



# The Sundial

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## President's Message

As the seasons change, the smell of spring is in the air and the pressure of summer is growing. The sounds of campers and morning wake bells are ringing in our heads. I am so glad that camp is getting ready to start. There is something magical about this time of the year.

This is an exciting time to be part of ACA Southeastern. The current board and staff are committed and dedicated to guiding the section to a new level. Our NATIONAL CEO, Peg Smith, has challenged all of us to have 20 million campers by the year 2020. The board and staff have embraced this challenge with open arms.

It was great to see many of you in Nashville. Our section gathering was the talk of the town. As we continue to grow as a section we need to continue to step out of our comfort zone. We want all of you to become involved with the section. I would like to challenge all you to ask yourself, "What can I do to get involved in the Southeast?" Being on the Board is not the only way to be connected any longer!

As we gear up for this summer, please remember that you have a huge network of friends in the SE. Over 70 camps will be going through the Accreditation process this summer. I encourage all of you to call or e-mail if you need any help. I look forward to seeing you in Charlotte for our fall conference. Have a safe and memorable summer.

Smile,  
Tony O.  
Section President



## Are You Ready for the Summer – with regards to ACA?

Preparing for summer camp each year can be an exciting, yet challenging task! In addition to hiring staff, recruiting campers, and ordering supplies, please remember to include ACA as both a resource and a guide as you prepare for summer '08. Below are some helpful checklists to help you in this process.

### For All ACA Accredited Camps

- Make sure that you have downloaded the updates to the ACA Accreditation Process Guide. These can be found on the ACA National Website at <http://www.acacamps.org/accreditation/hyes.php>
- Review the list of Pre-Camp Training topics that are correlated to the ACA Standards. This list can be found on the National ACA website at <http://www.acacamps.org/knowledge/human/precamp.php>
- Review the "Checklist of Standards to Be Updated Every Year". This is a helpful chart that lists out the standards that ask for annual updates/information. Examples of this are inspections, water tests, etc. To view the entire list, check out the ACA Southeastern website at <http://www.acasoutheastern.org/standards/index.php> and click on the checklist link listed on the right side of the webpage (under the quick links).

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## Seeing Green

### ACA Southeastern Camping Conference: September 22-24, 2008

It seems that everywhere we look lately, we see green. The latest issue of the UGA Alumni Magazine...Green. NBC has a new Environmental Correspondent. Even the Super Bowl "went green." Unlike some green efforts, camps are uniquely positioned to make a tangible difference in the environment by educating children. For that reason, "Green Spoken Here" will be the theme of the ACA Southeastern Camping Conference, which is scheduled for September 22-24, 2008 in Charlotte, North Carolina.



### Call for Presenters 2008 ACA Southeastern Camping Conference

This year's ACA, Southeastern Camping Conference, "Green Spoken Here," based on ACA, Inc.'s green initiative, is scheduled for September 22-24, 2008 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

If you are interested in being a presenter for this conference, the call for presenters registration form can be downloaded at the following web address: <http://www.acasoutheastern.org/conf/CFP08.pdf>. These forms are due in to the ACA, Southeastern office no later than May 1, 2008.

Preference will be given to those presentations dealing with green topics. We are also seeking presentations specific to property management, food service, and programming areas found throughout the ACA standards (horses, aquatics, challenge courses, etc.).

Please contact the ACA, Southeastern office if you have any questions about submitting your presentation for the 2008 Southeastern Camping Conference. Call 919.402.4336 or email [info@acasoutheastern.org](mailto:info@acasoutheastern.org).

"Green Spoken Here" is based on ACA National's collaboration with the Children & Nature Network (C&NN). The conference will help you connect children and the outdoors through your camp program. In addition, we are seeking presentations specific to property management, food service, and programming areas found throughout the ACA standards (horses, aquatics, challenge courses, etc.).

We are still in the early stages of the planning process, but here are a few highlights:

- Pre-Conference Session and Opening Playnote Address by **Faith Evans**, a leader in the field of experiential training and human development
- Closing Keynote Address by **Peg Smith**, CEO of ACA
- Infamous **Live Auction and dessert Reception**
- Educational Session presented by you!

