

A Word from the Executive Director

In the past two plus years as the Executive Director of ACA Southeastern, I have had the privilege of visiting at least 50 camps in the Section. Some of these visits have been for accreditation visits; most of them have been what I prefer to call "social" visits. All have given me the opportunity to meet the director, see the camp in action, and listen as the director shared their highlights and challenges. All of the visits have been incredibly enjoyable and educational for me.

What have I seen? Creative and innovative programs; beautiful camp locations; programs designed for unique audiences. I have heard of challenges such as how to deal with the helicopter parent; hard to believe stories about stunts that camp staff pulled (you know what I am talking about); the crazy, off the wall program offering what turned out to be the biggest hit of the summer; the frustration of losing the battle with a homesick camper...A common concern from all is "how to make camp be viable in the future?"

Recent research conducted by ACA shows that of all youth serving programs, the camp experience offers youth the best opportunity to establish supportive relationships. I doubt this really surprises anyone as we have been saying for decades that camp is about relationships – they are what set the camp experience apart from other programs. Yet, does the world outside the camp community know just how good we (camps) are? I have to say, I am afraid not.

As Peg Smith noted in her closing talk at our Fall Conference, "Our voice is too quiet." We have to start being intentional about sharing the message of the values of the camp experience. Be intentional in what you say and how you say it! Please use your voice to share the message that camp really does give Kids a World of Good! Help camp become more than a well kept secret, help make it something parents and the public feel is as necessary as pre-school and grade-level tests. Make your voice louder!

Rhonda

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President's Message

Dear ACA Members,

In September your ACA Southeastern Section Board of Directors met prior to the Fall Conference. The meeting was productive and interactive. Here are some highlights:

- ◆ Discussed the report of our Executive Director concerning the health of our section. We continue to work toward accomplishing our top three goals, Public Awareness, Education, and Membership Involvement.
- ◆ Approved a policy for section members desiring to contribute to memorial funds of section members. Members will be encouraged to contribute directly to funds established by the camp or to an ACASE scholarship fund for professional development with contributions recognized on behalf of the deceased ACA member.
- ◆ Reviewed excellent financial reports and authorized the development of a Finance task force for the purpose of generating ideas for diverse funding sources. This task force will report at the January board meeting.
- ◆ Approved recommendations from the standards committee and camps being visited in 2006-2007. Discussed up coming standards courses.
- ◆ Assessed the health of our section board by using an evaluation tool. Then we spent time dreaming about how to move ahead and generated ideas to help us get there.
- ◆ Approved the development of an Educational Task Force to focus on our section and district educational opportunities. This task force will report on its suggestions at the January board meeting.

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**American Camp Association National Conference
 February 13-16, 2007 - Austin Texas
 "Widening the Circle"**

"Widening the Circle" challenges us to increase our capacity to bring the camp experience to people who are not yet "in the circle" and to rethink the role that camp can play in the community and the lives of all connected with it. Every camp can fill beyond capacity, if we succeed in showing our potential families that the camp experience can make a difference for each and every camper, for a lifetime. We're committed to continuous improvement, with a shifting focus on strategies each year. We believe that widening the circle compliments our past focus on putting missions into action and partnering with parents.

Keynote lectures, discussion groups, poster sessions, panels, lectures and hands-on sessions are divided among five key areas:

- * Youth development for Campers and Staff
- * Human Resources and Staff Training
- * Business Operations
- * Strategies and Tools to Address Emerging Issues
- * A Special Fifth Area: "Widening the Circle"

Keynote speakers include Dr. David Elkind, Neil Howe, Ann Sheets, Peg Smith, and Abigail A. Van Skyck. All major conference events will take place in the Hilton Austin, located in downtown Austin, conveniently close to the Historic Sixth Street Entertainment District, otherwise known as the "Live Music Capital of the World."

Save \$50 on full registration by registering before December 12, 2006. Registration information is available on the national web site: <http://www.acacamps.org/conference/registration.php>

2007 Directory of Accredited Camps

ACA SOUTHEASTERN RECEIVES GRANT! ACA Southeastern received a \$4500 grant from Recreation Equipment, Inc (REI) to print and distribute our Section Directory!

