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Southeastern Section



2003 Southern States Fall Camping Conference Change of Venue for Fall Conference

We hope everyone has received the postcard announcing the change of venue for the 2003 Southern States Fall Camping Conference. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the change, please contact the Southeastern office at (828) 263-0934 or email Don Wood at woodaca@bellsouth.net. Please call the Sheraton at 1-800-833-8624 for reservations and be sure to mention you are attending the Southern States Camping Conference to receive discounted rates. Reservations must be made by Tuesday, September 2nd, 2003. We are confident the new venue will enhance the quality of our conference and we are looking forward to seeing you there!

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The American Camping Association Southeastern is also hosting a pre-conference, one-day ©DEVELOPING SUCCESSFUL GRANTS™ grant workshop at the 2003 Southern States Camping Conference in Atlanta, GA, Monday, September 22nd, 2003 from 8:00am until 3:30pm as part of the 2003 Critical Issues Symposium. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$129 per person and space is limited. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Register early to guarantee your enrollment!

The one-day grant workshop will be taught by Research Associates. Research Associates has developed over \$200 million in foundation, corporate, and government grants with a 90% success rate! Visit www.grantexperts.com for more information. "Where Ideas Are Turned Into Reality"

This upbeat and easy-to-understand, one-day workshop is ideal for those who have written a few grants or who have never written a grant at all, but it can also be helpful for experienced grant developers who want to polish their grant-writing skills. This

class covers five main topics, which include *Learning About Grant Writer's Resources, Establishing an Organized Grant Development Process, Developing Convincing Need and Problem Statements, Creating Innovative Program Designs, and Integrating Unique Grant Components to Gain Extra Points.*

Basic Camp Directors Course

To be offered in conjunction with the 2003 Southern States Camping Conference

Date: September 18th - 22nd, 2003

Location: Calvin Center Hampton, GA

Contact: Cathy Scheder, 765-342-8456 x328, cscheder@ACAcamps.org

This 4 1/2 day course is designed for camp directors with less than five years experience and presents specific content in 13 core management areas - Participant Development & Behavior, Risk Management, Health & Wellness, Target Population & Diversity, Transportation, Site & Facilities, Leadership, Human Resources, Mission/Purpose, Program Design & Activities, Business & Finance, Marketing, and Food Services. This is an excellent opportunity to be sure you have a basic knowledge in the [core areas](#) and begin building your personal network of camp professionals.

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Athens Y Camp Celebrates 100 Years

-by Julia Rowland

Athens Y Camp for Boys was founded in 1898 by Walter T. Forbes, making them the second oldest boys camp in the nation.

Athens Y Camp

“Where God and a Good Time are friends...”

Celebrating over 100 years of tradition in the Blue Ridge Mountains

Athens Y Camp for Boys originated under the direction of Mr. Walter T. (W.T.) Forbes in Athens, Georgia in 1898 after Forbes was asked to become the General Secretary of the Athens YMCA. That first summer, Mr. Forbes took a small group of boys and fathers out on the Oconee River for a two week summer camp. He then held two camps in successive years at Caruthers’s Mill, 14 miles from Athens, and these became the very first YMCA camps in the South. From 1900 until 1907, the camp was held in several locations in the north Georgia mountains before finally settling on a site beside the Chattooga River in Tallulah Falls, Georgia in 1907.



In 1920, the Georgia Power Company, who had contributed canoes to the growing Y Camp and owned a great deal of the land in the Tallulah Falls area, came to Walter Forbes to tell of the plans for the Tugalo Dam for electric power generation at the juncture of the Chattooga and Tallulah rivers, where the camp was presently located. Looking far and wide, Forbes and friend J.E. Harvey eventually found property in a beautiful valley near Lula Mountain, just outside of Tallulah Falls, which was owned by Henry O’Shields. With financial backing from Mr. Frank Edwards, Athens Y Camp purchased 320 acres from O’Shields, granting O’Shields the right to live on his home place until the last family member died. Mr. O’Shields eventually became the caretaker and maintenance man for Athens Y Camp for the next 30 years.

In the spring of 1922, the first major buildings were constructed on the new AYC site, including the director’s shack by the lake, the lodge, the dining hall, and ten [camper] shacks. The camp grew and prospered in the 20’s and 30’s and under the leadership of Mr. Forbes, Athens Y Camp passed through the lean years of the depression without any alteration of its quality, and was rewarded with a huge and enthusiastic attendance.

