Conference  
April 10-12, 2008  
Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, Illinois**

The Northland board has decided that the ACA Northland will reimburse each ACA Northland member camps that attend the 2008 Mid-States conference one half of the basic registration fee they paid, not to exceed \$125 per camp.

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## March 2008 News from the National Office

### Learning Resources

#### **ACA and Healthy Learning Announce New Titles for Spring 2008**

An exciting array of new learning tools including books, workbooks, training DVD's, and training tools are now available through ACA's publishing partner, Healthy Learning. Take a look at what we've added to our growing portfolio of camp-related learning resources — and just in time for camp. For titles, descriptions, pricing, and orders, visit the ACA bookstore (<http://www.acabookstore.org>).

#### **Registration Opens for the 8th International Camping Congress**

The *Association des camps du Québec* with the support of the *Ministre de l'Éducation du loisir et du sport* and its partners, including the Canadian Camping Association, the American Camp Association, the International Camping Fellowship and Quebec City, will host the 8th International Camping Congress, October 4-7, 2008, at the Quebec City Convention Centre.

Registration for the Congress is now available online or by mail with an Early Bird discount until April 15. Seventeen Congress packages are offered with special rates at four hotels near the Convention Center. Additional hotels, bed and breakfasts, and hostels are also conveniently located. Be among the first to register for this unique *rendez-vous*! Quebec City will be celebrating its 400th anniversary in 2008 and will be welcoming thousands of visitors for the occasion, so early lodging reservations are necessary.

The theme, "In Living Colors", represents the diversity of participating camps and their missions. ICC Quebec 2008 is a unique international event with the goal of creating opportunities for the exchange of ideas and alliances between camp representatives from various cultures and various countries. Not only is this an opportunity for delegates to discover Quebec for its camps and its capital, but the event also opens the door to the global camp community. The program includes keynote speakers, including ACA's CEO, Peg Smith, educational sessions, unique cultural opportunities, an exhibit hall, and seven meals. During the third day of the event, the program and Convention Center will be shared with the World Leisure Congress. The presence of both congresses at the same location and at the same time will allow different delegates to expand, at no extra cost, resources and contacts. Pre-Congress events include tours of Canadian camps, an International Camp Directors Course, kindred groups, and a two-day Team-building and Leadership Course instructed by Jim Cain.

Full information about the Congress and online registration is found at <http://www.iccquebec2008.com/>  
For further information, contact Linda Pulliam, [acavirginias@acacamps.org](mailto:acavirginias@acacamps.org)

## **ACA Basic Camp Directors Course (BCDC)**

April 6-10, 2008

JCYS Camp Henry Horner – Ingleside, IL

Additional courses will be listed online as details become available.

Registration is available online (<https://www.acacamps.org/education/bcdc/bcdcva.php>). You'll need to choose the specific geographic course you would like in order to get the registration form.

## **Research**

### **Camp Organizational Improvement Web-Based Course Available Soon!**

If you believe your program offers a quality experience for your participants but also think doing even better is ideal, this Web-based course, *Designing Quality Youth Programs* available through ACA's E-Institute, is for you. This course will take you through an eight-step process focused on a rewarding journey of organizational improvement that recognizes each setting is different, every program is unique, and each improvement requires a targeted set of strategies. The process is designed to be individualized so it fits *your* mission and philosophy, reflects input from *your* young people and staff, and implements strategies that make sense for *your* program. These change strategies become a direct link to your organizational policies, structures, and activities and enable you to have a holistic approach to program improvement.

This course can be supplemented with the companion book, *Designing Quality Youth Programs* Regardless of whether you choose to use the book or just want to stay with the online course, get ready to venture out of your comfort zone, get into a "stretch" position, and learn how to take a critical look at your program's potential!

## **Association News**

### **Staff Training at Its Best!**

Imagine being able to have the best camp trainers and consultants available for your staff orientation.

Now you can...With the May/June issue of *Camping Magazine*!

Bob Ditter, Stephen Wallace, Christopher Thurber, Michael Shelton, and many more offer their expertise and professional strategies in this special staff training issue (<http://www.acacamps.org/campmag/mayjune.php>) created exclusively for staff and for trainers.

Your premier industry resource is now available at a special low bulk rate, so affordable that you can order this issue for each member of your staff.

