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President's Message

Hello Southeastern Section Members,

Thank you for making the Fall Conference in Jacksonville so much fun and successful. We had over 185 participants! We also had over 30 vendors. We hope that you found the conference to be educational and inspiring as you continue planning for summer camp 2008. Join me in thanking our sponsors, vendors and speakers for their knowledge and service to the Southeastern Section. We are grateful for their continued support! I hope you had a chance to meet our new Executive Director, Erica Rohrbacher. This was her first time to attend an ACA SE Conference. I am confident that as a membership we made her feel enthusiastic and proud to be a part of such a professional and inspiring group.

It is this time of year that most of us are already gearing up for next summer. If you haven't hit the road to recruit campers yet I am sure it won't be long before you do. I wish for all of you safe travels and happy recruiting! I look forward to seeing some of you while traveling.

On to the next exciting get together and educational event... The ACA National Conference! I hope you will consider attending the 2008 conference in Nashville Tennessee. Mark February 12-15 on your calendar and join us for an experience you don't want to miss. With a theme of "The Strength of Many Voices" I think it is safe to assume that we are in for a treat. For more information, check out the ACA National website www.acacamps.org and click on the 2008 ACA National Conference icon. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Debbie Knight, President



Plane Talk... From the Executive Director

Refreshing. Changing. Exciting. These are my first impressions of the American Camp Association as I board a plane, headed back to Lake Wylie.

I worked all of three days in my new home office before jet-setting off to Indianapolis, Indiana for four intense (and I do mean INTENSE) days of training with presidents-elect, the Field Services committee, section executives and key national staff members. From breakfast at 7:30am, until after-dinner discussions ending at 10pm or later, the leadership of the ACA was hard at work, learning, sharing and discussing opportunities for change and growth within and outside of the organization.

Refreshing

I said it after my face-to-face interview in Atlanta, I said it after the ACA Southeastern fall conference, and I'm still saying it after this trip to Indiana; the culture of ACA is refreshing. The people within this organization are a breath of fresh air. Never have I felt so welcome and at home with an organization so quickly in my 10 years of working with associations. So, thank you for being who you are. Thank you for accepting me as one of your own.

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Bridging the Gap...

New Beginnings, New Ideas, Old Friendships

On behalf of the 2007 Conference Committee, let me thank each of you who attended the Fall conference in Jacksonville with special thanks to our sponsors and vendors. If you were not able to make the conference you missed out on a lot of opportunities to learn, network and have fun!

One of the big bonuses for our sectional conference was the slate of keynote speakers and presenters. Before the conference officially got underway, Jim Cain jump started us with a pre-conference seminar full of energized activities which we all can use in our camp settings. Then Peg Smith continued the enthusiasm by charging us all to use the Strength of Many Voices to tell our message.

In addition to wonderful presenters from within our section and vendors, we also had Bob Ditter presenting several sessions and we're all excited when we get "Ditterized" with his added wisdom and insight. After the opening session we all walked out the hotel and up the gangplank for our River Boat Cruise. What a wonderful way to visit with old friends, get to know new ones and enjoy the sights of Jacksonville.

Tuesday's full day of educational sessions had something to offer everyone. During a break from sessions, over 30 vendors were set up showing us the latest and greatest in products and services to enhance our businesses. The day was concluded with the infamous auction where magic and laughter was abundant thanks to Kat Shreve, Dan Matthews and even Michael Brandwein got into the act. Thanks to everyone who helped participated in the auction, we raised over \$6,000: the highest amount ever at our fall conference!

We also ended the conference on a high, and again, energetic note. Michael Brandwein was our closing speaker and we all know how he entertains and involves the audience.

Thanks again to the conference committee, the office staff and especially to Cheryl Gans who was very instrumental in coordinating much of the conference business during the summer while we were all busy playing at camp.

