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February 20-23, 2018 • Orlando, FL



# **2018 ACA NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Join us at the 2018 ACA National Conference. As a camp professional, you greatly contribute to creating positive futures for children and youth. Experience the invaluable professional development content ACA's national conference provides through educational breakouts and keynote events led by distinguished industry experts, informal discussion groups with your peers, and other essential educational and networking opportunities.

# The conference features more than 140 sessions on topics such as:

- Youth Development and Behavior
- Staff Training and Leadership
- Business and Operations
- Emerging Issues, Tools, and Technology Camp-School Partnerships
- Innovative Programs and Activities
- Medical Camping
- Camp Includes Me
- Executive Leadership Forum
- Commerce Sessions
- ACA Research Forum



Receive credit for learning!

Attendees can typically earn up to 20.75 ACA continuing education credits (CECs) for full participation.











# **ACA Welcomes Keynote Speakers**

The educational program includes keynote lectures featuring thought-provoking presentations from renowned speakers. Scheduled keynotes are the Opening Keynote Event on Tuesday, Keynote Event on Wednesday, and the Closing Keynote Event on Friday.

# Tuesday, February 20, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.



### Florence Williams

Florence Williams is the author of The Nature Fix: Why Nature Makes Us Happier, Healthier, and More Creative (W.W. Norton, 2017), which The New York Times calls "fascinating." She is a contributing editor at Outside Magazine and a freelance writer for The New York Times, National Geographic, and numerous other publications. She is also the writer and host of a new podcast series, The Woman Factor, for Outside Magazine. A fellow at the Center for Humans and Nature and a visiting scholar at George Washington University, her work focuses on the environment, health, and science. She lives with her family in Washington, DC, and is the mother of two campers.

# What attendees say...

"The keynotes were timely and excellent, great networking, sessions were informative. Overall thought the conference was a great investment of my time."

— Anonymous from Conference Survey

"Very interesting, helpful sessions are great for professional development, the networking opportunities are unmatched, and the wisdom shared by the attendees and speakers will not soon be forgotten."

— Anonymous from Conference Survey

### Wednesday, February 21, 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.



## Dan Heath

Dan Heath co-wrote three of the most-loved business books of the past decade: Made to Stick, Switch, and Decisive. Together, the Heath brothers' books have sold over two million copies worldwide and been translated into 33 languages. Their latest book, The Power of Moments, explores why certain brief experiences can jolt, elevate, and change us — and how we can learn to create these extraordinary moments in our life and work. Dan is a senior fellow at Duke University's CASE center, which supports entrepreneurs who fight for social good. Dan has a master of business administration degree from the Harvard Business School, and a bachelor of arts degree from the Plan II Honors Program at the University of Texas at Austin. He lives in Durham, North Carolina.

"You don't have to be a camp person to get a lot out of this. Anyone who works in mentoring, youth programs, and more can benefit."

— Anonymous from Conference Survey

"A great opportunity to learn from national leaders not only from the camp field, but other areas that provide you a dynamic, global picture of society, trends, and expectations."

— Anonymous from Conference Survey

# Friday, February 23, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



# Dr. Hakeem Oluseyi

Dr. Hakeem Oluseyi is currently stationed at NASA Headquarters in Washington, DC, via the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) Mobility Program, and is a professor at Florida Institute of Technology, where he leads a physics and space science research group. He describes his professional mission as: 1) advancing humanity's understanding of the universe through scientific inquiry; 2) passing on the detailed knowledge of this process and its results to the next generation; and 3) service to humanity and country. Dr. Oluseyi currently appears in several television series, including Outrageous Acts of Science and How the Universe Works; and regularly contributes scientific expertise to CNN, MSNBC, and NBC. Co-sponsored by NASA.





Keynote Lectures sponsored by Markel Insurance Company **ACA Mission Partner** 

# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE —

The conference officially begins on Tuesday, February 20, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern time. We'll end the conference by 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 23, with a closing keynote speaker and luncheon. Miscellaneous meetings, Kindred events, and special trainings take place prior. Check www.ACAcamps.org/conference for the most current information.