In 1932, Mr. Forbes believed a permanent girl’s camp was necessary. So in a smaller cove almost adjoining the current Y Camp property, W.T. again purchased property with the financial help of Frank Edwards and began the construction of Camp Chattooga for Girls. W.T.’s sister, Frances, became the director of the girl’s camp when it opened in 1933. Mrs. Forbes eventually sold Camp Chattooga in 1948 to Skipper Tucker and Mary Elizabeth Thompson who ran it until the early 1970s. Bill Watkins and Tom Beavers bought Chattooga from the Thompsons and operated it until 1976 when they ceased it’s operations as a summer camp.



About 1940, W.T. Forbes retired as the General Secretary of the Athens YMCA and he secured Henry “Pop” Pearson, Jr. of Augusta to assume his position. When Forbes passed away in June of 1944, Pop Pearson became the Director of the Athens Y Camp and remained in that capacity until 1972. Under the direction of Pop, the Y Camp flourished. “Highlights of his tenure included expansion of the Y’s membership rolls, financial solvency, implementing program changes, expansion of the campus, which included the construction of a new gym, infirmary, and a newer, more modern kitchen, and ultimately, sustaining the Y Camp during lean war years. Pop was a much loved leader and his devotion to the Athens Y Camps was undeniable even up to his death in 1972. Pop lived and died at the Y Camp, one of the greatest loves of his life.” -*Y Camp Alumni Association, Athens Y Camp 100th Anniversary Edition, 1998.*

[Dan Troy & Associates].

John Simpson replaced Pop as the new director in 1973 and ran the camp until 1992. The camp facilities underwent major changes as did the youth and their parents. Programs were restructured to accommodate a more TV & computer minded population. Simpson was responsible for reconstructing the kitchen, installing zip lines and slides, improving the water and sewer systems and revamping the athletic field.



Edward Schaefer became the 4th director of the Athens Y Camp in the 100 years of the camp’s history, in 1991. “Ed was enrolled as a camper at Athens Y Camp at age six. This began his lifelong love and devotion to the camp and each summer, Edward returned to the AYC no matter what else was going on in his life.” -*Y Camp Alumni Association, Athens Y Camp 100th Anniversary Edition, 1998.* *[Dan Troy & Associates].* Ed experienced every role at AYC, from camper to counselor to director and currently serves as the Executive Director of both Athens Y Camp for Boys and Camp Chattooga for Girls. Edward is responsible for winterizing many of the buildings and cabins on campus and for adding private bathroom

Athens Y Camp

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facilities to many of those structures, which afforded the AYC the opportunity to operate as a year-round retreat center. Edward is also credited with the reopening and purchasing of Camp Chattooga in 2000.

After Camp Chattooga closed down in the mid 1970s, it was reopened briefly by the AYC for two seasons in the early 1980s, but ownership changed hands and Chattooga was closed for good until 1999, when it was purchased by a Mr. Neal Pruitt. Mr Pruitt worked out a lease-to-own contract with the Athens Y Camp and Camp Chattooga was officially reopened in 2000, once again as the sister camp to AYC.

AYC celebrated its 100th year on August 1st, 1998, and more than 400 alumni, returning from all parts of the world, attended the event. Alumni from the 40s and 50s performed original minstrel skits, sang songs, and played banjos as other alumni soaked in the memories.

Athens Y Camp stands fast that discipline, regimentation and values will always remain the same. Programs might change as times and youth change, but, in the words of Ed Schaefer, “the AYC will stay exactly the same for the next 100 years as they have through the last 100 years.”

Both the Athens Y Camp and Camp Chattooga are nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Northeast Georgia in the town of Tallulah Falls. Although the camps are only separated by a few thousand yards, each camp has its own private facilities and programs. The mission of the Athens Y Camps is to provide a safe atmosphere for young men and women that aides them in maturing and growing as they learn and excel in various physical activities and social interaction, all based on Judeo-Christian principles. Campers from all over the world visit the camp every summer. It is estimated that more than 50,000 campers have attended AYC since the camp’s beginnings.



Harmon Tison is the current Director of the Athens Y Camp for Boys. Assistant Director Shane Sullards helps with camp programming and is the Retreat Director. Camp Chattooga is currently under the direction of Cyd Quarterman. Assistant Director Stephanie Sullards assists with camp programming and operations.