Next year ... Charlotte. See you there!
Nanette Baughman
2007 Fall Conference Co-chair

Conference Highlights From a First Time Attendee

As with all new experiences, I was a little nervous about attending my first ACA conference. That lasted about five minutes into the Pre-Conference Standards course when we were introduced to the Southeastern tradition of cheering every time "standards" is mentioned. A true icebreaker!!

This attitude of warmth and excitement continued the next day into the educational sessions. Where, I must be honest, I was a little overwhelmed. Having grown up at the camp where I now work it was very easy to forget that other people have the same love and commitment to camp that I do. Meeting and talking to other professional campers was such a moving experience.

I have returned to my office energized and thoughtful. In the coming months many of the ideas and plans discussed at the conference will play a large role in how I plan, train, and manage at camp.

I enjoyed this experience, and I will see you all again next year!!!

Heather Trebil
Resident Camp Director/Outdoor Program Specialist
Camp Low Country, Cordesville, SC
Girl Scouts of Eastern South Carolina

MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR

2008 ACA Southeastern Fall Camping Conference
September 22-24, 2008
Marriott Executive Park • Charlotte, NC

Operation Purple Sends Military Children to Camps

The National Military Family Association sponsors Operation Purple, a summer camp for military children whose parents are deployed to a free week of summer camp. Typically the organization contracts with an established camp who will coordinate with local bases or installations in order to implement the military elements of the camp. During the summer of 2007 a partnership occurred with one camp in North Carolina and over 2,000 applicants vied for approximately 600 slots. The hope is to add more camps to Operation Purple in the Southeastern Section. If your camp would be interested in hosting a week of Operation Purple camp this summer please submit a proposal by the **December 3, 2007 deadline**. More information on their program available and proposal guidelines can be found on the website at www.operationpurple.org. If you have questions please contact Cynthia Clagg, Deputy Director, Youth Initiatives, National Military Family Association, 703-931-6632 Ext. 334.

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applicants...
600 slots**

2008 ACA Southeastern Board of Directors Elections

Can't you feel that crisp November air? Election time is here. It's important that you get to know the 2008 Board of Directors candidates on the following pages and cast your ballot, which is attached below. Ballots must be postmarked and returned to the ACA Southeastern office no later than Thursday, November 26, 2007.

You will be electing: Vice President, Secretary, and 3 Board Members At Large (with staggering terms) all of whom will serve as Council of Delegate Members by virtue of their position. Members of either North Carolina or Georgia will elect their District Chairs.

The President will have up to five appointments to fill committee roles. The Board of Directors shall appoint the remaining Council of Delegates and alternates to ensure a total of 12 are represented during the Council of Delegates meeting in 2008.

2007 ACA SOUTHEASTERN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

* Council of Delegates

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President - Debbie Knight*
President - elect - Tony Oyenarte*
Vice President - Vacant*
Vice President - Genie Gunn*
Treasurer - Dan Mathews*
Secretary - Jude Bevan*

APPOINTMENTS

Membership Chair - Jim "Pop" Hollandsworth*
Education Chair - Nanette Baughman
Standards Co-Chair - Gayle Taylor*
Standards Co-Chair - A.L. Ferreira

DISTRICT CHAIRS

Florida - Krys Ragland
Georgia - David "Speedy" Trejo
North Carolina - Garrett Graham
South Carolina - Teresa Tucker

BOARD MEMBERS AT-LARGE

Leslie Contrad*
Cliff Satterwhite*
Bonnie White*
David Bell*

EX-OFFICIO

Gwynn Powell
Gae DeAngelo
Tom Rosenberg
Karla Henderson
Ron Springs

Elected Board members remaining in office:

*President (2010)** - Tony Oyenarte, Camp Crystal Lake, FL
*Treasurer (2009)** - Dan Mathews, Camp Twin Lakes, GA
*Vice President (2009)** - Genie Gunn, Victory Junction, NC
South Carolina District Chair (2009) - Teresa Tucker
Florida District Chair (2009) - Krys Ragland, Florida Elks Youth Camp