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Sunday, February 18	
8:00 a.m.	DECA International Diabetes Camping Conference Begins
8:00 a.m.	International Camping Fellowship (ICF) (Sponsored Off-Site Camp Tour Begins)
2:00 p.m.	Special Needs Kindred Meeting Begins
Monday, February 19	
8:00  a.m. - 9:00  p.m.	DECA International Diabetes Camping Conference Continues
9:00  a.m. - 3:00  p.m.	4-H Camp Directors & Staff Meeting
9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Camp Professionals Kindred Session
9:00 a.m. — 5:30 p.m.	New Director Orientation Training (NDO)
11:00 a.m. $-4:00$ p.m.	ACA Board Meeting
12:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.	Registration Open
7:00 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.	Association of Camp Nursing (ACN)'s Camp Nursing Annual Symposium
Tuesday, February 20	
7:00 a.m. — 5:30 p.m.	Registration, Resource Center, and Bookstore Open (Resource Center Sponsored by Rocky Mountain Sunscreen)
7:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.	ACN's Camp Nursing Annual Symposium Continues
7:45 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.	ACA Standards Course
8:00 a.m. — 10:00 a.m.	ACA Standards Update Course
8:00  a.m. - 12:00  p.m.	Editorial Advisory Committee
8:30 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.	National Council of Leaders (NCOL) Meeting
9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts of America Meeting
9:00 a.m. − 12:00 p.m.	YMCA Camping Kindred Meeting
9:00  a.m. - 1:00  p.m.	Camps on Campus Pre-Conference

	(Sponsored by Cliq)
2:00 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.	Opening Keynote Event with Florence Williams
	(Sponsored by Markel Insurance Company)
4:00 p.m. — 5:15 p.m.	Educational Breakout Sessions, Group 1
5:45 p.m. — 6:45 p.m.	Field Office & Affiliate Groups Meetings and Socials

**EPIC Pre-Conference** 

First-Time Conference Goers Welcome Session

5:45 p.m. — 6:45 p.m.	Held Office & Affiliate Office
5:45 p.m. — 6:45 p.m.	Gathering of Internationals
8:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.	International Reception

# Wednesday February 21

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7:00 a.m. — 5:30 p.m.	Registration, Resource Center, and Bookstore Open (Resource Center Sponsored by Rocky Mountain Sunscreen)
7:00  a.m. - 8:15  a.m.	Informal Discussion Cafés with Bagels and Coffee
7:00 a.m. — 8:15 a.m.	ACA Standards Chair Roundtable
7:30 a.m. — 9:45 a.m.	Insurance Roundtable — by Invitation Only
8:00  a.m. - 4:30  p.m.	Exhibitor Setup
8:30 a.m. — 9:45 a.m.	Educational Breakout Sessions, Group 2
10:00 a.m. — 11:15 a.m.	Keynote Lecture with Dan Heath (Sponsored by Markel Insurance Company)
11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.	Not-for-Profit (NFP) Camps Lunch and Program
11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.	Pioneers of Camping Luncheon

11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m. 1:15 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.	Religiously Affiliated Camps (RAC) Lunch Educational Breakout Sessions, Group 3
2:45 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.	Educational Breakout Sessions, Group 4
4:15 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.	Educational Breakout Sessions, Group 5
5:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.	Grand Opening of Exhibit Hall with Reception — Ticket Required (Sponsored by Chaco)
8:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.	Accreditation Visitors' THANK YOU!
8:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.	Research Social and Awards — Open to All (Sponsored by The Redwoods Group)

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Thursday, February 22	
7:00  a.m. - 8:15  a.m.	Informal Discussion Cafés with Bagels and Coffee
7:00 a.m. — 8:15 a.m.	Professional Development Center Open House (Sponsored by Philadelphia Insurance)
7:30 a.m. — 5:30 p.m.	Registration, Resource Center, and Bookstore Open (Resource Center Sponsored by Rocky Mountain Sunscreen)
8:30  a.m. - 9:45  a.m.	Educational Breakout Sessions, Group 6
9:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.	Exhibits Open
9:45  a.m. - 10:30  a.m.	Unopposed Time in Exhibit Hall — Bagels and Coffee Available
9:45 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.	Research Poster Presentations (Sponsored by The Redwoods Group)
9:45 a.m. — 12:45 p.m.	American Camping Foundation Meeting
10:30 a.m. — 11:45 a.m.	Educational Breakout Sessions, Group 7
11:45 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.	Lunch in the Exhibit Hall for Attendees & Exhibitors — Ticket Required (unopposed time in exhibits)
1:00 p.m. — 1:45 p.m.	Education/Professional Development Chairs Meeting
1:00 p.m. — 1:45 p.m.	Commerce Sessions
1:00 p.m. — 1:45 p.m.	EPIC Café
2:00 p.m. — 3:15 p.m.	Educational Breakout Sessions, Group 8
3:15 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.	${\it Unopposed Time in Exhibit Hall Afternoon Coffee and Dessert Event}$
4:00  p.m. - 8:00  p.m.	Exhibitor Teardown
5:00 p.m. — Evening	Evening at Disney: Disney Springs® or Selected Parks*

