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The Sundial

A bimonthly newsletter from the American Camping Association®
Southeastern Section



2003 Southern States Camping Conference

Thanks to everyone who attended the Southern States Camping Conference. For those of you who did not attend, we missed your presence. We enjoyed bubble blowing, a Braves baseball game, action packed educational sessions, excellent exhibitors, a hilarious auction, and time spent networking with other camp professionals.

We are gearing up for the 2004 conference and hope you will plan to set time aside to be a part of the action. We are currently working on the location and dates and those will be available soon. If you would like to help with any aspect of planning for the conference, please let me know. The success of the Southern States conference takes a multitude of volunteers. All ideas are welcome. The best conferences are made when everyone works together. Thank you all again for a tremendously successful event! Have a great fall. -

Cheryl Gans, Steering Committee Co-Chair
(cherylgans@hotmail.com)

Thank you 2003 Southern States Camping Conference Steering Committee Members for all your hard work in making the 2004 Conference such a success!

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Camp Mikell Receives The Edie Klein Award for Program Excellence



Congratulations Camp Mikell in Toccoa, GA, the recipients of the Edie Klein Award for Program Excellence. The Edie Klein award is given in recognition of existing programs of exceptional nature occurring at a camp or retreat center in the Southeast.

Camp Mikell facilitated the Emmaus/Mikell Project, which brings together staff from Camp Mikell and the Emmaus House, an urban ministry located in a low-income neighborhood in the downtown Atlanta, Georgia area. The Emmaus House runs a poverty rights office, a seniors program, a kid's after-school and summer program, and an Episcopal Church parish. 16 college-aged Camp Mikell staff members travel to Emmaus House over the course of the summer, where they live on-site and work with the various Emmaus House programs. Emmaus House youth end their summer with an overnight trip to Camp Mikell

The program operates on a \$13,000 annual budget, which is solely funded by grants and in-kind donations. Parishes and individuals contribute time, sweat and dinner to the facility and to the staff. Over the last 3 years, relationships with the children who attend Emmaus House as well as their staff have deepened dramatically, and Camp Mikell staff has developed a deeper awareness of many issues that surround poverty. Again, congratulations to Camp Mikell for establishing such an important and successful program!

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Seacamp Receives Prestigious Honor

BIG PINE KEY - The end-of-summer camper awards ceremony at Seacamp was particularly special this year, when Seacamp itself received the Environmental Enrichment Award from the International Underwater Foundation (IUF) Tuesday evening.



Two officials from NAUI - the National Association of Underwater Instructors - came to the Big Pine Key facility to present the award. Wayne Mitchell, a member of NAUI's Board of Directors, and Alison Matherly, NAUI's Marketing Manager, attended the ceremony, held after the traditional luau dinner on the last night of residential camp for the season.

The Environmental Enrichment Award recognizes Seacamp's leadership in accomplishing recognizable improvements in the aquatic environment, providing protection for aquatic environments, educating and inspiring others to work towards improving and preserving part of the global hydrologic cycle, and in educating and inspiring the public awareness of underwater environments. Seacamp Director Grace Upshaw accepted the award on behalf of Seacamp Association, Inc. "It is an honor to have Seacamp's strong tradition of teaching youth about the marine environment recognized," said

Grace Upshaw, Seacamp's director. "Our campers learn about the undersea world by literally immersing themselves in the environment. They are motivated to learn about our oceans in order to protect them for the future."

Seacamp Director Grace Upshaw was awarded an Honorary Membership in NAUI Worldwide. She was also recognized during an award ceremony at the NAUI Board of Directors meeting at the DEMA Trade Show in Las Vegas. The NAUI Board has conferred this honor on only four individuals since inception. The three previous honorees include: the late Jacques Yves Cousteau, internationally renowned undersea explorer, film maker, Captain of Calypso and inventor of the aqua-lung; the late Lloyd Bridges, star of the early TV series "Sea Hunt"; and Zale Perry, co-star of "Sea Hunt".

Seacamp's SCUBA program aims at providing students with a safe, valuable tool to study the marine environment. There is a five-level program starting with Skin Diving and NAUI's basic SCUBA certification class. The third level is a marine investigation class to give certified divers further experience in open-water dives while working on a science project. The fourth level is NAUI's master diver certification that includes a night dive and a deep dive. The fifth level is an advance science research class, using SCUBA. The results of this research is often published in Seacamp internal publications.