Members Running for Office:

*Vice President (2010)**
Ken Evans, Camp Live Oak
Kate Kearney
Debbie Knight, Keystone Camp

*Secretary (2010)**
Judith (Jude) Bevan, Camp Broadstone

*Board Member At Large (2010)**
John Dovic, High Meadows School & Camp
Larry Hancock, North Carolina 4-H Camps
Howard Longino, Redwoods Group

*Board Member At Large (2009)**
Nanette Baughman, Athens YWCO Camp & Retreat
Amy Bram, Camp Kingfisher

*Board Member At Large (2008)**
Cheryl Gans, CCD
Andi York, Keyauwee Program Center

NC District Chair (2010)
David Bell, Camp Kanata
John Paul McNeal, Camp Broadstone

GA District Chair (2010)
William Bailey, Central GA WOW Camps

**Council of Delegates*

2008 ACA National Conference—Important Information!

Visit www.ACACamps.org/conference for all the latest information on the 2008 ACA National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. **Register Now for the Best Values.** Early bird registration deadline is December 10, 2007.

Arriving early in Nashville? Make the most of your day and plan to participate in the many pre-conferences and courses offered prior to the Opening Keynote Event. Visit <http://www.acacamps.org/conference/program.php> to view program in progress.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center
2800 Opryland Drive o Nashville, TN 37214
866.972.6779 (www.gaylordhotels.com)

\$160 per night, single and double rooms
Special rates will be available three days prior and post-conference dates for those who wish to extend their stays to enjoy Nashville sites and activities.

VICE PRESIDENT (2010)

[Council of Delegate Member]

KEN EVANS, CAMP LIVE OAK

If someone had told me in 1982 I would be running for the Vice Presidency of the ACA Southeastern, it would surely have been a, "What did you say?" moment! In those early years, I was Directing Nova-Southeastern's University School Summer Camp in Fort Lauderdale, FL, and essentially entering what was to become, a career journey. Who knew I would be a camper all my life?!

I established my first Camp Live Oak program in 1989, and a second camp in a different location in 2000. Now heading two large and respected summer camp programs, I have learned success comes from great communication skills, follow-up, detail work and perhaps, and most importantly, from answering every question and trying to solve every problem. These skills, I believe, are the ones I bring to the candidacy of ACA Southeastern. I wish to see more accredited camp programs in the Southeast and create an on-going dialogue with camp directors. The ability to listen to their diverse needs and to problem solve together and often, is also critical to the role of the Vice Presidency. Thanks to everyone for the opportunity to run for this position in "my" association.

KATE KEARNEY

Enriching Lives, Changing the World, sends quite a clear message to our members and our public. I have been involved in camp in a variety of roles through the years and cannot imagine a life without the positive impact that camp provides for the campers as well as the dedicated professionals that work in the industry. I have the experience, desire and commitment to move our section forward as we meet the needs of our members and promote the ACA mission and values to our members and the public at large. My ACA section experience includes District Chair (2 terms), Secretary (2 terms) and Education Chair and Standards Visitor.

DEBBIE KNIGHT, KEYSTONE CAMP

Hi Everyone,

My name is Debbie Knight. I live and work in Brevard North Carolina. I am the Associate Director at Keystone Camp For Girls. I have been a member of the Southeastern section for seven years. I have had the honor of serving our section in several different capacities. I am a lead visitor and currently the Interim President of the section. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to be more involved in the section and would like to continue my involvement as Jr. Vice President. I am committed to the education of today's youth and like being a part of a board that is also committed to the camp industry. I look forward to serving you in the future. Thank you for your consideration.

Secretary (2010)

[Council of Delegate Member]

JUDITH (JUDE) BEVAN, DIRECTOR - CAMP BROADSTONE APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

I have served the section in a number of capacities and continue to serve currently as Secretary for the Board of Directors and in a variety of ways with Standards. I believe in performing service for others, letting passion drive my commitment to work, and creating positive community for the greater good. I have had many opportunities to follow that belief through my work with my own camp and community and through my work at the section and national level of the ACA. I would like to continue to provide support to the Board, our membership and to our Executive Director with the talents and experience I can bring to the position of Secretary. Thank you.