\*Guests at Disney resorts may purchase "After 5:00 p.m." tickets independently. Please note, transportation to Disney Springs® and Disney theme parks is complimentary from Disney.

Acorn Society Dinner — Offsite

#### Friday, February 23

6:15 p.m. — Evening

7:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.	Registration, Resource Center, and Bookstore Open (Resource Center Sponsored by Rocky Mountain Sunscreen)
8:00  a.m. - 9:15  a.m.	Educational Breakout Sessions, Group 9
9:30 a.m. — 10:45 a.m.	Educational Breakout Sessions, Group 10
11:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.	Closing Lunch and Keynote Event with Dr. Hakeem Oluseyi (Sponsored by Markel Insurance Company and NASA)
Afternoon	Group Departures

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Come early or stay a few days after the conference and experience all the Orlando area has to offer! With more than 100 attractions including seven of the world's top theme parks, Orlando is full of amazing opportunities. Bring your family or friends and enjoy the many exciting things to do in beautiful Orlando. Find more at visitorlando.com.

### REGISTRATION

Register by December 15, 2017, to receive the best rate. ACA members enjoy a deep discount on registration rates, so become an ACA member to save! ACA student members who are currently enrolled full-time may register for free (meals and ticketed events not included). Accepted speakers and research forum presenters enjoy greatly discounted rates as well. For details on rates and options, check out the registration form or visit www.ACAcamps.org/conference.

### IT PAYS TO BE A MEMBER!

When you become a member, your full membership fee plus the member rate for conference registration is still \$25 less than the nonmember rate for conference registration. And you receive all the other member advantages, including discounts on books from the ACA Bookstore; complimentary subscriptions to Camping Magazine, The CampLine, and the ACA Now e-newsletter; generously discounted access to research and outcomes tools; networking opportunities and access to the Camp Professionals Electronic Discussion Group; free access to popular health forms; discounts on online e-Institute courses and other educational events; and more. Become a member today!

# 2018 ACA National Conference Lodging Rebate

Camps registering four or more attendees may be eligible to earn an ACA-sponsored rebate for lodging at the ACA contracted hotel. The fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and higher attendees may each be eligible to earn a \$100 rebate. The rebate application must be completed in full, and detailed hotel folio/receipts showing nights stayed at the hotel and rate charged must be submitted along with the completed application.\*

Restrictions apply — visit www.ACAcamps.org/conference/rebates for important requirements.

\*Rebate Applications will be available at the 2018 National Conference.

# Disney's Coronado Springs Resort

The conference will be held at the beautiful Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, located in the heart of Walt Disney World® Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. The resort offers comfortable Spanish-style haciendas and lovely palm-shaded courtyards. Attendees staying at the resort can enjoy complimentary transportation from/to the airport and also the theme parks and Disney Springs® area. ACA's contracted discounted rates are available up to three days before and after our conference dates, but on a first come, first served basis (until January 27, 2018), so don't delay. For more information and to make your reservations, please visit

ACAcamps.org/conference/hotel



Please note that with our meeting following President's Day, travel to the Orlando area will be heavy, with hotel rooms at a premium.

# MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!





### SPECIAL EVENTS & NETWORKING OPPORTUN

The national conference is an exceptional chance to network with youth development professionals from across the country. You will have a variety of opportunities, from informal socializing to structured networking with a social focus and issues-based networking. Visit www.ACAcamps.org/conference to get a jump-start on making connections via

A sampling includes:

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- Local Office Meetings and Socials, Tuesday, February 20, 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
- Café gatherings around various topics and groups, Wednesday, February 21, morning; and Thursday, February 22, throughout the day.
- Grand Opening of the Exhibit Hall with Reception (Sponsored by Chaco), Wednesday, February 21,\* 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. — Ticket Required
- Coffee and Bagels in Exhibit Hall, Thursday, February 22, 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
- Lunch in the Exhibit Hall for Attendees, Thursday, February 22,\* 1:45 1:00 p.m. Ticket Required
- Afternoon Coffee and Dessert in Exhibit Hall, Thursday, February 22, 3:15 p.m. 4:00 p.m.
- Evening at Disney: Disney Springs® or Selected Parks\*\*, Thursday, February 23, 5:00 p.m. Evening

\*All fully registered attendees (except free student and some daily registrations) receive a ticket to the Exhibit Hall Reception, Thursday Lunch in the Exhibit Hall, and the Closing Keynote Event and Lunch. Additional tickets for guests may be purchased in advance or on site. See registration form for details including prices.

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### **EXHIBIT HALL HOURS & EVENTS**

Wednesday, February 21

5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Grand Opening of Exhibit Hall with Reception\*

Sponsored by Chaco

Thursday, February 22

9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Exhibits Open

9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Unopposed Time in Exhibit Hall, Bagels and Coffee Available

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch in the Exhibit Hall for Attendees\*

Unopposed Time in Exhibit Hall — Afternoon Coffee and Dessert 3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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# PROGRAM AT A GLANCE — subject to change

#### **BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS**

#### ACA Accreditation — Change Is Coming!

Rhonda Mickelson, American Camp Association, Inc. Judith Bevan, Chair — National Standards Commission

#### Allowable by Law or Doable by Experience: The Confusion ground Scope of Practice

Tracev Gaslin, PhD, CPNP, FNP-BC, CRNI

#### Ask the Experts — A Panel Discussion

Gaetana De Angelo, Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta Bill Jones, Lincoln-Lake Hubert Don Cheley, Cheley Outdoor Programs

#### Become a Fundraising Ninja

Diane Tyrrell, Chef Camp

#### Building Camp's Culture with Routine, Tradition, and Change

Seth Kassels, Camp Belknap

#### **Creating Your Day Camp Culture**

Jed and Roz Buck, Roz and Jed Training & Consulting

#### Engaging Millennials: Ten Essential Strategies Camps

Christopher Thurber, Phillips Exeter Academy & CampSpirit, LLC

#### From Russia with Love — 10 Learnings from ICC 2017

John Jorgenson, International Camping Fellowship

#### Got a Minute? Keys to Staying Focused, Despite the Circumstances

Diana Bloom

#### **How to Avoid the Deferred Maintenance Trap**

Michael Jacobus

#### **Increasing Retention of New Families**

Steve Baskin, Camp Champions Kate Hutson, Camp Champions

#### J-1 Visa: Learn From the Experts

Representatives from the US State Department

#### Know Your Risk, Not NO Risk

Richard Bourlon, Boy Scouts of America

#### Learning from the Past to Help Control the Future — Loss Control Tips for 2018 Camp Season

Michael Swain, Markel Insurance Company

#### Parents Demand a "Return on Investment" from Camp!

Joanna Warren Smith, Camp Consulting Services

#### Prevention Strategies in Child Maltreatment: From Identification to Reporting

Sandra Weaver, MS, The Pennsylvania State University

#### **Self-Care for Camp Directors**

Deborah Gilboa, MD

#### Seriously? That Happened at Camp?

Rhonda Mickelson, American Camp Association, Inc. Laurie Browne, American Camp Association, Inc. Abby Burbank, American Camp Association, Inc. Tori Barnes, American Camp Association, Inc.

#### The Hero and the Outlaw: How Telling Stories Can Persuade Action

Stephen Dauchert, The Redwoods Group

#### The Keys to Effective Task Management and Delegation

Diana Bloom

#### The Nervous Mom's Club — Helping Nervous Parents Overcome Fear and **Anxiety Related to Summer Camp**

Jeffrey Malloy, Oak Hall Summer Program Karen McCann McClelland, Sidwell Friends School Tony Ovenarte, Camp Lochearn for Girls