*Please join us in Charlotte!*

Jessica Andrews and John Paul McNeal  
2008 Conference Co-Chairs



*Are You Ready For Summer ... continued from pg 1*

### For Camps Having an Accreditation Visit this Summer

- Review who at your camp is responsible for completing each section and the timeline of completion.
- Download the updates to the Accreditation Process Guide by going to <http://www.acacamps.org/accreditation/hyes.php>. Remember, you will be scored based on these updates to the guide.
- Check and double check all mandatory standards and make sure you are in compliance.
- Check and double check all standards that require written documentation to ensure that you have each of those in place. The number one reason camps fail accreditation is due to the absence of written documentation during the visit.
- Talk with your visitor to arrange the day of your visit, ask questions, and set-up a Written Documentation Preview (WDP – formerly the Pre-Visit). Statistically, camps that complete a WDP have a higher success rate of passing accreditation than camps who do not take advantage of this opportunity.
- Ask questions! If you are unsure how a standard will be scored, you can contact your visitor, one of the standards chairs, the section office, or the national office to help you find the answer.
- Relax and be prepared to learn from your visit! Remember that your visitors are your peers. They are "camp people." They know what it's like to be in your shoes. The ACA accreditation process is set up to help you evaluate your program and is not meant to be an inspection.



## On The Road Again... From the Executive Director

**Atlanta. Nashville. Raleigh.** I'm wearing the tires off of my old Land Rover Discovery! Since the last time I wrote, I've been to Rutledge GA, Athens GA, Nashville TN, Colfax NC, Sophia NC, Cedar Mountain NC, Raleigh NC (at least four times!) and a few other places you may or may not have heard of. Things are happening all over the southeast, and I'm happy to be a part of it all! So, just what have I been doing in all of these places?

### Atlanta: Areas of Focus for Coming Years

Your 2008 ACA, Southeastern Board of Directors met at Camp Twin Lakes, outside of Atlanta, at the end of January to kick off the new year with a strategic planning session. The board, under the new leadership of president Tony Oyenarte, will focus its efforts on three main initiative areas over the coming years: Publicity and Promotion, Partnerships and Outreach, and Capacity Building. Through these focus areas, and the work of our newly established camping movements (see what happened in Nashville!), ACA Southeastern will help ACA, Inc. reach the goal of 20 million children attending camp each year, by the year 2020, with an ACA membership of 20,000!

### Nashville: New Opportunities for Involvement

ACA, Southeastern had one of the largest attended Section meetings in its history, with 163 members present at the ACA National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. At this meeting, the Section leadership unveiled a new plan for conducting the work of the organization, and creating opportunities for members to be involved - not just on the board, but through camping movements related to research, scholarships, partnerships, and more, all listed on the right. If you haven't signed up to participate yet, I urge you to contact me and let me know your area of interest. We'll get you plugged in and moving!

### Raleigh: Rules and Regulations

One of the more interesting aspects of my role as your Executive Director is the opportunity to represent you on legislative and state law issues. Currently, North Carolina has the most active issues, related to resident camp sanitation rules, food service education, International Building Code / Sprinkler Code, and school calendar. Hence, the four plus trips to Raleigh in the past few months. In order to effectively monitor state issues, I need your help. If you hear of anything happening in your state or local district, please let me know so I can research and pursue any issues related to camp.

### On the Road Again: Heading Your Direction

Over the summer, Katie and I both plan to pound the pavement, visiting as many camps and members as possible. If you have something special going on at your camp over the next few months and into the summer, we want to hear about it! Open houses, special guests, special programming... we'd love to be a part of something special at your camp in 2008.

See you on the road...  
Erica Rohrbacher

## Peg Smith's 2008 ACA National Conference Keynote Address Featured Online

Peg Smith, CEO of the American Camp Association, delivered the closing keynote address at the 2008 ACA National Conference in February. Her presentation was a compelling one, introducing the 20/20 Vision for the Association and rallying the audience under a common cause. View the live keynote address at <http://www.acacampos.org/member/video/pegkeynote.html>

## New Opportunities for Involvement

### Education

Coordinate local education events. One committee per district, based on geographic regions, as determined by District chair.

*Board Liaison: Carrie Myers*

### Mentoring

Research and establish the need for mentoring program(s) for youth, new industry members, professionals, standards, etc.

*Board Liaison: Dan Davis*

### Partnerships

Research potential partnerships: youth, parents, camp professionals, like minded organizations, school systems, existing non-facility camps, athletic programs. Be a liaison to other committees in the Partnerships and Outreach Strategic Initiative.