Special Discount for the May/June Staff Training Issue  
\$1 per copy in multiples of 10. Share *Camping Magazine* with your staff!

10 copies -- \$10  
20 copies -- \$20  
30 copies -- \$30  
40 copies -- \$40  
50 copies -- \$50

This price does not include shipping and handling.

Reserve your copies today online at [www.ACAcamps.org/campmag](http://www.ACAcamps.org/campmag).

### **Let Your Camper Families Know About ACA's Online Parent Resources**

#### **Parent Videos** ([www.CampParents.org/videos](http://www.CampParents.org/videos))

The videos were designed to answer parents' critical questions about finding the right camp, specialized programming, and how the camp experience can meet your child's needs.

#### **CAMP e-news**

ACA's timely and informative online newsletter is designed specifically for parents and packed with expert advice and thought provoking articles by youth development professionals. Families can sign up for this great resource at [www.CampParents.org/newsletter](http://www.CampParents.org/newsletter).

#### **CampParents.org** ([www.CampParents.org](http://www.CampParents.org))

A comprehensive, online camp resource for families, offering expertise from camp professionals on camp selection, readiness, child and youth development, and issues of importance to families

### **ACA Media Resource Team Forming Now!**

Are you ready and willing to add your expertise to ACA's Media Resource Team?

ACA gets hundreds of media requests each year for stories about the camp experience, and we know there are many great stories to tell! If you have those stories, consider joining our Media Resource Team. Who's on the team?

ACA members who wish to contribute their time and expertise

Camps that have a unique program to share

Individuals who can speak passionately about the value of camp

Members willing to promote ACA's key messages

Individuals who can respond with a quick turnaround

If you'd like to participate—or if you have any questions—please **submit our online form** ([www.ACAcamps.org/volunteers/media\\_resource\\_team\\_form.php](http://www.ACAcamps.org/volunteers/media_resource_team_form.php)) or contact Jane Rulon ([jrulon@ACAcamps.org](mailto:jrulon@ACAcamps.org)) at 765-349-3317. Help ACA tell the story of camp in news media throughout the country!

### **Intelligent Staff Recruitment—ACA's Online Employment Center**

ACA's online employment center offers online resources to help you find, recruit, and retain staff.

Summer Jobs at Camp – Camps can post seasonal job openings and reach thousands of camp professionals.

Year-Round Jobs at Camp – E-mail listings of your camp's year-round job postings are distributed to job seekers twice a month.

Job Fairs – Comprehensive lists of job fairs and organizations that specialize in international staffing.

Visit [www.ACAcamps.org/jobs](http://www.ACAcamps.org/jobs) for more information.

### **Business Resources**

#### **Use ACA Business Partners and Calculate Your Savings!**

We feel strongly that you can save money and trim your camp's budget by doing business with ACA Business Partners!

Indulge us for a minute. Pull out your calculator and figure what your camp might save if you:

Reduce your credit card company's fees and some of the miscellaneous charges.

Purchase a John Deere tractor or Gator using the **ACA/John Deere** program and save 28%.

Chop 15% off your food budget using the **ACA/Consorta/SYSCO** or **ACA/Consorta/Food Source** program.

Save an amazing 40% off your overnight mailing costs using the **ACA/Consorta/FedEx** option.

Save 20% off your camp's office supplies.

Read more about these programs that add value to your ACA affiliation on our Web site at [www.ACAcamps.org/partners](http://www.ACAcamps.org/partners). Or, call 800-428-2267 and ask for Paula McCarns or Kim Bruno, your ACA Business Development Team, to discuss these opportunities for your camp. Let us help you realize the best deals possible!

### **Donors Make a Difference**

#### **Spread the Message of ACA through Online Social Networks!**

Hello Facebook® users! Now you, your staff, and your campers can easily spread the message about the importance of the camp experience. Add the Causes application to your Facebook account and search for American Camp Association. Through this application, you can tell all your friends, who can in turn, tell their friends about ACA and its important work. It also provides another easy way to contribute to ACA. More than anything, it's just one more way to tell everyone you know that you believe Camp Gives Kids A World of Good®!

Don't forget about our section web site! [www.acanorthland.org](http://www.acanorthland.org). It has many good links as well as a bulletin board for section members.