Congratulations Grace Upshaw and everyone involved with the Seacamp Association, Inc.!

Southeastern Section Community Award Goes to Starr Teel

Congratulations to Starr Teel, who was awarded the Southeastern Section Community Award for outstanding contributions and/or support by local individuals or groups to the field of camping or to the local section.

Starr has been an active supporter of summer camp and the development of the arts in Western North Carolina for decades. Last year, while serving as a volunteer Board member for The Arts Center in Hendersonville, NC, he saw an opportunity to connect the camp and arts communities in the region by spearheading an unprecedented showcase of the arts from WNC summer camps. Not only did Starr envision "Art Matters: The Creative Side of Summer Camps" and organize the efforts of the WNC camp directors as well as the Arts Center volunteers, he also went out and raised in excess of \$15,000 from local businesses to promote the program and the benefits of camp for all.

As a selfless leader in the promotion of the camp experience for children and adults alike, Starr exemplifies the spirit of the Southeastern Section Community Award. The partnerships he has created between WNC camp professionals and the local community at large will reap benefits for years to come. We thank you Starr for your many creative ideas and your tireless efforts towards better camping for all!



Mrs. Eloise Newell-Clark - A Member of the ACA Since 1942

By Cate Egan

The Southeastern Section is pleased to introduce Mrs. Eloise Newell-Clark, our section's longest-standing member.

Mrs. Eloise Newell-Clark joined the American Camping Association in 1942 after a history of camping as a child. Eloise went to her first camp with her father, which was a football camp, and though she had to stay in the infirmary, it was then that Eloise fell in love with camp. She attended Camp Junaluska for 3 years as a teenager, then obtained a four-year college degree from Women's College (of the University of North Carolina - WCU) in Greensboro, NC. Eloise went on to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and achieved her Masters Degree in Health



Eloise woodburned and hand painted Ton-a-wandah's tribal award plaques.

and Physical Education, where she was one of only three girls in the entire program. Following graduate school, Eloise joined the staff at Camp Gwyn Valley in North Carolina, where her director, Dr. A.P. Kephart and Dr. C. Walden Johnson helped Eloise join the American Camping Association. Eloise served as the Chair for the Southeastern Section Camp Directory Committee and helped create the first ever Summer Camp Directory for Boys and Girls in the Southeastern United States in 1950.

In an interview with Eloise, we asked Eloise to describe the changes she has seen over the last 60 years. She responds, "I think of changes in the sense that the people she knew from the past and who were the ones who began her interest in camping are now gone." She has seen many camps change owners several times and she believes the camps she has seen succeed are the camps that have stayed family-based.

Eloise told us that she "is addicted to camp." She has worked at Camp Ton-a-wandah in Western NC for the last 50 years and still works all summer as a head counselor, advanced canoe instructor and in the arts as a wood-burner. She loves working with camp because she feels that camp still has the same values as it did when she first started. One of her philosophies on life is "it is not what you own but what owns you. Camp Ton-a-wandah's spirit owns me." While at camp, Eloise still resides in a primitive cabin but states it does not matter "because it is only at camp that she feels like she has everything." Mrs. Clark's three children have since attended camp Ton-a-wandah as well.

It is obvious that Eloise believes whole-heartedly in the family aspect of camp. She feels that camp is a family and no matter what, she knew that camp would always be there for her – and that camp is a sanctuary for many others. "Too often we get caught up in

what camp does for the campers. Camp changes many people's lives, but it is staff is who is impacted greatly as well."



Ton-a-wandah senior campers giving the junior campers a "canoe flotilla ride." "They love it" states Mrs. Eloise Newell-Clark, who taught the girls the maneuver.

Mrs. Eloise Newell-Clark is the Southeastern Section's

longest contributing member. She has been an active part of the ACA for over 61 years. She resides in Florida during the winter season and returns every summer to Camp Ton-a-wandah. She is 83 years old.

Cate Egan is a volunteer with the ACA SE and has worked at camp for the last several years. Cate is a student at Appalachian State University and is studying Recreation Management. After speaking with Mrs. Clark, Cate stated "she would never trade the lessons she's learned at camp for anything and when comparing her staff years to camper years, the real life changing things happened when she was a staff member. She really enjoyed talking to Eloise because it seemed she has had the same experience."

