

Greetings Southeastern Section Members,

What are your thoughts about transitions? As we enter the end of the summer, camp season is nearing completion and fall is just around the corner. As you transition from camp to conference/school season, your executive committee and the search committee are hard at work selecting new professional leadership for the section. Transitions bring change and challenge. Yet on the other side new and exciting things will emerge as the gifts of new leadership take hold. Face to face interviews of the candidates for the Executive Director position will be held at the end of August. We look forward to getting to know the new Executive Director this fall and then in January, President-Elect Tony Oyenarte will take office. What exciting times.

Join me in thanking Pamela Allen, Membership Services Coordinator, and the Conference Committee, Nanette Baughman, Debbie Knight, David Bell, Krys Ragland, Carrie Myers, Jenny Sliker, John Dovic, John Paul McNeal, and Jessica Andrews, as they work to make the Fall Conference in Jacksonville the best educational event in the Southeast for camp professionals. Special thanks to Debbie Knight for stepping in as President when roles changed with Rhonda's resignation. Your membership in the Southeastern Section makes a difference because you are the face of the American Camp Association for the public. Thank you for serving so many people this summer! Let us move forward with anticipation and excitement in this time of transition.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Gans
Interim Director

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Ridgecrest

2008 National Conference
February 12-15 — Nashville, TN
Gaylord Opryland Hotel
"The Strength of Many Voices"

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ACA CONNECT

ACA has established a program to connect camps and companies with appropriate, ACA pre-screened free products. ACA is regularly contacted by companies and corporations that have materials, products, and other resources available for camps FREE of charge. Some of the products are: food items, games, arts and crafts supplies, posters, and sports equipment.

Check out www.ACACamps.org/connect

YOU EARNED IT!

SHARE THE MESSAGE ABOUT ACA ACCREDITATION

We encourage you to take advantage of all the online ACA Accreditation Marketing Tools (<http://www.acacamps.org/accreditation/marketing.php>) - display your camp's ACA-accreditation logo proudly and properly! Click on "Share the Message" for your online resource for accreditation marketing. From proper logo use, press releases, and key messages to links to ACA's parent information site, www.CampParents.org and more, find out everything you need to know about accreditation online at: www.ACACamps.org/accreditation.

ACA PROVIDES CAMP RESOURCES FOR TRISTAR PICTURES NEW FILM : DADDY DAY CAMP

ACA will be featured as "the" online resource for campers and their parents visiting the web site for Tristar Pictures new film *DADDY DAY CAMP* scheduled for release in theaters August 8. Visit www.sony.com/daddydaycamp for more information about the movie and view ACA's resource page. This ACA resource will be live on the *Daddy Day Camp* site shortly. Tristar Pictures has provided select ACA-Accredited Camps® with activity books filled with fun projects and activities specifically designed for campers between the ages of six to ten.

FAMILY CHOICE CAMP AWARD

Girl Scouts of Eastern South Carolina – Camp Low Country, was awarded the Family Choice Camp Award by Low Country Parent Magazine. Low Country Parents think so highly of Camp Low Country because they are one of the few ACA accredited camps in the southeastern portion of South Carolina. They have received some very good press from the magazine recently because they choose to adhere to ACA standards. Girl Scouts of Eastern South Carolina is very proud of the work they put into their camps and are honored to be recognized.

***Do you know someone who has (or have you) received an award or been recognized for an achievement?
Let us know! Email your article to
info@acasoutheastern.org***

2007 Fall Camping Conference

Join Us in Jacksonville!

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AND SESSION PRESENTERS

Opening Keynote - Monday, September 24

PEG SMITH - CEO of ACA and strong advocate for youth and human development!

Closing Keynote - Wednesday, September 26

MICHAEL BRANDWEIN - well known speaker and author!

PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION WITH JIM CAIN

On Monday, join author and teambuilding expert Dr. Jim Cain, for a full day of activities that will build unity, community, connection and teamwork first with your staff, and then also with your campers this season. Learn dozens of simple team activities that build valuable life skills, without breaking your limited budget. Jim will also present sessions in the main body of the conference.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER BOB DITTER

We are excited to welcome Bob Ditter, licensed clinical social worker specializing in youth and families.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks at the Fall Conference:

- Assist with on-site conference registration and check-in (be the first to meet and greet all the great folks attending the conference!)
- Be a Room Host - pass out hand-outs, collect evaluations (you'll be in the sessions anyway, right?)
- Help with the Silent Auction
- Help with the Live Auction
- Or be the ever needed gopher

ACCREDITATION VISITORS RECEPTION

Monday September 24 (Immediately following Riverboat Event at Crowne Plaza- Room TBA) A Special Event for the volunteers who visited the 70 camps this summer.