#### Trending Now — A Report Out from the ACA Insurance Committee

Gaetana De Anaelo. Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta

Bill Jones, Lincoln-Lake Hubert Don Cheley, Cheley Outdoor Programs

#### Understanding a Culture of Safety from the Inside Out

Dorcas Tomasek, The Redwoods Group Katie Johnson, The Redwoods Group

#### Weathering the Storm — 10 Ways to Manage Emergencies Effectively

Gary Kimball, AMSkier Insurance

#### Web Marketing Case Studies Across The US By Day, Sleep Away & Specialty **Camps; Obtaining New Campers**

Eric Stein, eswebmarketing

#### What To Fix: Using The API (Asset Priority Index) To Make Smart **Facility Decisions**

Tim Street, Bradford Woods/Indiana University

#### **CAMP INCLUDES ME**

#### Camping and Culture: The Six Core Competencies Deeply Engrained in **Culturally Responsive Camp Teachers and Leaders**

Dr. Sonya Whitaker, Achieving the Dream Inc.

#### Camp as an International Bridge: Connecting People from Different Backgrounds

Joy James, Appalachian State University Gwynn Powell, Clemson University

#### Gender Diversity and Implications for Inclusion at Summer Camps

Christopher Overtree. The Aloha Foundation

#### Ripples in the Pond: Building an Intentional Community at Camp and a **Better World Beyond**

Brandon Briery, Camp CAMP

#### Scaling Your Camp's Social Impact

Katie Johnson, The Redwoods Group Dan Baum, The Redwoods Group

#### Stronger Together: Enriching the Camp Experience Through Diversity

David Conley, Munirah Entertainment

#### The Impact of Cultural Privilege in the Camp Environment

Pamela Smith-Chambers, Beyond Diversity J.R. Reynolds, Beyond Diversity

#### The Science of Friendship

Aron Hall, National Inclusion Project

#### We're Not So Different After All: Helping Staff Become More **Culturally Competent**

Jessica Andrews-Wilson, GUIDE, Inc.

#### What We Don't Know Can Hurt Us: Exploring Implicit Bias

Pamela Smith-Chambers, Beyond Diversity J.R. Reynolds, Beyond Diversity

#### **CAMP-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS**

#### **Camps on Campus**

Sandra Weaver, MS, The Pennsylvania State University Starr Barbaro, University of North Carolina — Chapel Hill

#### Designing Effective School Programs — Fill Your Camp Monday Through Friday During The School Year!

Tom Fraker, Tonto Creek Camp

#### Make and Maintain School Partnerships That Last

Tim Street, Bradford Woods/Indiana University

#### Messaging To Schools In Five Easy Steps — Take One Relationship and Turn It into 80!

Jamie Aiken, Tonto Creek Camp

#### **Positive Camp Partnerships for Positive Futures**

Karen McCann McClelland, Sidwell Summer Jeff Malloy, Oak Hall School Dan O'Neil, Congressional School

#### **EMERGING ISSUES, TECHNOLOGY, & STRATEGIES**

#### A Meeting of the Minds: Camp Directors, Higher Ed, and College Students

Kim Aycock, Camp 2 Campus Learning Solutions Deb Jordan, East Carolina University

Shawn Marler, Camp Rockmont

Amy Lewallen, Camp Hollymont

#### Ben Appelbaum Medical Issues Forum — XVII

Gary Kimball, AMSkier Insurance

Christopher Thurber, Phillips Exeter Academy & CampSpirit, LLC

Edward (Skip) Walton

Linda Erceg, Bemidji School of Nursing

#### **Concussion in Campers**

Natalie Schellpfeffer, University of Michigan Ashley DeHudy, University of Michigan

#### Finding and Reconnecting Your Camp Alumni for the Good of Your Camp

Katie Trippi, McGaw YMCA Camp Echo Stuart Weinberg, Creator; CampAlum.Com

#### Get More Done in Less Time: A Crash Course in Productivity Hacks for **Camp Directors**

Stephanie "Ruby" Compton, Muddy Sneakers

#### **Growth Mindset and Summer Camp**

Lance Ozier

#### Healthy Camps are Poised for 2020: Are You?

Linda Erceg, Bemidji School of Nursing

#### Inspiring Campers with a Growth Mindset: What Brain Research Tells Us about Motivation

Andrew C. Watson

#### Lifeline: Recognizing and Responding to Suicidal Warning Signs

David Conley, Munirah Entertainment

#### Medical Marijuana and Your Staff: How Can We Be Prepared?

Jacqueline Longo, SeriousFun Children's Network

#### **Presidential Fellows at Camp Twin Lakes**

Dan Mathews, Camp Twin Lakes

#### **Public Policy Update**

Sharon Kosch, ACA Public Policy Volunteer Scott Brody, Government Relations Committee Chair Ralph Forsht ACA's Government Relations Consultant

#### Research You Can Use: New Findings, New Possibilities for Your Camp

Cass Morgan, Weber State University Mary Rogers, Sherwood Forest

Laurie Browne, American Camp Association, Inc.