*Board Liaison: Cliff Satterwhite*

### Public Relations

Look for ways to promote ACA and the camping movement.

*Board Liaison: Larry Hancock*

### Research

Work with ACA, Inc., and plug into universities that are doing applicable research, disseminating information to the membership and the public relations committee.

*Board Liaison: Teresa Tucker*

### Scholarships

Research and establish the need for scholarship program(s), focus areas: professional, student, camper.

*Board Liaison: Tony Oyenarte*

### Additional Board Committee Opportunities

Audit/Financial Policy

Awards

Nominations

Public Policy

*Contact Erica to get involved!*

919-402-4336 or [erica@acasoutheastern.org](mailto:erica@acasoutheastern.org)

## 2008 Youth Gang Violence Symposium

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention will hold its National Youth Gang Symposium on June 23–26, 2008, in Atlanta. Under the theme “Partnering to Prevent Gang Violence: From Faith-Based and Community Organizations to Law Enforcement,” the symposium will feature workshops designed to enhance efforts by law enforcement, school personnel, faith-based and community organizations, policymakers, youth serving agencies, and others who are working together to combat youth gang problems.

## Expand Your Resources: Enroll in ACA's e-Institute

<http://acacamps.org/einstitute>

Current courses include:

- Designing Quality Youth Programs
- Camp Is for the Camper

### 2008 ACA SOUTHEASTERN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

\* Council of Delegates

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## ACA Health Forms

As summer quickly approaches, many camps continue to ask about the ACA Health Forms. Below are a few reminders and key points:

- ACA provides the health forms and templates as a member service. A camp is NOT required to use these or any other specific form.
- A variety of forms for use by camps are available online. These forms are made available to ACA members as a member benefit and can be downloaded from this site at no charge.
- Many of the forms are customizable for your camp (you can place your camp logo and address in specifically designated “boxes”). The customizable forms include Staff Health History, Medical Recommendation for Camp Employees, and other useful health-related forms.
- Used together for overnight camps, the Camper Health History Form One (four-page form completed by parent/guardian) and the Camper Health Care Recommendation Form Two (one-page form completed by physician) replace the old “green form,” which will NOT be updated/revised.
- Day camps can use the Camper Health History alone in order to meet the ACA Standards.

The Camper Health History Form and the Camper Health Care Recommendation Form, along with a variety of other forms are also available for purchase in 100-count packs through the ACA Bookstore (<https://www.acabookstore.org/pdfForms.cfm>). These two forms may also be posted on your camp's Web site. Visit [www.acacamps.org/members/healthforms/](http://www.acacamps.org/members/healthforms/) for this information.

## Children & Nature Awareness Month April 2008

The Children & Nature Network (C&NN) is sponsoring the first annual Children & Nature Awareness Month in April. Camps will have the opportunity to join a growing network of individuals, organizations and agencies to help spread the word about the importance of providing opportunities for all children to experience frequent, regular play and exploration in natural outdoor settings. You can see a preview of selected events and programs ([http://www.cnaturenet.org/movement/index\\_beta](http://www.cnaturenet.org/movement/index_beta)) and submit your camp's nature-awareness event (<http://www.cnaturenet.org/awareness/submit>) to C&NN who will post your event on the C&NN Movement Map.

## Connect Grants for Culturally Diverse Communities

The Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics is currently accepting applications for its Connect Grants program for Culturally Diverse Communities. Connect Grants provide direct support and training grants for organizations and people that serve culturally diverse communities. The 2008 Connect Grant deadlines are April 15 and August 15. The Center will respond to all grant requests after their respective deadlines.

Grant applications can be submitted online via the “Grants and Scholarships” page of the Center's Web site (<http://lnt.org/programs/grants.php>). If you have any questions, please e-mail [grants@lnt.org](mailto:grants@lnt.org) or call the Center at 800.332.4100.

## Accreditation Resources Available to You

There are many resources and people available to you if you have a question about the Accreditation Process or standards interpretations. Please do not hesitate to contact any one of the following people!