Work will begin on this project in early November and all section camps accredited on November 1, 2006 will have a listing. Please help us make sure your information is correct by checking out your camp in the FIND A CAMP section of the ACA Website (http://find.acacamps.org/finding_a_camp.php) If information is incorrect, please contact the Section office to update! Help us make sure folks looking for a camp can find you! The directory will be available in early 2007.

**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 pamela@acasoutheastern.org**

2006 Fall Camping Conference - Charlotte, NC

Discover the Possibilities

Awards

Congratulations to these individuals and programs!

Gay Byers Newcomer Award: **Carrie Myers!** Program Director at Keyauwee Program Center, Tarheel Triad Girl Scout Council. "Carrie exhibits the attitude, skills and experience that defines this award. She is professional, energetic, and believes in the Magic of the camp experience. She is always looking for ways to grow and learn."

Appreciation Award: **Charlie White!** Charlie has recently retired as Director of Clemson University Outdoor Lab after 35 years of service for children and adults with disabilities in South Carolina. He has been an active member of ACA in both section and national roles. Charlie has raised great support for ACA Southeastern over the years with his unique and unforgettable auctioneer personalities!

Distinguished Service Award: **Kat Shreve!** Who can teach us how to turn important (but boring) camp policy into a game show to keep staff engaged? Who knows at least 45 mixer games to help new people feel a part of a new situation? Who can calm the beating heart of a first time camp director sitting in their first standards training course with humor and sage wisdom? Who is willing to ask the tough questions when sitting around the section board table? No one but Kat can. Kat...the accreditation standards trainer, X-term section board member, section event workshop leader, the National Conference ACA Today Show Host, Project Adventure Trainer, card-carrying Girl Scout (really!) and who can forget her willingness to be totally witty (and silly) in order to help us raise important funds at the Y'all Believe auctions. "We believe" we are proud of her contributions!

Eddie Klein Award For Program Excellence

Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches, Harmony in the Street:

Wellness in Nutrition Program (WIN), coordinated by Cori Welbes, has served over 16,000 campers with goals to help educate youth about the new USDA Food Pyramid and to prevent childhood obesity. The WIN program looks to continue with several public schools being very interested. This program has also been noticed by the Florida Attorney General Office for its success.

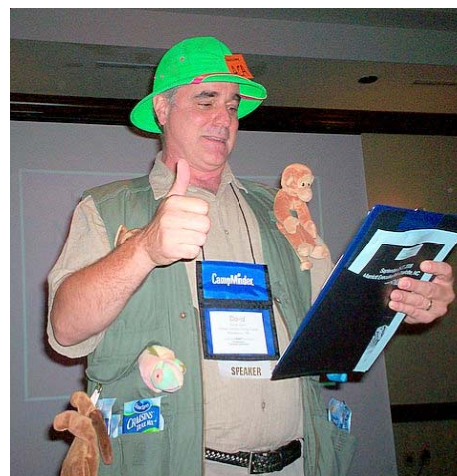
Pine Tree Camps (Boca Raton, FL), directed by Diane Dicerbo. Pine Tree Camps offer day camp, resident camp, specialty camps and collaborate with another accredited program to fully serve its clientele! They have made the necessary adjustments to be highly successful in a very competitive area. One of the more unique program offerings allows campers to learn more about circus acrobatics. With a very low camper/staff ratio, campers learn to perform on a variety of circus paraphernalia... performing for others at the end of their session!

Thank you to the Conference Committee

This conference would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our volunteer committee. Thank you to all of them for a job well done!

Conference Co-Chair: Nanette Baughman
 Conference Co-Chair: Carrie Myers
 Administrative Chair: Debbie Knight
 Program Chair: Judith Bevan
 Exhibit Chair: Mark Case
 Operations Chair: David Bell
 Sponsorship Chair: David Mann
 Hospitality/Special Events Chair: Jenny Sliker
 Auction Chair: John Dovic

If you are interested in helping with the 2007 Fall Conference, please contact the section office at 919.402.4336 or info@acasoutheastern.org.



Record Attendance

Over 200 of our members and 32 exhibitors took part in our Fall Conference in Charlotte! This may be a record.