# The Brain Science Behind Summer Camp Learning: Working Memory

Andrew C. Watson

#### The STEAM Deck - Easy To Use Tool That Combines STEAM & 21st Century Skills into 10-Min Games

Jill Moore, YMCA of Metro Atlanta

#### The Trauma-Informed Camp: What Is That and What Does it Mean?

Linda Erceg, Bemidji School of Nursing

#### What Is it to Make a Difference at Camp and How Do We Know if We Have?

Philip Lilienthal, Global Camps Africa

#### **EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP FORUM**

#### **Capital Campaigns for Camps (CCC)**

Timothy Hileman, IKUS Life Enrichment Services

#### Creating Purpose, Vision, and Values for Your Camp

Kerry Plemmons, University of Denver/Daniels College of Business

#### From One Generation to the Next: Changes Now, and On the Horizon, In the **Camping Industry**

Jeff Cheley, Cheley Colorado Camps Gabe Chernov, Birch Trail Camp for Girls Andy Lilienthal, Camp Winnebago Fritz Seving, Camp Fernwood

#### Governance and Development — How and Why to Create, Engage, Leverage, and Love Board Members

David Phillips, Immersive1st

#### How to Replace Yourself and How to Get Your Boss's Job — The Sequel!

Chris Cameron, Camp Ocean Pines Scott Hicok, Camp Ocean Pines

#### Leadership — The Two Essentials

Jody Oates, Kaleidoscope, Inc Carroll Harris, Kaleidoscope, Inc

#### Managing a Catastrophic Loss, A Case Study: The Accidental Death of a Staff Member

Lach Zemp, Roberts & Stevens, PA

#### The Development Doctors Are In

Posie Taylor, The Aloha Foundation Ann Sheets, Camp El Tesoro

#### **The Implementation Process**

Kerry Plemmons, University of Denver/Daniels College of Business

#### The People Process

Kerry Plemmons, University of Denver/Daniels College of Business

#### INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

#### **Building Youth Conservation Leaders at Camps**

Kristen Scopinich, Mass Audubon Becky Gilles, Mass Audubon

#### Camping Across Borders: Scaling the Camp Concept Across the Globe!

Tim Bethune, SeriousFun Children's Network Mary Silvia, SeriousFun Children's Network

#### Creating a Low-Cost Escape Room Game

Curt Jackson

#### Day Camp Debriefing and Networking

Sandra Thompson, Crystal Lake park District Jed Buck, Roz and Jed Training & Consulting

#### **Discovering Nature**

Elizabeth Marable, Sanborn Western Camps Ariella Rogge, Sanborn Western Camps

#### **Effective Debriefing Tools & Techniques**

Michelle Cummings, Training Wheels

#### From Hobby to Career — How Camps Can Help Youth Find a Lifelong Passion & Change the World with Plants

Susan E. Yoder, Seed Your Future

### How to Become a Better Teambuilding Facilitator

Jim Cain, Teamwork & Teamplay



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#### **International Songs and Games**

Gwynn Powell, Clemson University John Jorgenson, Camp Tawingo

#### Leave No Trace Games, Activities, and Initiatives!

Steph Whatton, The Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics Andy Mossey, The Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics

#### NASA: What's Up in Your Skies

Christine Shupla, Lunar and Planetary Institute Carolyn Ng, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

#### **NASA's Mars Science and Exploration**

Christine Shupla, Lunar and Planetary Institute Carolyn Ng, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