- Check the ACA National Website at [www.ACAcamps.org](http://www.ACAcamps.org)
- Check the Southeastern Section Website at [www.acasoutheastern.org](http://www.acasoutheastern.org)
- Check your resource CD that came in your Accreditation Process Guide (APG)
- Contact a Standards Chair:

### Gayle Taylor

ACA - SE Standards Co-Chair  
336-274-8491 x7425 or [gtaylor@tarheeltriad.org](mailto:gtaylor@tarheeltriad.org)

### A.L. Ferreira

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- Contact Katie Johnson at the Section Office:  
919-402-4336 or [katie@acasoutheastern.org](mailto:katie@acasoutheastern.org)
- Contact the Standards Team at the National Office: 765-342-8456  
Ask for Rhonda Mickelson, Kim Brosnan, or Cindy Andrews or [accreditation@ACAacamps.org](mailto:accreditation@ACAacamps.org)

## Welcome New Associate Visitors!

The ACA Southeastern Section trained a total of 18 new Associate Visitors this winter/spring. Two courses were held, one at Camp Kanata and one at Camp Greenville. Many thanks to both camps for hosting our trainings as well. We look forward to getting all of our new visitors out and about this summer to do their first visit!

### Camp Kanata Course

Amanda Galliher  
Andrea Reavis  
Rhonda Parker  
Phil Berry  
Mary Beth Fraley  
Randy Murr  
Sharon Ayelstock

### Camp Greenville Course

E mily Cummings  
Susan Huter  
Matt Hoisington  
Lucas Newton  
Kevin Lausch  
Karen Stanley  
Christopher Hawn  
Jim Goodrum  
Mike Warren  
Erica Rohrbacher

**Are you interested in becoming an ACA Associate Visitor, or hosting a course at your camp?** We'll soon be thinking about locations for our Associate Visitor Courses in the fall, and if we have enough interest in your area, we can bring the course to you! Contact Katie Johnson at 919-402-4336 or email her at [katie@acasoutheastern.org](mailto:katie@acasoutheastern.org).

## Share the Message – New ACA Marketing Tools!

Share the message – you earned it! Now tell your parents and the public about your camp's accreditation. Check out the ACA National Website:

[www.acacamps.org/accreditation/marketing.php](http://www.acacamps.org/accreditation/marketing.php) for resources that promote the value of accreditation including proper logo use, press releases, announcements, key messages, links to ACA's parent information site, and more.

## Thank You to our Volunteer Instructors

The Accreditation Program is based on the great work of our volunteers. Many thanks to the following volunteer instructors who taught Standards Courses or Associate Visitor Courses for the Section this year: Genie Gunn, Judith Bevan, Gayle Taylor, A.L. Ferreira, Diane DiCerbo, Kat Shreve, Norman McGee, Fay Binning, Ron Springs, and Brooke Bradley.

### Are you interested in becoming an instructor?

Do you have at least five years of visits under your belt?

ACA, Southeastern will be sending interested, veteran visitors to an instructors' course in the coming year. If you think this is something you want to do, contact Katie at the ACA Southeastern office at 919-402-4336.



## Spring/Summer Accreditation Timeline

<b>Early April</b>	Initial Visitor assignments are made.
<b>Mid-April</b>	Visitor assignment packets mailed out to visitors and camps.
<b>May 1</b>	Dates set for visits and Written Documentation Previews!
<b>May 5</b>	Visit dates sent to ACA Southeastern office
<b>June/July/Aug</b>	Visits occur
<b>November 10</b>	Camps notified (if not prior) with the results of their accreditation visit

## Thinking About Accreditation?

*It's not too early to start preparing for a 2009 accreditation visit.* ACA standards help you with every aspect of your camp management and operation: Site, Transportation, Health and Wellness, Operational Management, Human Resources, and Program Activities. The first step towards becoming an accredited camp is to contact ACA to request an application package, and join the ACA to gain access to the many resources available to you as you begin the process of organizing for your first visit. Remember, we're here to help!



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## ACA Southeastern Membership (as of 2/29/08)

CAMPS		MEMBERS	
Accredited Camps	195	Professional Members	545
Camp Affiliates	26	Associate Members	128
Business Affiliates	33	Student Members	32
<b>Total Camps</b>	<b>221</b>	Life Members	11
		<b>Total Members</b>	<b>716</b>

## Welcome New ACA Southeastern Members! (joined between 11/1/07 - 3/15/08)

### ALABAMA

Samuel Green, Oxford AL  
 Eden Walker, Mentone AL

### FLORIDA

Eliana Acedo, Miami FL  
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