Record Auction

The silent and live Auctions brought in \$4700! Thank you to everyone who donated items, bid on items, paid for items, and of course to our entertaining auctioneers, Kat Shreve and Dan Mathews!

Next Year

Mark your calendars and start making plans to attend our 2007 Fall Conference at the Crowne Plaza in Jacksonville, Florida, September 24-26! Check the section web site for details, as we are adding information often.

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STANDARDS NEWS

Twelve camps were newly accredited this year in the Southeastern section: Bonclarken, Camp Coca-Cola Atlanta, Camp Flastacowo at FSU Reservation, Camp Shalom, Camp Skyline, Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Eastern 4-H Center, Keystone Camp, Simmons YMCA Day Camp, Victory Junction Gang Camp, Wow Southeast Florida, YMCA Camp Harrison.

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to all of the camps that were visited and accredited this summer:

Athens Y Camp for Boys, GA
 Betsy Jeff Penn 4H Camp, NC
 Blue Ridge Camp, GA
 Bonclarken, NC
 Bransby Rock Chapel Outdoor YMCA, GA
 Busch Gardens Adventure Camps, FL
 Calvin Center, GA
 Camp Antilles, PR
 Camp Bob Summer, NC
 Camp Boggy Creek, FL
 Camp Breathe Easy, GA
 Camp Chattooga for Girls, GA
 Camp Cherith in the Carolinas, SC
 Camp Coca-Cola Atlanta, GA
 Camp Coleman, GA
 Camp Flastacowa at FSU Reservation, FL
 Camp Ginger Cascades, NC
 Camp Golden Valley, NC
 Camp Jerry Bryant, GA
 Camp Judaea, NC
 Camp Kanuga for Boys and Girls, NC
 Camp Keystone, FL
 Camp Live Oak Ft. Laudersale, FL
 Camp Live Oak North Miami, FL
 Camp Lookout, GA
 Camp Low Country, SC
 Camp Mabo/Sound of Music, PR
 Camp Monroe, NC
 Camp Pine Valley, GA
 Camp Pretty Pond, NC
 Camp Shalom, FL
 Camp Skyline Childress Klein YMCA, NC
 Camp Sky-Wa-Mo, TN
 Camp Sunshine, GA
 Camp Timber Ridge, GA
 Camp Ton-A-Wandah, NC
 Camp Twin Lakes, GA
 Camp Wewa, FL
 Camp Wieuca, GA
 Camp Willow Run, NC
 Camp World Light, FL

Cedarkirk, FL
 Cheerio Adventures, VA
 Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, GA
 Eastern 4H Center, NC
 Falling Creek Camp for Boys, NC
 Green River Preserve, NC
 GS of Gateway Cncl Camp Kateri, FL
 Harris YMCA Camps, NC
 Johns River Valley Camp, NC
 Keystone Camp, NC
 Kirkwood Camp & Retreat Center, NC
 Lake Norman YMCA, NC
 Laney for Boys, AL
 Mary Atkinson, NC
 Millstone 4H Center, NC
 Mount Shepherd Retreat Center, NC
 Pine Tree Camps, FL
 Pisgah Girl Scout Camp, NC
 Ridgecrest Summer Camps, NC
 Riverview Camp for Girls, AL
 Rockbrook Camp for Girls, NC
 Rockfish Outdoor Center, NC
 Seacamp, FL
 Sertoma 4H Center, NC
 Simmons YMCA Day Camp, NC
 St. Christopher Camp & Conf Center, SC
 Tanasi, TN
 The Homestead, NC
 Thunderbird, SC
 Victory Junction Gang Camp, NC
 Westminster Summer Camp, GA
 Wildwood, FL
 Wonderland Camp, PR
 WOW N FL Youth Assoc, FL
 WOW SE Florida, FL
 YMCA Camp Big Creek, GA
 YMCA Camp Greenwood, SC
 YMCA Camp Harrison, NC
 YMCA Camp High Harbour Service, GA
 YMCA Camp Winona, FL
 YMCA Eagle Rock Day Camp, NC



STANDARDS NEWS

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IS YOUR CAMP BEING VISITED THIS YEAR?

If so, someone who will be involved with the preparation and will be on-site during the visit must attend a standards course. Attendance is strongly recommended for new directors in already-accredited camps.