Meet other visitors, share stories, give input, enjoy some light snacks.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- * Standards Course
- * Riverboat Cruise and Dinner
- * Exhibit Hall
- * Live Auction and Dessert Reception
- * Campfire and Sing-a-long
- * Breakfast and Membership Meeting

HOTEL

Crowne Plaza, Jacksonville Riverfront
1201 Riverplace Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL
www.cpjacksonville.com

Need a roommate? Send an email to info@acasoutheastern.com with dates, gender, smoking preference, etc. for help in finding a match.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Need financial help to attend? Return the scholarship application found on the registration web page no later than Friday, August 17, 2007.

EXHIBIT HALL

Check out the exhibit hall for products and services you and your camp need!

For complete info, check out <http://www.acasoutheastern.org/conf/2007.php> or call 919-402-4336.

Individual Conference Registration

RATES:	Members	2nd, 3rd Person from Same Camp	Non-Members
Registration before Sept 1	\$140	\$100	\$150
Registration after Sept 1	\$150	\$110	\$160
Students & Presenters	\$90	\$90	\$90
1-Day Pass: Tuesday only	\$50	\$50	\$50
Jim Cain Pre-Conf. Session	\$55	\$55	\$55

Full-time Registration Includes: All Regular Sessions, Monday Evening Riverboat Cruise and Dinner, Exhibit Hall, Tuesday Dessert Reception, Wednesday Breakfast.

1-Day Registration Includes: All Tuesday sessions, Exhibit Hall, Dessert Reception

STANDARDS NEWS

VISITORS

A big ole' thank you to all of our volunteer visitors. One hundred thirty-four visitors visited seventy camps during the summer of 2007. We couldn't do it without YOU!

Please remember to send us evaluations, making notes regarding any problems or questions so we can refer them ACA National. Also remember to send your reimbursement forms.

Plan to attend the Visitor Reception on Monday evening at the fall conference. Meet other visitors, share stories, give input, enjoy some light snacks. *THANKS so much for your time and effort in supporting the accreditation program!*

WANT TO BECOME A VISITOR?

Would you like to see other camp programs and get new ideas? Want to be an important part of the accreditation process? Want to learn how other camps deal with standards documentation and get tips? Become a visitor! If you'd like to find out more about becoming a standards visitor, check out the standards page of the Southeastern web site at <http://acacamps.org/southeastern/standards/standards2008.php>. Dates will soon be posted for the upcoming associate visitor trainings.



Falling Creek

We wish to congratulate Rhonda Mickelson on her new position as Director of Standards with the American Camp Association, Inc.

WILL YOUR CAMP BE VISITED IN 2008?

If your camp will be visited in 2008, someone from your camp who will be assisting in the preparation and who will be present at the visit needs to attend a standards course. Standards courses will be offered throughout the section. Dates will soon be posted on the section web site for the upcoming standards workshops.

WHAT IS A WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION PREVIEW?

A Written Documentation Preview (formerly called a pre-visit) is a review of the camp's written documentation prior to the actual day of the visit. It is an important element of the educational process of the standards program. Statistics confirm that documentation reviews lead to successful accreditation visits! A Written Documentation Preview does not have to be done in person. It might be paperwork mailed (snail or electronic) for review, a phone conversation, a review of materials posted on a website. You do not have to complete the entire WDP check list, even doing 50% of it will be helpful. Written Documentation Previews allow the visitors to spend more time observing camp vs. sitting in the office reading paperwork.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

All accredited camps are required to submit a signed statement of compliance each year. If you have not yet submitted yours, go to: <http://www.acacamps.org/soc/> to do it online.

* ADDRESS CHANGES * EMAIL CHANGES *

* ACA LIAISON CHANGES * UPDATES *

Have you moved? Has your camp's ACA liaison changed?

Do you have email? Has it changed? Help us reach you faster and more efficiently by sending us your updates!