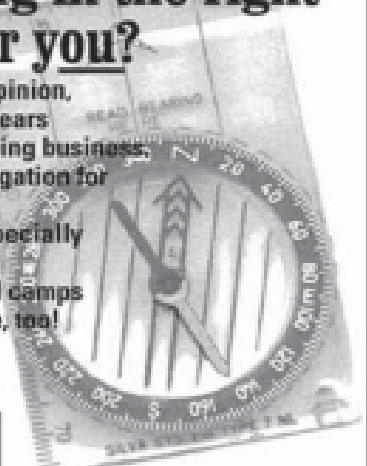
Thanks Eloise & Cate! We're lucky to have individuals like you in camping!

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ACA Accreditation Standards

A great big THANK YOU is due to all of the Southeastern Section's Standards Visitors who took time out of their super busy schedules this summer to visit over 90 camps for the (re)accreditation process. It is truly an honor to work with such dedicated, kind, and generous individuals!!!

Peggy Adams	Russell Davis	Kelly Gordon-Moxley	Leigh Longino	Thomas Rosenberg
Marie Aimone	Lewis Davis	Lois Graves	Laurel Martin	Keith Russell
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Nanette Baughman	Gaetana DeAngelo	Thomas Guiton	Charles McGrady	Kathryn Shreve
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Manella Calhoun	Robert Feemster	Pop Hollandsworth	Misty Phillips	David Trejo
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Melissa Cox	William Frye	Kate Kearney	Jack Porter	Elma Weil-Ettman
Michaux Crocker	Suzanne-Goltz Gagan	Cheri Kibler	Jon Posson	Gwen Whittington
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Owen Daniels	Anna Gaultney	Cindy Lackey	Dave Purcell	Mark Woodall
BJ Davis	Susan Glasheen	Howard Longino	Daniel Redding	Randy Youngquist Thurow

Associate Visitors Course

The Associate Visitor course is a 17 hour course designed to prepare people to serve as Associate Visitors in the Standards Program. The course covers standard interpretation and compliance, duties for preparing for a visit, responsibilities during the visit, and a mock visit of the host facility. Candidates must attend the entire course. There is no charge for this course. Camps may bring as many staff members as they like.

Prerequisites for candidates

1. At least 21 years old
2. Current ACA member or CCI member
3. Attendance and completion of a standards course on the current standards (Please note that candidates must attend a standards course **before** attending an associate visitor course.)

Dates of course January 14 - 15, 2004 Begins at 1:00 p.m.- Ends around 5:00 p.m.

Location of course Ridgcrest, Black Mountain, NC.

Meals, lodging and transportation information Meals included with the course: Weds. supper, Thursday breakfast and lunch. Lodging is included with the course Weds. night only.

For an Application Form and Course registration, please contact the Southeastern office at info@southeastcamps.org. For more information regarding the course, please contact Judith Bevan at (828) 963-4640.

Standards Courses for 2004 Accreditation

If your camp is up for (re)accreditation in 2004, a representative from your camp is required to attend a standards course unless that representative is a current Visitor for the Southeastern section. Participants taking the standards course will be expected to assist the camp in preparation for the accreditation visit and participate in the on-site visit. There is no charge for this course. Camps may bring as many staff members as they like.

Dates of courses:

January 11, 2004 - Black Mountain, NC

January 14, 2004 - Black Mountain, NC

January 15, 2004 - Columbia, SC

TBA for courses in Florida and Georgia

For more information or directions, please contact the Southeastern section office at info@southeastcamps.org or (828) 263-0934 or contact Judith Bevan, Standards Chair at (828) 963-4640. Check our website for updates and new course listings at www.southeastcamps.org.

Those camps who were visited during the summer of 2003 will receive official notification by November 10 of their Accreditation status. Camps which received scores below 80% in any section or missed mandatory standards were notified in early September of the opportunity to appeal. (No news is good news!)

If current visitors are interested in becoming mentors for camps new to accreditation, please contact the section office at info@bellsouth.net or 828-263-0934. We are also encouraging pre-visits for these and other camps to help facilitate the standards process, ensure preparedness and decrease visit time.



Public Policy in the Southeast

Please let us know of governmental policy and regulatory issues in your locale or state. We do searches regularly to keep track of what is happening that will affect organized camps but also need you to alert us when issues arise. Here is a list of some of the items that are ongoing.