#### Natural Storytelling: Bringing the Outdoors Indoors with Terrariums

Shawn Marler, Camp Rockmont

#### Re-Thinking Leadership Training to Ensure the Relevance & Competitive Advantage of Your CIT Program

Sarah Littlefield, The Aloha Foundation

#### **Risk Management in Horse Programs**

James Rickner, CHA

#### Strengthening Leave No Trace Education Practices in Your Camp Program

Andrew Leary, The Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics

#### **Teambuilding with Only One Prop**

Jim Cain, Teamwork & Teamplay

#### STAFF TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP

#### 2018: New Terrific Training Tools to Make Staff Learning Stick

Michael Brandwein, Educator/Author/Staff Trainer

#### **Campfire Program Leadership**

John Jorgenson, International Camping Fellowship

#### Customer Service: Exceptional Staff Trained To Give Exceptional Service

Kurt Podeszwa, Camp For All

#### **Ethical Decision Making at Camp**

Jessica Andrews-Wilson, GUIDE, Inc.

#### **Experiential Staff Training Activities**

Michelle Cummings, Training Wheels

#### Feedback and Follow Up: Taking Your Camp from Good to Great

Audrey Monke, Gold Arrow Camp/Sunshine Parenting

#### **Fully Connected: The Cure for FOMO**

Shawn Marler, Camp Rockmont

#### Improve Your Staff Training: Use Psychological Principles to Gain an Edge

Anthony Rao

Becky Gilles, Mass Audubon/ Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary

#### **Multiple Intelligence & Summer Camps**

Lance Özier

#### My Training Week Stinks!

Brian Straka, AstroCamp/Guided Discoveries Paul Kupferman, Catalina Sea Camp/Guided Discoveries

#### Proceed to the Route: Lessons from Siri on Giving Feedback to Gen Z Staff

Kim Aycock, Camp 2 Campus Learning Solutions

#### Pulling Back the Curtain: What the Best Leaders at Camp Really Do

Scott Arizala. The Camp Counselor

#### Silence, Whispering, Writing, and More: Lessons from Our Quieter Staff

Scott Arizala, The Camp Counselor

# Somewhere Between Fight or Flight: Training Staff to Nurture Calm Third Option Thinking

Kim Aycock, Camp 2 Campus Learning Solutions Cheryl Gans

#### Staff Training For Cultural Proficiency: Bringing It Home

Deb Jordan, East Carolina University

# Sticks and Stones May Break My Bones — But My Words Have SUPER POWERS!

Brandon Briery, Camp CAMP Alex Sego, Camp CAMP

#### Teambuilding, Icebreakers, and Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

Jim Cain, Teamwork & Teamplay

# Top 12 Training Tips for Teaching Camp Staff to Leave Their Mark (Without Writing on the Wall!)

Stephanie "Ruby" Compton, Muddy Sneakers

Gabrielle Raill, Camp Ouareau

Beth Allison, Go Camp Pro

# Training Your Counselors to REALLY Counsel: Empathy and Relationship Building at Camp

Dave Brown,

#### Where Are Their Adult Pants? Tools, Catchphrases, and Understanding for Today's Staff Members

Ariella Rogge, Sanborn Western Camps Elizabeth Marable, Sanborn Western Camps

#### Why Feedback Is Terrifying and How to Fix It

Jennifer Selke, University of California, Berkeley

#### YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND BEHAVIOR

# Five Values To Demote and Five It's Time To Elevate— How To Raise The Youth Who Will Change The World

Jeffrey Leiken, Evolution Mentoring International

# Detecting and Managing Pediatric Eating Disorders in the Camp Setting

Ashley DeHudy, University of Michigan

# Distracted, On-The-Go, Risk-Taking Kids: Let's Promote the Healthiest Paths for ADHD Campers

Anthony Rao

#### **Does Your Tradition Meet Your Mission?**

Katie Johnson, The Redwoods Group

#### Hunters and Farmers: Why ADHD'ers Can Thrive at Summer Camp

Stephen Wallace, Cape Cod Sea Camps

#### Inclusion Leadership — Assessing Your Program

Aron Hall, National Inclusion Project

#### Learning to Play and Playing to Learn!

Allison Wittenberg, ACA, New York and New Jersey

#### Leave No Trace for Kids: Research Shows It Works

Ben Lawhon, Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics

#### Managing Mental Health in Camp Settings: What Can You Do

Christopher Overtree, The Aloha Foundation

#### **Measuring Outcomes 101: Easy Steps for Beginners**

Mary Rogers, Sherwood Forest

Deb Bialeschki, American Camp Association, Inc.

