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**GREETINGS from the NEW ACA SOUTHEASTERN OFFICE!** We are somewhat settled into our new space and it's nice to be in one place. (I do miss the cool weather and mountains of Boone.) Much of my time this summer has been spent going out to see camps and meet camp directors. I have had the privilege of visiting 15- 20 camps to date and hope to see a few more before the end of the summer. I am continually amazed at the wonderful happenings at camp and know that all of you share the passion for the camp experience. Thanks for all you give!

Please join me as we welcome Jackie Watling as the Membership Services Coordinator for ACA, Southeastern! Jackie joins us from northern Virginia where she previously worked for several non-profit associations. She brings great skills in membership database management, meeting planning and communications (all types). Jackie will be updating our website, coordinating our conference registration and administrative aspects of this educational event, producing our written newsletter as well as our email blasts, calling members as necessary, etc. Please take the time to introduce yourself when you have the chance.

**Visitors!** THANKS so much for all of your hard work during this very busy time. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated. Call the office if you have problems or questions – and please mail in your requests for reimbursements as soon as possible (especially if you conducted a June visit – the end of our fiscal year is June 30). Those should be mailed to ACA Southeastern, 3308 Durham Chapel Hill Blvd. Ste. 101, Durham, NC 27707.

**Nominations for Section Board!** Yes indeed... election time will be upon us soon! Please voice your thoughts on who should serve on the Section Board of Directors by nominating them. The

following positions will be filled in the 2005 Fall Elections:

- Secretary
- Vice President
- Council of Delegate Members
- District Chairs for North Carolina and Georgia

The nominations form is available on the Section website: [www.acasoutheastern.org/members](http://www.acasoutheastern.org/members)

**Awards!** Do you know of a really great camp program or of an individual who has contributed to the camping field and/or the Section? If so, please pass this information onto Vice President Kat Shreve at: [kschreve@girlscoutsnwga.org](mailto:kschreve@girlscoutsnwga.org)

**Weathering the Storms!** I know many camps have endured rain (lots of it), winds, lightning, flooding (hopefully minor), program changes due to the previous mentioned, etc. Yet, I keep hearing that things are going well as people adapt and move on. I guess that is one of the wonders of camp... the flexibility of everyone. We can only hope the worst of the weather is past. A few things I have learned in my time of "crisis" at camp:

- Would it be easy to quickly pack up all necessary records, etc? Consider using a certain color file for all paper files (or CDs) that needs to leave camp in an emergency. Put this information in the same file drawer/cabinet if possible (it is very easy to tell someone to pull all of the RED file folders).
- Have pre-printed lists of campers with their home and emergency phone numbers, etc. This is much easier to use than the many pieces of paper and we all know the power goes off at the worst times. Leave "boxes" which can be check if they have been contacted.
- WHO will contact parents should you need to leave? How will this be done? WHO makes the decision and WHO writes out the statement? These are things to decide PRIOR to needing them.
- Use your website and voice mail systems to keep camp families and friend comprised of what's happening. Do remember to time/date the messages and change them as appropriate.

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