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Board Member At Large (2010)

[Council of Delegate Member]

JOHN DOVIC, HIGH MEADOWS SCHOOL & CAMP

I am the Camp Director at High Meadows in Roswell, GA since 1999. Previously I spent 10 years as program director at Hiram House resident camp in Ohio. I have been an ACA member and visitor since 1994 and active on the Southeastern Conference Committee. I would happily welcome the opportunity to represent our section and to work with colleagues for the betterment of our camp community. We can continue to improve and promote the benefits of camping by addressing our needs in a changing environment, by contributing to the association on a national level, and by offering increased opportunities for communication and sharing among all our members.

LARRY HANCOCK, NORTH CAROLINA 4-H CAMPS

I am the Specialist in charge of the six North Carolina 4-H Camps & Conference Centers (winner of Edie Klein Award this year). I have served previously on the Section Board as Public Relations Chair and have been a presenter at Camping Conferences. Camping has been my passion since my first camp experience in 1958. I truly believe that camp has a positive influence in the life of each child who attends. My desire is to see ACA in the Southeast and nationally grow as outlined by Peg Smith's 20/20 Vision.

HOWARD LONGINO, REDWOODS GROUP

I am a twenty year veteran in camping serving as a counselor, waterfront director, trip leader, program director and assistant camp director at Camp Sea Gull on the coast of NC. Currently, I am the Risk Manager and the Camping Specialist for The Redwoods Group, a specialty commercial insurer of YMCAs, JCCs and camps. I live in Raleigh, NC with my wife Leigh, 1 year old daughter Grace Frances, and my dog Lilly.

"I am interested in serving as a board member at large because I am both personally and professionally invested in the growth of camping. I see camps every summer in my work and as a section visitor, and I believe that kids who go to camp are better prepared for adulthood. I want to encourage the entire movement, through my work, to be accepted as an essential element for human development."

Board Member At Large (2009)

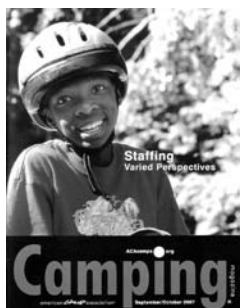
[Council of Delegate Member]

NANETTE BAUGHMAN, ATHENS YWCO CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

I have been a member of ACA since 1997 and I am a standards visitor. I have served on the board as Education Chair and on the conference committee as Special Events Chair & Conference Co-Chair. I would enjoy the honor of continuing to work with such strong professional leadership and being on the National Council of Delegates would enable me to gain insight into ACA as a whole. I would enjoy being a part of a national group of people while learning and supporting the ACA mission.

AMY BRAM, CAMP KINGFISHER

Hi my name is Amy Bram and camp is my passion, my calling, and luckily, my livelihood. I first went to camp at age 5 and never stopped. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin, lived for 4 years in the Bay Area, spent 3 years with environmental ed in the northeast, and just celebrated my 5th anniversary as the director of Camp Kingfisher at the Chattahoochee Nature Center in Roswell, GA. For years I have attended conferences and watched the planners, the volunteers and the policy makers and thought "I want to do that." This year, I'm running for a board position - I want to be a part of this movement from the inside. I want to reach more people and take on greater challenges. My energy, enthusiasm and organizational skills will be an asset to ACA southeast - vote for Amy!!



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Board Member At Large (2008)

[Council of Delegate Member]

CHERYL GANS, CCD

My experience in the ACA Southeastern Section has been in a variety of leadership roles (Executive Board Member, Conference Co-chair & Standards Visitor) and as camp director of various non-profit camps. I joined ACA in 1991 and have seen many changes over the years. I would enjoy the opportunity to continue to serve by bridging this transition and lending my voice as a Board Member At Large on the local and national level.