- Research for this article was gathered from the AYC’s 100th Anniversary Special Edition Publication, compiled and written by the Y Camp Alumni Assoc. and produced by Dan Troy & Associates. Photos courtesy of Athens Y Camp and Camp Chattooga. Special thanks to Edward Schaefer for the tour of his camps and his time!

West Nile Virus



Since West Nile virus (WNV) was first isolated in 1937, it has been known to cause asymptomatic infection and fevers in humans in Africa, West Asia, and the Middle East. Human and animal infections were not documented in the Western Hemisphere until 1999. In 1999 and 2000, outbreaks of WNV encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) were reported in persons living in the New York City metropolitan area, New Jersey, and Connecticut. In these two years, 83 human cases of West Nile illness were reported; 9 people died. In 2001, human infection with WNV occurred in 10 states with 66 cases and 9 deaths. In 2002, WNV activity spread to 44 states, with 4,156 human cases and 284 deaths.

WNV is transmitted to humans through mosquito bites. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on infected birds that have high levels of WNV in their blood. Infected mosquitoes can then transmit WNV when they feed on humans or other animals. The virus has an incubation period of 5 to 15 days, with a sudden onset of symptoms that may include fever, headache and body aches, skin rashes and swollen lymph glands. In more severe cases, disorientation, coma, tremors and paralysis can occur. This disease is rarely fatal; however, the elderly are more at risk for severe illness.

When dealing with West Nile virus, prevention is your best bet. Fighting mosquito bites reduces your risk of getting this disease, along with others that mosquitoes can carry.

In areas where the virus has been found, people should take the following precautions to avoid exposure to mosquitoes:

- ◆ From April to October, minimize time spent outdoors at dawn, dusk and in the early evening, when mosquitoes are most active. Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors.
- ◆ Apply insect repellent containing DEET sparingly to exposed skin and clothing, according to manufacturer’s directions.
- ◆ Make sure that doors and windows having tight-fitting screens.
- ◆ Remove water-holding containers from your property, such as discarded tires, tin cans, ceramic pots and plastic containers to eliminate standing water, which serves as breeding grounds for mosquitoes.
- ◆ Change the water in bird baths at least once a week.
- ◆ Drain water from pool covers and keep pools and hot tubs cleaned and chlorinated.

* A higher concentration of DEET does not mean that protection is better, just that it will last longer. A product with 6.65% DEET should provide almost 2 hours of protection. The American Academy of Pediatrics has recommended if using DEET on children aged 2 – 12, use a product with 10% DEET or less.

For a list of alternative repellents, visit www.southeastcamps.org/members/sundial.html.



Most Commonly Missed Mandatory Standards

The following mandatory standards for accreditation are two of the most frequently missed standards in the Southeast. **PA-15b Lifeguard Qualifications** – To guard each swimming activity, does the camp provide...Written documentation that he or she has demonstrated skill in rescue and emergency procedures specific to the aquatic area and activities guarded? And **PA-20b Watercraft Supervisor Qualifications** – To supervise each watercraft activity, does the camp provide...a staff member who has...documented skills and training in water rescue and emergency procedures specific to the location and the activities?

Why are these the most missed standards and how can your camp ensure compliance? Camps need to have documented “Demonstrated Skill,” which refers to the shown ability of staff to execute the skills represented by their certification, in the camp’s aquatic location and specific to the aquatic activity. These skills must be verified and documented by the camp aquatics supervisor. When these standards are missed, it is almost always because demonstrated skills and demonstrated training of staff is not in writing as having been witnessed by their supervisor. If an accident were to occur, staff need to have been properly trained and proven to a supervisor that they are capable of handling the situation, know what steps need to be taken to prevent further injury, and how to get the injured party to safety from the site. More importantly, the staff need to have demonstrated they can avoid accidents by being prepared and properly trained.

There are 4 levels of competency that a camp is required to show of their staff in a crisis situation. (1) Situation – specific to the location and the activity; (2) Training – relative to the situation; (3) Supervision – staff who are in a supervisory role need to be properly trained as a supervisor and (4) Crisis Response. By documenting these competencies, camps decrease the likelihood of injury and potential lawsuits.