If your camp is scheduled for a visit this summer and the primary person responsible for the standards at your camp is a standards visitor, he/she will meet this requirement by attending the Visitor Update course.

Attendees will receive the Accreditation Process Guide (formerly the Standards book) at these courses.

All camps being visited must return the 2007 Camp Information Form to the section office by March 15, 2007. This form is available on the section web site at <http://www.acasoutheastern.org/standards/campinfoform07.pdf>.

Standards courses

Sun. Dec. 3,	9:30 - 3:30	Barberville, FL
Sun. Jan. 7,	10 - 4	Black Mountain, NC
Mon. Jan. 15,	9:30 - 3:30	Wake Forest, NC
Sun. Jan. 21,	10-4	Atlanta, GA

You can find the changes in standards on the section web site: <http://www.acasoutheastern.org/>
Click on: Summary of Standards Changes.

VISITORS

With over 200 accredited camp is our section, we rely on each and every visitor to successfully complete the visitations and mentoring needs of the section. As you know, the standards have been revised and all Visitors need to participate in an update prior to visiting this summer.

Visitor Update courses

Sat., Dec. 2,	1 - 5:30	Barberville, FL
Wed., Dec. 13,	10 - 3:30	Greensboro, NC
Wed., Jan. 17,	10 - 3:30	Clemson, SC
Wed., Jan. 24,	9:30 - 2:30	Atlanta, GA

We ask all visitors to return the 2007 Visitor Info Form to the section office by March 1, 2007. This form is available on the section web site at <http://www.acasoutheastern.org/standards/visitorinfo07.pdf>

SEE CAMPS, GET GREAT IDEAS, (LEGALLY SPY ON OTHER PROGRAMS) BECOME AN ACCREDITATION VISITOR!

Pre-requisites are: At least 21 years of age, current ACA member and completion of a Standards Course.

Responsibilities include: Assist in the interpretation of the Standards Program's purpose, background, function and process. Aid the camp director and Lead Visitor in evaluating all aspects of the camp operation. Assist in the accreditation procedures.

Associate Visitor course

Mon., Jan. 15- Wed. Jan. 17, Wake Forest, NC

To register for the Standards, Visitor Update or Associate

Visitor courses: return the registration forms found on the section web site: <http://acacamps.org/southeastern/standards/standards2007.php>. Registration forms can be returned by email, fax or regular mail. There is no cost for these courses, but please register.

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Thanks and appreciation to all our current board members, Debbie Knight, Pop Hollandsworth, David "Speedy" Trejo, Garrett Graham, Gayle Taylor, Nanette Baughman, Leslie Conrad, Jude Bevan, Cliff Satterwhite, Bonnie Nichols. We would like to welcome to the board as Standards Co-Chair Al Ferreira. Thanks for the hard work and dedication of Kat Shreve and Donnie Bain and their time on the ACASE section board. We would also like to recognize the board members whose terms end in December: Tony Oyenarte, Dan Matthews, Barbara Cage, Marie Aimone, Ron Springs, and Lynn Moss.

Please let us know if you have any questions or suggestions for the section board as we move into 2007. Please remember to vote in our section election of board members. Your vote can and does make a difference!

Sincerely,

Cheryl

Cheryl Gans

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

Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006 – Informal meeting, at the Florida Lions Camp, 2819 Tiger Lake Road, Lake Wales, FL, starting at 10 am.

Discussion Topics: “debrief-ing” our 2006 summer sessions, talk about what kinds of get togethers will be helpful over the fall and winter, and share suggestions about programming, facilities, etc. Light refreshments and lunch will also be served at no cost. Overnight accommodations are available for anyone who needs them. RSVP by phone or email to Barbara Cage, 863-696-1948 ext. 11 or bjcage@hotmail.com.

Saturday December 2, 2006 - District meeting at Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch Barberville, FL
RSVP: Shantelle Britt, Youth Camp Director, sbritt@youthranches.org (name, camp or organization, overnight accommodations needed, and which meals)

Discussion Topics: The importance of having key people in all areas of the Florida District, Open Forum on Risk Management, the Wellness and Nutrition Program at FSYR plus Fun, Fellowship, Networking

Additional Training Opportunities:

Wilderness First Aid Basics Course: Friday night from 6-9 PM and Saturday from 9 AM -3 PM. To register, contact Instructor Mark Case, mcase@youthranches.org 386-749-9999 office or 386-688-4338 cell.