# O.U.R. Time: How to Build Camp Cultures of Great Respect, Responsibility, & Relationships

Michael Brandwein, Educator/Author/Staff Trainer

#### **Power of Themes**

Whitney Ryan, Wyonegonic Camps

#### Research 360: Findings from Year 1 of ACA's 5-Year Impact Study

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#### Serving Our Nation's Youngest Heroes During Summer Camp

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#### Sexual Identification and Behavior

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#### The Three Quests of Adolescence — A Master's Course For Camps

Jeffrey Leiken, Evolution Mentoring International

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#### **MEDICAL CAMPING**

Some of the following sessions are in development. See final program for updates.

#### Beyond the Woods: A Medical Camp Mentoring Program for the Other 51 Weeks a Year

Shay Dawson, Indiana University/Bradford Woods

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Victoria Allen, Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan

#### Insulin, Carb, and Other Adjustments at Diabetes Camp

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#### Positive Youth Development for Adolescents with Special Healthcare Needs at Summer Camp

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#### Staff Members Who are New to Camp and New to Diabetes

#### Team MOP: Collaboration with Medical, Operations, and Program at a **Medical Camp**

Michelle Melendez, The Painted Turtle

#### What's a Campference? Intentional Programming for Your Teens and **Young Adults**

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#### Camp Admins Unite: Let's Chat About All Things Financial

Josh Bradshaw, CampBrain Peggy Haynes, Cheley Colorado Camps Jeff Malloy, Oak Hall Summer Program

#### Camp as a Global Community: Facilitating Cultural Exchange through the J-1 Visa

Ivy Cohen, Camp Leaders

#### Camp Photos for Parents — How to Provide Photos Painlessly

Rob Bunton, Fotaflo Inc.

#### **Expert Online Training's Mobile Platform and Fresh Content**

Evan Heltay, ExpertOnlineTrainina.com

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Julie Cole, Mabel's Labels

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Erik Hancock, The Kubala Washtko Architects

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Carolyn Jackson, Flaghouse

#### The Roadmap To Your Camp: Master Planning, More Than Just a **Pretty Picture**

Jackie Kaminsky, Domokur Architects Melanie Spreen, Domokur Architects

#### The World Is Changing. Are You Prepared?

Michael Labadorf, Sobel Affiliates, a Brown & Brown Company

#### There's An App For That! — Five Benefits Of Apps For Camps

Alexandra Linyard, 1218 App Team

#### Try a Tri: Offering Triathlon at Your Camp

Meg Duncan, USA Triathlon

Dr. Duston Morris, University of Central Arkansas

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#### 4-H Camp Directors & Staff Meeting

Monday, February 19, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### **Camps on Campus (COC) Pre-Conference**

Tuesday, February 20, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

#### **DECA's 2018 International Diabetes Camping Conference**

Sunday, February 18, 8:00 a.m. - Monday, February 19, 9:00 p.m.

# **Emerging Professionals in Camping (EPIC) Pre-conference**

Tuesday, February 20, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

# Girl Scout (GS) Camp Professionals Kindred Session

Monday, February 19, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### International Camping Fellowship (ICF) Pre-Conference **Camp Tour**

Sunday, February 18, 8:00 a.m. – Tuesday, February 20, Noon

## **ACA New Director Orientation (NDO) Training**

Monday, February 19, 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

### Not-for-Profit (NFP) Camps Lunch and Program

Wednesday, February 21, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

# Religiously Affiliate Camps (RAC) Lunch

Wednesday, February 21, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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### Association of Camp Nursing (ACN) Annual Symposium

Monday, February 19 – Wednesday, February 21 To register and for more information, contact ACN at acn@campnurse.org, 502-232-2945, or visit www.campnurse.org.

### Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Kindred Meeting

Tuesday, February 20, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. To register, or for more information, contact Frank Reigelman, at frank.reigelman@scouting.org or 972 580-2074.

#### **Special Needs Kindred Meeting**

Sunday, February 18, 2:00 p.m. - Tuesday, February 20, 10:00 a.m. To register and for more information, contact Kendra Perkins,

kperkins@roundupriverranch.org, or 970-524-5721.

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Tuesday, February 20, 7:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. To register, or for more information, visit www.ACAcamps.org/conference/standards.

### **Standards Update Course**

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