

# WHAT'S UP WITH CAMP RESEARCH?

Industry-Relevant Research for Camp Professionals from ACA

## A Summary of Available Resources

### **Current Resources**

#### **ACA Web site: [www.ACAcamps.org/research](http://www.ACAcamps.org/research)**

- Compensation and Benefits Survey (Salary Study): 2007 data about salaries and compensations for summer and year-round staff
- Healthy Camp Study: Year-One report and recommendations; find out what we've started to learn about camp illness and injury
- Camp Business Operations Report: 2006 data about camp budgets and financial information reported by common camp characteristics
- Camp Program Improvement Project
  - ACA's *Inspirations* publication: starting point for understanding the current state of supports and opportunities for camper development
  - ACA's *Innovations* publication: quality improvement process and how camps can use the information to improve their own programs
- Camper Enrollment and Staff Recruitment Study: '05 & '06 data and PowerPoint; projected enrollments appear for January and April with the actual enrollment collected again in October — data can be "filtered" to find camps like yours!
- ACA Camp Research Symposium — abstracts and PowerPoint presentations from camp-specific, applied research projects

#### **Staff training "Tool Box" [www.ACAcamps.org/knowledge/human/06tips.php](http://www.ACAcamps.org/knowledge/human/06tips.php)**

- Teach staff "de-briefing" skills and ways to talk with campers about their camp experiences
- Sample questions for particular camp outcomes

#### **Briefing Papers**

- Condensed three-page summaries of research on a topic — helpful with grants!

#### **CARE Packages**

- Research projects translated into two pages for immediate application specific to camp settings and programs

### **Resources Coming Soon (Spring 2007)**

#### **Camp Outcomes Evaluation Tools**

- Print-version camp outcomes tools (two versions, based on age)
- Web-based camp outcomes evaluation system

#### **Targeting Youth Outcomes Resource Pack**

- Workbook, facilitator's guide, resource CD
- Great for staff training, individual use, or group work

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