ANDI YORK, KEYAUWEE PROGRAM CENTER

I am a lifetime member of Girl Scouts, graduated from UNC-Greensboro with a BA in Leisure Service Management with minors in Religious Studies and Sociology, been an ACA visitor since 2004, and have presented sessions about online social networking at the last two ACA Southeastern conferences. I am an avid geocacher, amateur potter, and love to play with my two dogs, George and Gelly Biscuit. I would like to serve in the position as Board Member at Large for the ACA Southeastern section because I enjoy problem solving with other creative people. I bring new and interesting ideas to every group I work with and would like to share that on a larger scale by deepening my involvement with ACA.

North Carolina District Chair (2010)

DAVID BELL, CAMP KANATA

I am the Executive Director of YMCA Camp Kanata in Raleigh, NC and I have been the operations chair of the Southeast ACA Conference for the past 2 years. I have been an ACA visitor for the past 2 years and have served as an ACA Southeast board member for one year. I have been active in the Central North Carolina ACA professionals group and look forward to more service opportunities to grow our camping community, engage day and resident camps in ACA programs and be a support system for new camping professionals as well as seasoned veterans. A vote for me is a vote for fun! (just kidding...but seriously)

JOHN PAUL MCNEAL, CAMP BROADSTONE

ACA, and the Southeastern Section in particular, have been essential to my professional camp experience. I have enjoyed serving as a member of the Southeastern Section Conference Committee, organizing a roundtable discussion following the Appalachian State University job fair, and becoming a Standards Visitor. From my childhood experiences as a camper at Gwynn Valley to my current role as Assistant Director at Camp Broadstone, I am equipped to effectively represent North Carolina as your District Chair.

Georgia District Chair (2010)

WILLIAM BAILEY, CENTRAL GA WOW CAMPS

I came to Central Georgia Woodmen of the World in 2004 as Fraternal Coordinator and Director of Central GA WOW Camps. My reason for being willing to serve as Georgia chair is that I believe very much that camp is the only hope that many of our kids have to learn the necessary skills to get along and survive in today's society. As Georgia chair I can serve the interest of ACA Southeastern, Woodmen of the World and the interest of the children we serve.

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ACA Southeastern Membership (as of 9/30/07)

CAMPS		MEMBERS	
Accredited Camps	203	Professional Members	532
Camp Affiliates	23	Associate Members	141
Business Affiliates	30	Student Members	22
Total Camps	226	Life Members	11
		Total Members	706

Welcome New ACA Southeastern Members! (joined between 8/1/07 - 10/31/07)

ALABAMA
 Clay Dabbs, Mentone AL

FLORIDA
 Brian Beckett, Starke FL
 James Bryant, Sorrento FL
 Pamela Burgering, Boca Raton FL
 Shawnee Bush, Boys Ranch FL
 Kenneth Radcliffe, Starke FL
 Erika Ritter, Starke FL
 Dennis Siegel, Loxahatchee FL
 Mark Spencer, Altamonte Springs FL

GEORGIA
 Heather Alcock, Jonesboro GA
 Krista Griffin, Alpharetta GA
 Cynthia Ng, Atlanta GA
 Jessica Pearce, Kennesaw GA
 Janice Reifer, Norcross GA
 Janice Rinaldo, Dacula GA
 Amy Walker, Buford GA
 Matthew Walker, Atlanta GA

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 John Crouse, Jr., Black Mountain NC
 Roger Fisher, Greensboro NC
 Gary Lipski, Wendell NC
 Erica Rohrbacher, Durham NC
 Richard Sandman, Black Mountain NC
 Cate Shaw, Brevard NC
 Kelly Shea, Boone NC
 Rebecca Zurovec, Mills River NC

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 Randy Murr, Taylors SC
 Heather Trebil, Cordesville SC