## **Standards News**

### **FIVE TIPS for Your ACA-Accreditation Visit!**

Make sure you have the most recent update! Access the file (<http://www.acacamps.org/accreditation/hyes.php>) that includes ALL updates as well as file with the most recent updates.

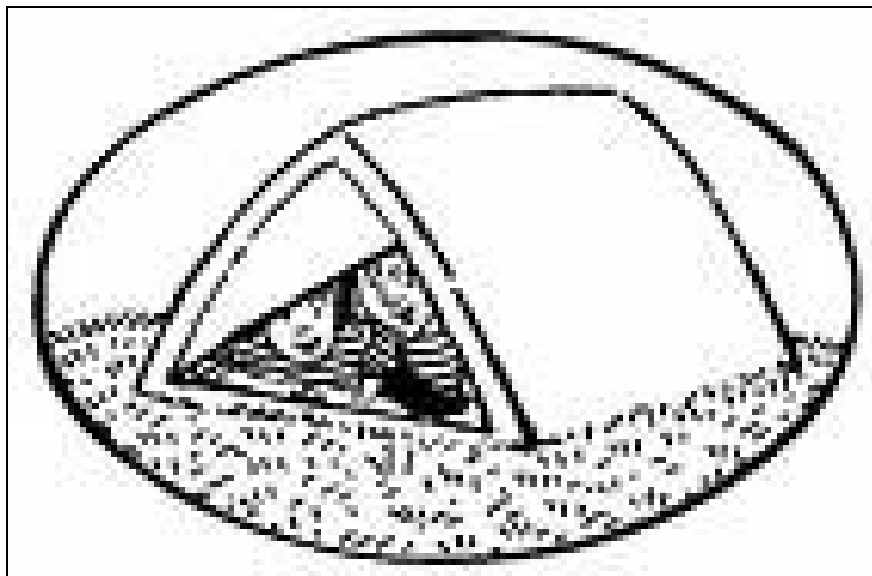
*READ your Accreditation Process Guide!* By this we mean, read through all of the applicability boxes, the interpretations, etc. to verify which standards you will need to score! When you have questions, call your section standards chair or e-mail a member of the ACA National Standards team!

Make sure someone who will be involved with the preparation of an on-site visit during the day of the visit has attended a Standards Course! IF you have not yet attended or registered for a course, check with your local office for course dates!

Organize and document! Organize and document! Answer the questions! Organize and document!

Divide and conquer— involve key staff members as you prepare for the visit. Include your maintenance and kitchen staff for the site/food service section and your program director to help with the various program areas, etc.!

**The accreditation process is meant to be an educational process, NOT an inspection. Keeping your camp and staff well prepared helps the visit run more smoothly.**



# Northland Notes and Tidbits

## Archery Instructor Level 1 / Certification Course June 12, 2008

**What:** Archery Instructor Level 1 Certification

**When:** 9 A.M. - 7 P.M., June 12th

**Who:** Individuals who want to become a Level 1 Certified instructor.  
No prior experience needed.

**Instructor:** Brent Huibregtse

**Equipment:** Please bring your bow and 10-12 arrows. Students will learn 1) how to shoot the bow and arrow, 2) how to teach and how to run an archery program along with archery equipment repair and maintenance.

**Where:** Camp Friendship

**Will the class meet ACA Standards Requirements?** Yes

**Cost:** \$80.00 fee per student

Fee includes:

