

WEDNESDAY NIGHT — SLCTALKS!

The American Camp Association's Spring Leadership Conference is excited to host our second annual SLCTalks. SLCTalks spread wisdom and share new ideas among our camp community, bringing you innovative voices from a broad variety of backgrounds and perspectives.

This year's SLCTalks theme is INNOVATION. What are some innovative ideas that you can bring to your camp? How can we share better with others on the innovative education that camp brings to kids? Learn from our panel of exceptional camp leaders and discover how you can INNOVATE at your camp this summer!



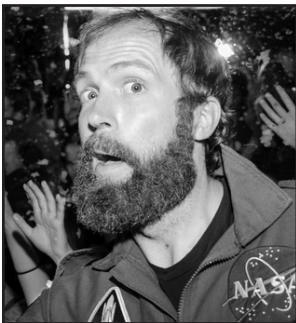
Chris Thurber

Dr. Christopher Thurber is devoted to educating leaders. His innovative content is designed to stir thinking about best practices at camps, schools, and corporations. Chris serves as a psychologist and instructor at Phillips Exeter Academy and is the co-founder of Expert Online Training. He has been invited to deliver keynotes and workshops on four continents. A proud father of two boys, Chris and his wife Simonida, a chemist, live in New Hampshire.



Nora Kramer

Nora Kramer is the founder and director of Youth Empowered Action (YEA) Camp, a summer camp for social change. Founded in 2009, YEA Camp runs life-changing empowerment camps across the country for teens who want to make a difference in the world. Nora is a longtime activist for social justice causes and received her teaching credential from San Francisco State University.



Brian Straka

Brian Straka is the summer camp director for AstroCamp in Idyllwild, CA. Using techniques and skills learned as a camp counselor, head counselor, and instructor, he spent the last decade in public education as a middle and high school history teacher and high school administrator and was named a California Distinguished Teacher and was runner-up for California History Teacher Of The Year in 2010. He left public education to lead AstroCamp when Ross Turner made him an offer he couldn't refuse.



Laurie Browne

Laurie Browne, PhD, is the director of research for the American Camp Association, where her goals are to improve and expand access to camp experiences through evaluation and camp research. Prior to joining ACA, Laurie was a faculty member at California State University, Chico in the Department of Recreation, Hospitality, and Parks Management. She earned her doctorate at the University of Utah where she studied youth development and research methods. Laurie and her family live in Salt Lake City.