The ACA National Bookstore as well as the ACA Southeastern Lending Library have numerous resources that address these competencies. The ACA’s “The Complete Resource Pack - Sample Policies, Checklists, and Procedures for Camps and Youth Programs” includes forms that have been designed to specifically address the compliance needs of standards PA-15b and 20b, as well as many others. On page 59 of the Resource Pack, you will find the [Lifeguard Rescue Skills Verification](#) form — a sample site-specific checklist for documenting lifeguard rescue skills. On page 60, you’ll find the [Watercraft Rescue Skills Verification](#) form. Use these forms as they are or adapt to them to meet the needs specific to your camp and activity.

It’s always best to think ahead and now is a great time to begin addressing standards for the 2004 camp season. And remember, even if you have been accredited before, it does not guarantee that you will be again. Utilize the resources compiled and created by the American Camping Association and begin addressing the standards early. Nine months is a recommended time-frame to prepare your camp for accreditation. Remember, policies change, programs change and certifications expire. Be prepared.

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Having grown up at a camp in Western North Carolina, Noah has a deep love for camp and years of experience working at camp. Noah has worked with eCamp now for two years; this year he assumed management of our Southeast office, located in Flat Rock, NC. Noah graduated from Columbia International University.
Feel free to contact Noah personally at noah@ecamp.net.

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Art Matters - Summer Camp Art Show

Art Matters...

The Creative Side of the Summer Camp Experience

The Arts Center, in Hendersonville, NC joined forces with more than 25 summer camps in the Western North Carolina region from July 25th to August 2nd, 2003 to present an exhibit of “two-dimensional, three-dimensional and multi-media art produced by summer campers.” *Harrison Metzger, Hendersonville Times-News Staff Writer*

Some of the art featured was absolutely phenomenal. “It’s not just lanyards and popsicle sticks any more,” said Nancy Hayes Neill, director of the Arts Center. Iron-welded sculptures, video documentaries, pottery, and paintings adorned the walls and display cases around The Arts Center. Photography, weaving, candles, ceramics, and woodworking added to the variety of camp art. The boys at Camp Arrowhead amazed participants with their own Oldsmobile Omega race car they stripped, rebuilt and painted for the show. The Oldsmobile was donated to the camp by Dale Morgan Performance Racing of Tuxedo, North Carolina, and was raced at the Riverside Racetrack in upstate South Carolina on Aug. 2nd. Campers from Tuxedo’s Camp Mondamin built a beautiful 14-foot wood and canvas canoe and Camp Wayfarer in Flat Rock displayed hand painted chairs adorned with folk-art.

The Art Matters opening day event was well attended by camp directors, staff and campers as well as the public. Harriet Gamble, Editor-in-Chief of *Camping Magazine*, was on hand to visit with attendees and feature the Art Matters Show in an upcoming issue of *Camping Magazine*. Executives from sponsors Mountain Bank, IJ Foods, Advantage West, eCamp Messaging Service, Diamond Brand Outdoors, Frank Schell/Globe Treks, Hand In Hand Gallery, Henderson County Travel and Tourism, Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce, KidsCamps, Morrow Insurance Company, Ron Steven, Spearman Food and Furniture, The Arts Center, and The Wrinkled Egg all visited throughout the evening. Many, many thanks to those sponsors for making Art Matters a wonderfully successful event, especially to Starr Teel, co-owner of The Wrinkled Egg, for all his hard work in bringing the show together and to the public!



Camp Arrowhead's Car #37 took 13th place out of 27 at the Riverside Racetrack, Saturday, August 2nd. Congratulations Camp Arrowhead! Thanks to Steve Reyonlds, Director of Camp Arrowhead, for the photo!



This Month in Public Policy

- by Don Wood



Commercial Driver License (CDL) changes

On July 31st, 2002, new rules were posted in the Federal Register regarding Commercial Driver Licenses and the Commercial Drivers License Information System (CDLIS). The new rules basically authorize states to issue “S” class endorsements on the CDL holders who will drive school buses or activity buses for school children. Some states in the Southeast have already adopted the measure (North Carolina, South Carolina) and others have yet to make the changes (Florida, Georgia). The new rule was to be effective September 30, 2002 but there is a “grandfather” period of 3 years, during which time current holders of the “P” endorsement can obtain the “S” without going through the entire process, provided they meet the established criteria.