Standards Course: Sun. Dec. 3, 9:30 - 3:30, and

Visitor Update Course: Sat., Dec. 2, 1 – 5:30. Register for the Standards or Visitor Update through the Section Office.

GEORGIA

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the camp directors/staff members who were able to attend the Educational Meeting, “Measuring and Improving the Camper Experience” in Atlanta. There were over 15 camps that had at least one representative present.

As a camp director myself, I was truly encouraged to see such a wide range of camps that were present- residential camps, day camps, dance camps and conference/retreat camps all with the same desire to improve the camper experience while in our care.

Henry David Thoreau once said “... if one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams and endeavors to live the life that he imagines, he will meet success.”

Once again, thanks for taking the time to advance in the direction of “enriching lives, building tomorrows.”

David “Speedy” Trejo
GA District Chair

NORTH CAROLINA and SOUTH CAROLINA - no news reported.

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THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

ACA Southeastern would again like to thank our generous sponsors for their support of the 2006 Fall Conference!



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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**NOVEMBER 2006**

- 16 Informal Florida District Meeting, Florida Lions Camp, Lake Wales, Florida

DECEMBER 2006

- 1-2 Wilderness First Aid Basics Course, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch, Barberville, Florida
 2-6 Basic Camp Director's Course, Calvin Center (near Atlanta Georgia)
 2 Florida District Meeting, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch, Barberville, Florida
 2 Visitor Update Course, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch, Barberville, Florida
 3 Standards Course, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch, Barberville, Florida
 12 Deadline for early bird registration for ACA National Conference (save \$50)
 13 Visitor Update Course, Greensboro, North Carolina

JANUARY 2007

(College Job Fairs, January - March - see section website for details)

- 7 Standards Course, Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina
 17 Visitor Update Course, Clemson, South Carolina
 15 Standards Course, Camp Kanata, Wake Forest, North Carolina
 15-17 Associate Visitor Course, Camp Kanata, Wake Forest, North Carolina
 21 Standards Course, Atlanta, Georgia
 24 Visitor Update Course, Atlanta, Georgia
 TBA New Director's Orientation

FEBRUARY 2007

- 13-16 American Camp Association National Conference, Austin, Texas

MARCH 2007

- 1 Visitor Information Forms due to the Section Office
 15 Camp Information Forms (all camps being visited in 2007) due to the Section Office
 TBA New Director's Orientation

SEPTEMBER 2007

- 24-26 Southeastern Fall Camping Conference, Crowne Plaza, Jacksonville, Florida

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

NEW STANDARD

Standard HW-17 of the Revised Standards asks if a camp has assessed the need for an AED at the camp location. Prior to approving the Revised Standards the Council of Delegates asked ACA to explore cost effective sources for the purchase of AED's. Below is one such source. Adolph Kiefer & Associates has made an exclusive offer to ACA accredited camps: a \$1,000 reduction from retail price.

Special Offering \$1695.95
 FREE SHIPPING

The Welch Allyn AED 10 Rapid Response Kit includes:

- * Welch Allyn AED 10 (product # 970311)
- * Carrying case (with pad expiration date windows, AED status window, EMS info card, supply storage)
- * 2 non-rechargeable lithium batteries (each with 10 year shelf life, 5 year in device)
- * 2 disposable defib pad sets
- * Pediatric energy reducer for patients less than 8 years of age

* AED Prep Kit

* Operators manual, CD w/instructional video

* AED10 Quick Reference Card

To receive the discounts described above, please mention this information when ordering. Good through 12/31/2006.

Keifer Order Hotline: 1-800-323-4071 www.keifer.com

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce Gwynn Powell has been nominated for an ACA National Board member position. Show your support by voting in the National election. It will be great to have the Southeastern section represented on the National Board!

LOOKING FOR STAFF?

Check out the section website to find out where and when the college job fairs are being held. Also, send your job opening information to be posted on the section web site.