Here's how:

- Online www.acacamps.org/membership.
 - Call the ACA National office (800) 428-CAMP.
- It's just a click or call away and will ensure all the latest camp industry information and Southeastern Section news reaches you.

ARCHERY IS FOR EVERYONE

by Darin Erskine

Thinking of offering a kid’s archery class? Good idea, but don’t leave out the rest of us. Archery is great fun for everyone.

Seniors - Seniors especially enjoy the fun and benefits of archery. Many seniors have been advised to “use it or loose it” regarding their strength, flexibility, and mental acuity. Archery provides the gentle exercise, social time, and mental stimulation of shooting, pulling arrows, and keeping score. But if you’ve ever watched a senior archery league in progress, you’ll see that the laughter and fun tops the list of benefits.

People with Disabilities - Archery is easily done from a walker or wheelchair and many people with disabilities can shoot archery with a slight modification in equipment or form.

Teens – Can’t get them away from the computer? Many teens who are not interested in team sports love archery. Archery is an individual sport. Even when shooting with others, your score depends upon you and you alone. Archery is great cross-training for other sports that require mental focus, particularly any of the martial arts.

Families - Archery is one thing families can do together where everyone can participate at their own level while still being together. Many families enjoy weekends and vacations competing at archery tournaments, which are going on all over the country (and all over the world) year-round. It’s a great way to travel and to meet other archers. Almost all archery competitions are open to all and include competitive categories specifically for kids, seniors, and archers with disabilities.

A good archery program includes recreational classes for kids, teens, families, and seniors, plus a specific class for serious archers who wish to compete.

Not sure where to start? The National Alliance for the Development of Archery can match you with an archery instructor in your area that can help you set up and run a safe, successful archery program. Visit www.TeachArchery.org for more details.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

GameStop Youth Grants

GameStop youth grants are available for anyone in the U.S. or Canada, twenty-five or under, who has a great idea for a community action project. The grants can fund your bright idea! One winner is awarded a \$500 grant each week. All you need to do is fill out an application and get one nonfamily member to write an online recommendation letter.

Plum Grants

Plum grants are available for anyone in the U.S., 25 or under, who has already started a community action project and needs a little money to keep it going. Plum grants are awarded every week in the amount of \$500. All you need to do is fill out an application, attach a short budget, and get one nonfamily member to write an online recommendation letter.

For more information on these grants, go to: http://www.acacamps.org/inside/07_08/

ONLINE CENTENNIAL TRIBUTE FOR CAMPS

Is your camp one hundred years old? Celebrate your camp’s one hundred-year anniversary with ACA’s Web-based tribute to member camps. Your camp’s centennial story can be shared with thousands of Web visitors every day. Complete the Historical Profile form at <http://www.acacamps.org/centennial/form.php>. ACA will proudly add your camp’s story to the running tribute of outstanding camps that have reached the centennial milestone.



Athens Y Camp

STATE CAMP REGULATIONS

A complete database of information about the camp-related regulations in each state is available on the ACA web site. The date provides active links to the regulations and information in each state. The database is sortable by state, plus a viewer can compare all fifty states (and DC and Puerto Rico). Additionally, the database can indicate whether the state allow FBI records checks and information on how to access driving checks in each state, including costs and links to request forms. www.ACACamps.org/publicpolicy.

DISTRICT NEWS AND EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

FLORIDA

The next Florida District meeting will be held on October 16th. Tentative location Boggy Creek Camp. Check the section web site for updates.

NORTH CAROLINA

The Central North Carolina Camp Professionals will meet at the Homestead on October 24th. For more info and to RSVP, contact Aimee Krans at akrans@email.unc.edu.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Camp Low Country was awarded the Family Choice Camp Award. Congratulations!

ACA BASIC CAMP DIRECTORS COURSE (BCDC)

The Basic Camp Director Course provides the basics and more for camp directors with fewer than six years of experience or for seasoned program directors and site managers. This is an excellent opportunity to be sure you have well-rounded knowledge of the core areas and begin building your personal network of camp professionals. Basic Camp Director Course registration cost is \$320 for ACA members and \$370 for non-members. Room and board cost is in addition and varies by location. Transportation is your responsibility.