The *Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act (MCSIA) of 1999* mandates the revisions to the CDL program, which was originally established by Congress in the *Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986*. Vulnerabilities and recommended updates in the CDL program were well documented in a 1999 report following a 6-year study commission in 1994 by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). The new rules apply to school and activity bus drivers carrying students for school and school related activities. They have also been interpreted to apply to all drivers of buses that are

owned or leased by a school, even if they are not used for school related transportation. Please contact the section office with additional questions. We will keep you updated on the website.

NHTSA Creates New School Bus Category

In a press release dated July 29, 2003, The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration defined a new subcategory of school buses for transporting children in functions unrelated to school. Camps would fall into this category. The press release is linked on our website, <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/nhtsa/announce/press/pressdisplay.cfm?year=2003&filename=pr34-03.html>. From the press release you can link to the final rule. There will more to come on what this means for camps in the next issue of *The Sundial*.

NTSB Recommends Driver License Endorsement for 15-Passenger Vans

In a press release dated July 15, 2003, the National Transportation Safety Board is recommending that all 50 states establish a driver license endorsement for 15-passenger vans. You may view the entire press release from our website under public policy and then “transportation.” <http://www.nts.gov/Pressrel/2003/030715.htm>

Digital Photos Overload

“What Can I Do With What I’ve Got?”

-by Sallie Ransom



Summer has ended and you are sitting on a goldmine of marketing material that too few camp directors fully explore: Digital Photographs. Your camp might be among those that take hundreds of digital photos for the purpose of posting on a website while camp is in session. The photos help you tell the camp story to parents eager to feel connected to their child’s camp experience. But when camp closes, do you also close the door on your digital photos? Is the CD-R holding all those photos gathering dust on a shelf near your PC? Or are the photos positively impacting your camper retention in the form of a 2003 slide show seen by as many families as possible? While new promotional expenses can be challenging to your budget, the digital photo slide show offers the benefit of being generated from existing resources. It’s like walking in to your kitchen and creating a meal using ingredients already found in the pantry.

DVD

DVD is your media solution for this recruiting and retention season, and the discs are the perfect way to distribute a slide show. The production process for DVD is similar to CD-ROM, but the final product is much different. Imagine your campers in the den with friends enjoying summer memories on the big screen TV versus crowding around a computer monitor to view a CD-ROM. DVD offers more storage capability than CD-ROM, so images look their best. Of course, mailing the discs requires little postage.

A typical DVD slide show might feature:

- Menu page designed with the camp’s name and colors; buttons direct viewers to the Session A and Session B slide shows.
- Separate slide shows for each session with background music; viewers can manually advance each photo or let the photos automatically advance.
- Artwork on the disc face and simple exterior packaging to keep production and shipping costs low.

Promotional Show

Digital photos can also contribute to a new promotional video. Carefully-selected photos combined with narration, music, graphics, and interviews can be cost-effective strategy for creating an effective promotional tool. Your promotional show is no longer than 10 minutes, highlights your key messages and connects the audience to your unique story.

Staff Recruiting

Studies we have conducted with several camps tell us that a video designed specifically for counselor recruiting is an effective tool. Again, your digital photos can play an unexpected role with your 2004 counselor recruiting. Arrange digital photos in a video

presentation that gives prospects a better sense of the job. Counselor voice-overs provide the audio track, offering their perspective on working as a camp counselor and giving viewers peer voices to relate to. Veteran counselors can talk about how this job is hard but rewarding, what it’s like to have this type of responsibility, what it’s like to change a child’s life. Promotional strategies for 2004 need to be aggressive. Effectively using images you already have is a way to put you ahead. New life can be breathed into an existing resource. Your budget says, “Wow” . . . former campers, prospective campers and potential staff say, “WOW!”

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We would like to encourage our readers to nominate an outstanding program for the Edie Klein Award for Program Excellence. This award is given in recognition of existing programs of an exceptional nature occurring at a camp or retreat center in the Southeast. Send your nominations to Leslie Conrad, conrad@clemsun.edu or visit our website, www.southeastcamps.org to fill out a nomination form. We welcome outstanding member nominations as well!