NAA's Basis Level 1 course manual

Certificate of completion

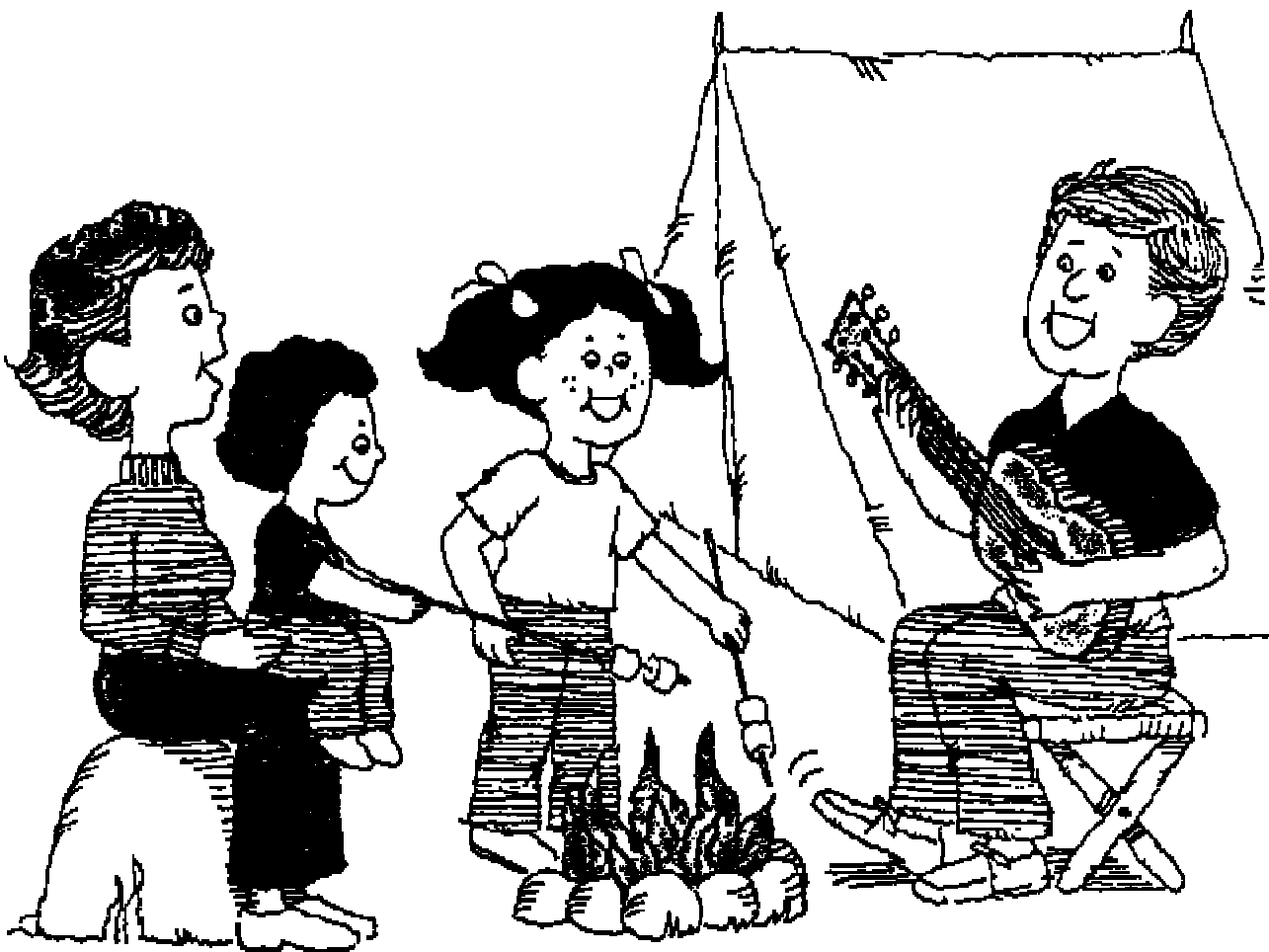
Lunch, afternoon refreshments and supper on June 14th

**How to sign up or for more information:** Call or email Chet at 952-852-0108 / [tschetter@friendshipventures.org](mailto:tschetter@friendshipventures.org)

Registration is limited to 12 students. Sign up soon!



**HEARYE ... HEARYE ...** all Directors and/or Managers of Conferences and Retreats, Support Staff, Cooks and Housekeeping for your ACA Camp. How about an Annual meeting of the minds on all our issues, concerns and success? Get Together with your peers for a day of sharing, bonding and brainstorming. Interested? Please call Bridgid Bowers at 952-852-0104 x2 for more information.



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS NORTHLAND SECTION-AMERICAN CAMP ASSOC. Jan. 2008-Dec. 2008**

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Open Position	VP Operations		
(Public awareness, public policy, standards, conflict resolution web-site teams & Nominating)			
Laura Nolan	VP Services	952-922-2545	12/31/2008
(Awards & recognition—Mid-States, Program/education, Section structure, hospitality and membership teams)			
Kirsten Addison	Secretary	218-759-2866	(Minutes) 12/31/2007
Bill Jones	Treasurer/Bookkeeper	952-922-2545	(Budget/Finance) 12/31/2008

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**2007—2008 Upcoming Calendar of Events**

**April 10-12    Mid States Camping Conference**