BCDC offered in the Virginias Section
October 22-26, 2007
Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center – Front Royal, VA (just outside of D.C.) Registration is available online at <https://www.acacamps.org/education/bcdc/bcdcva.php>.

Consider Presenting at the ACA National Conference!

Proposals for educational breakout sessions offered at the 2008 National Conference will be accepted online through September 10, 2007. Notifications will be made by September 30 to aid your planning. Our conference theme, *The Strength of Many Voices*, offers a wide range of programmatic possibilities. For complete instructions including the process for submission, visit: www.ACAcamps.org/conference.

GREAT PROGRAMS? GREAT PEOPLE? GREAT BOARD MEMBERS?

Do you know of a unique program? You know, the type you see and go "Wow, that is really cool". Do you know other ACA members that have should be recognized for all they do for ACA - at both the National and Local level? What about Section Board Members? We KNOW there are individuals who would like to serve.

NOW IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO NOMINATE FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE!

Edie Klein Award for Program Excellence is given in recognition of existing programs of an exceptional nature occurring at a camp or retreat center in the Southeast.

Gay Byers Newcomer Award is awarded for outstanding involvement in section activities and/or decision making.

Distinguished Service Award is for service to the section which is outstanding and above and beyond the expectations of the position held.

Section Community Award is awarded for outstanding contributions and/or support by local individuals or groups to the field of camping or to the local section.

Appreciation Award is awarded for outstanding contributions outside the section.

Section Board Member positions to fill for the upcoming year (or longer) include: Vice President, Secretary, NC and GA District Chairs and Delegate.

For more information on all of the above, visit the home page of the Section website and click on the appropriate link.

"News to Use" Email Messages

Every 3 to 4 weeks the section office sends out important "NEWS TO USE" by email. If you are not receiving these messages and would like to, please confirm your email address with us. Send a message with your preferred email address to pamela@acasoutheastern.org and we'll make sure you receive the next one! Email messages and Sundial newsletters are archived on the section web site at <http://www.acasoutheastern.org/sundial.php>.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

September 2007

24-26 **Southeastern Fall Camping Conference**, Crowne Plaza, Jacksonville, Florida
 Details: <http://www.acasoutheastern.org/conf/2007.php>

October 2007

16 **Florida District Meeting** Location TBA

For information, contact Florida District Chair, Krys Ragland at KrysRagland@feyc.org .

24 **Central North Carolina Camp Professionals Meeting** at the Hoemstead. For more info and to RSVP, contact Aimee Krans at akrans@email.unc.edu.

February 2008

12-15 **ACA National Conference** Gaylord Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN
<http://www.acacamps.org/conference/>

March 2008

27-31 **National 4-H Camping Institute** Skelton 4-H Educational Center, Wirtz, VA
<http://www.ext.vt.edu/resources/4h/2008nci/> Call for Proposals deadline October 1, 2007.

October 2008

4-7 **8th International Camping Congress** Quebec City, Canada
 Inquiries: Jacqui Raill, Program Chair info@ouareau.com

For more information on these events, check the section website or call 919.402.4336.



Blue Star Camp

GIRL SCOUTS - Have you had a change in physical address, email address, or web address due to council realignment? Please contact us to keep your contact information up to date!

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As of June 30 , 2007 the Southeastern Section Hosts:

CAMPS

Accredited Camps	207
Camp Affiliates	16
Business Affiliates	25
Total Camps	223

MEMBERS

Professional Members	524
Associate Members	141
Student Members	27
Life Members	11
Total Members	703

Welcome New ACA Southeastern Members!

(New members from April 1, 2007 - July 31, 2007)

Alabama

Larry Johnson, Mentone
Conrad Schuler, Mentone

Florida

Shantelle Britt, Barbersville
Katharine Gurin, Big Pine Key
Theresa Ley, Jacksonville
Debra Moody, Riverview
Stepahnie Moss, Parkland
John Reiter, Lithia
Leslie Scarborough, Big Pine Key
Jess Shows, Marathon
Madelyn Speagle, Jacksonville
Michael Whitman, Starke
John Williams, Jacksonville

Georgia

Nancy Brim, Atlanta
James Himstedt, Cleveland
Dan Lipson, Atlanta

North Carolina

Michael Holt, Greensboro
Pamela Ritchie, Asheville
Bradley Smith, King

South Carolina

Amanda Galliher, Bennettsville