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Calendar of Events

2003 Southern States Fall Conference

September 22nd - 24th
Sheraton Atlanta Hotel, Atlanta, GA

Basic Camp Director Course (BCDC)

Southern States Camping Conference
September 18th - 22nd, 2003
Calvin Center, Hampton, GA

Resource Associates One-Day Grant Workshop

Southern States Camping Conference
September 22nd, 2003, 8:30am - 3:30pm
Sheraton Atlanta Hotel, Atlanta, GA

WILDERNESS FIRST AID

Wilderness First Aid is a program of the Wilderness Safety Council and meets ACA standards. The cost is \$140.

September 20-21: Winston Salem, NC

October 4-5: Raleigh, NC

October 11-12: Asheville, NC

November 22-23: Greensboro, NC

Contact: (703) 836-8905 or visit <http://wfa.net>.

COMMUNITY BIODIVERSITY EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

World Wildlife Fund, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. EPA's Office of Environmental Education are looking for 40 formal and nonformal educators to participate in the Community Biodiversity Education Partnership Program and attend a training session on November 12-14, 2003 in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. The program will bring educators from institutions, organizations, associations, refuges, and parks together to explore creative ways to enhance biodiversity education locally and globally. Lodging, meals, and up to \$400 in travel expenses will be covered for the November training session. Complete information can be found at www.worldwildlife.org/windows/CBEPP.html. Applications are due to World Wildlife Fund by September 12, 2003. If you have questions, please contact Robyn Mofsowitz at WWF at 202-778-9769 or Robyn.Mofsowitz@WWFUS.ORG.

Provided by Blue Star Camps, Hendersonville, NC

Contact: Susanne Valla (828) 692-3591

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Introduction to Multi Pitch Climbing

August 21-22 Cost: \$200.00

Climbers Self Rescue Course

August 23-24 Cost: \$120.00

AMGA Top Rope Site Manager Course

(Re-Certification Course)

August 30-31 Cost: \$90.00

Tips, Tricks and Tidbits

If you are having problems covering slick spots on docks, swinging bridges or other wooden structures, try using roofing shingles. Jeremy Knofsinger, Director of Camp High Harbour's Lake Burton site, says after trying everything they could think of or was recommended to them, shingles worked the best! Thanks to Jeremy for this valuable piece of advice.

Keith Russell, from Cheerio Adventures, has implemented the use of glow sticks (and reflectors) in lieu of flares for vehicle emergencies. He also packs small travel-size plastic bottles with a proper solution of Clorox and water on overnight trips to sanitize dishes. Very efficient and lightweight!

And for a great trip and travel camping cookbook, Minnesota YMCA Camp Widjiwajan has a wilderness cookbook that is sure to please. Camp Widjiwajan Camping Cuisine can be loaned out from the Southeastern Section Lending Library or contact Camp Widjiwajan at info@widji.org to purchase a copy.

A call for response: Does any one have Harassment Insurance? If so, would you comment on the value of having it. Respond to the Southeastern office via email at info@southeastcamps.org.

And don't forget to check out the 2003 - 2004 School Calendars listings at <http://www.southeastcamps.org/SchoolCalendars.htm>. Visit the various school district's websites, which are listed alongside the school start and end dates. These websites are excellent resources for marketing to school groups for use of your camp as a retreat center.



Cherish your visions and your dreams as they are the children of your soul; the blue prints of your ultimate accomplishments. — Napoleon Hill

Microsoft is offering **free and low-cost** computer hardware and software via **TechSoup**. Nonprofit organizations can request up to **six software titles** and up to **50 licenses per title**. Each nonprofit is eligible to make **one request every two years**. Additional hardware and software needs can be fulfilled through **Microsoft's Charity Pricing** program. Call 415-512-7784 or visit <http://www.techsoup.org>.

Blockbuster provides funding to community projects, including **nonprofit organizations that work with children and youth**. No, you don't have to return the grant the next day! Visit <http://www.blockbuster.com/bb/about/bbcommunityrelations/0,7701,NT-ABT,00.html>

The **Starbucks Foundation** supports local, community programs that **promote youth leadership through "Power of Literacy" and "Leaders in Diversity" focus areas**. **Grant range:** \$5,000 - \$20,000 **Deadline:** October 1, 2003
<http://www.starbucks.com/aboutus/grantinfo.asp>



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As of August 1st, 2003, the Southeastern Sections Hosts:

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Accredited Camps: 177

Affiliated Camps: 25

Total Camps: 202

Membership

Business Members: 23

Professional Members: 466

Associate Members: 124

Student Members: 8

Life Members: 12

Total Members: 633

Welcome New Members!

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