Florida

Recently the Broward County Children’s Services Commission in south Florida established a committee to begin work on standards for regulation and licensure of camps in the county. The Broward County Commissioners recently sent forth an ordinance to the commission to write the regulations. Ken Evans, owner and director of Camp Live Oak and Camp Live Oak South has been invited to sit on the committee and is sharing ACA standards with the committee. The ACA Southeastern office sent standards manuals to the committee to help in this process. If you have any concerns, questions, or ideas that you want to share with Ken and the committee, please contact Ken Evans or Seth Herschtal, assistant director, at (954) 491-2917. You may also reach them by email at kevans922@aol.com.

North Carolina

The committee to rewrite the summer camp regulations continues to meet on a monthly basis to work on the new rules. After several years of work, the committee is starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel. There will be opportunities for public hearings once this initial process is complete and the Southeast office will keep readers posted on that in the newsletter and on the web. New regulations are not likely to be in place for another couple of years at the earliest.

Primitive camps have been the topic of much discussion in the past year and the committee has been working on new regulations to address this type of camp. Recently, the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR), Division of Environmental Health, issued a memorandum that stated “Local health department staff are to advise operators that if they are operating any type of camp in violation of applicable state laws and rules they shall cease operation until a permit can be obtained.”

Unfortunately, the way the current rules are written for summer camps, there are no provisions for primitive camps. Thus, these camps are expected to have the same type of facilities as a full service type of camp with all the amenities. The committee is currently working to address new rules for these camps that protect the public in three basic areas – water, sewage and food protection.

The committee is close to finishing rules for primitive camps that I believe will best suit the industry and the state; however,

these rules may not go into effect for several years unless justification to have them adopted as “emergency rules” can be written and supported by the industry.

Here is the current definition of a primitive resident camp as the committee has defined it. **“Primitive Resident Camp is a resident camp not served by any public electrical service providers that provides overnight outdoor primitive camping and activities for 72 consecutive hours or more.”** *If your camp meets this definition, or you know of a camp that meets this definition, please contact Don Wood at the ACA Southeastern office ASAP. Don can be reached by phone at (828) 263-0934 or by email, don@southeastcamps.org.* It is important that we get an understanding of the number of camps and children this ruling may effect to help justify the call for adoption of emergency rules. Without adoption of emergency rules, primitive camps will not be permitted and thus not be allowed to operate.




ACA 2004 National Conference

We’re excited and delighted to invite you to help us build a powerful camp community at the American Camping Association 52nd National Conference in beautiful San Francisco, California. Camp communities are powerful tools in youth development and solid bridges to building strong communities both in and out of camp.

Cutting Edge Information! We have intentionally selected and sought out speakers throughout the U.S. and across the association to help you find answers to those “hot topics” and “emerging issues” foremost on your mind. An energizing opening, powerful keynotes, showcase spectacular and dynamic sessions you don’t want to miss. **Reserve Rooms Online Now!** Lowest room rates will be available to attendees and exhibitors on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more detailed hotel information, conference registration, and updated session speakers, please visit www.ACACamps.org/conference or call 765-342-8456. Watch your October mail for the upcoming conference overview! Whether you are new to the camp arena or a seasoned veteran, the national conference has much to offer! Renew old friendships, discover new ideas, and celebrate camp as a community. Join us in San Francisco at the ACA National Conference February 24 - February 27- Bridges to Powerful Communities. For updated conference information please visit our web site at www.acacamps.org/conference. We hope to see you in the city by the bay!

Don't let the Bedbugs bite...

Bedbugs Back in U.S. Beds

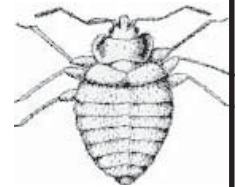
By Daniel DeNoon, WebMD Medical News



Oct. 3, 2003 — More and more Americans don't sleep tight. Not when the bedbugs bite. Once known only from our mothers' bedtime rhymes, blood-sucking bedbugs are making a comeback. It's happening all across the country, says Cindy Mannes, director of public affairs for the National Pest Management Association. Every year since 1999, U.S. pest-control firms have been getting more and more bedbug calls. "Five years ago, pest control companies got one or two bedbug calls a year. Now they get that many every week," Mannes says. "It's in every state except for eight we haven't heard from yet. They truly are coming back. The problem is going to grow. We are predicting a steady increase." Pest-control firm Orkin Inc. predicts up to a 30% increase in bedbug infestations over the next five years. Calls to Orkin this year are up 500% over just two years ago.

Why Now? Pest-control professionals (PCPs) have a theory. They say the uptick in the little bloodsuckers is a side effect from modern pest-control methods. In the past, PCPs, sprayed bug killer all over the place. If you had bugs when they came, you had nothing but dead bugs when they left. Concerns over exposure to that much poison led to modern techniques. Now PCPs use insect-specific traps and baits. If they're after cockroaches, that's all they'll kill. This gave bedbugs an unintended reprieve. And of course the enormous increase in international travel means that bedbugs in one place quickly travel to another. They're great at hiding in your suitcase.

Bedbugs in the Best Places. Not in my house, you're saying. But don't be so sure, says entomologist Frank Meek, BCE, national pest control manager for Atlanta-based Orkin Inc. "At first it was just in hotels — not just low-end places but just as often in high-end hotels," Meek tells WebMD. "Now we are seeing bedbugs in homes, in school dorms, in condominiums, and apartments. They're getting on aircraft, both overseas and domestic runs. We've also had reports from cruise ships." We think of bedbugs as confined to fleabag flophouses. But that's only because poor sanitation fails to get rid of the pests — not because it attracts them in the first place. "The bedbug does not live off of trash or organic debris," Meek says. "Its sole food source is blood. It is not attracted by filth or odors of filth such as the housefly or some cockroaches. The level of cleaning doesn't make it more attractive to them or help them reproduce." In other words, you can find bedbugs in the best of places. And its tendency to hide in suitcases makes it a world-class hitchhiker. International travelers report bedbug bites from the best hotels in the world.



Is That a Bedbug? Bedbugs are what biologists call true bugs. These wingless insects are obligate parasites. That means they eat blood and nothing else. For the uninitiated, bedbugs are flat and oval, about 1/4 inch in diameter. They look like a small lentil. The vermin are brownish in color, but take on a rusty mahogany color after a blood meal. Close up — if you really want to know — the critter is covered with microscopic hairs that give it a banded appearance when it's engorged with blood. Newly hatched bedbugs are harder to see — they are light tan and translucent. Bedbugs don't really bite. They suck. They're equipped with a long, sharp, thin, hollow bayonet used to pierce the skin. Saliva injected during feeding contains an anticoagulant that keeps the blood from clotting. It may also contain a mild anesthetic. Most people don't feel the animal feeding. The first sign that you've been a bedbug's breakfast is an itchy red dot with a lighter red ring around it. There are often one or more straight lines of these wheals, marking where your body met the bed. Usually, more than one bug is to blame.

A common myth is that bedbugs are invisible. They're not — but they only come out at night. During the day they hide in bedding; in creases in the mattress, box springs, and bed frame; behind pictures on the wall or in tears in the wallpaper; behind baseboards; and just about anyplace nearby. How far they get depends on how soon you discover them. The earliest sign of bedbugs — other than wheals on your body — is tiny dots of blood on the sheets. That's because wounds from bedbug bites bleed a little. And bedbug poop is a liquid; it appears as darker dots on the sheets. If you've got lots of bedbugs — and the little suckers are prolific breeders — your bed will have the distinctive sickly-sweet, soda-pop-syrup smell that the bugs give off.

Bedbugs Begone. If you've got bedbugs, get rid of them. Now. "From a public health and hygiene point of view, we shouldn't tolerate bedbugs," the CDC's Beard says. Bedbug infestations are not healthy at all." Who you gonna call? Bedbug busters, say the professionals. "This isn't something homeowners can do themselves," Mannes says. "They hide so well. Even with professionals it often takes two or three calls. You have to keep checking that they're really gone. You want to be sure. They can be under the carpet, the baseboards, in picture frames, electrical outlets. They can live for a year — and multiply — without a blood meal." Mannes and Meek say that pest control companies can rid beds of bugs without having to use pesticide. But every crack and crevice of the rest of the room likely will need to be treated. "Bedbugs can be very difficult insects to control," Meek says. "If you suspect a problem, don't put it off. Call a pro. And call right away, because that minimizes the discomfort and time it takes to properly treat your home."



Calendar of Events

November

November 22 - 23 Wilderness First Aid - Greensboro, NC
The cost is \$140. Registration is required. For additional information, call (703) 836-8905 or visit <http://wfa.net>

December

ACA offices will be closed from mid-day 12/24/03 - 1/2/04

January

January 11 ACA Standards Course, Black Mountain, NC
January 11 - 14 2004 YMCA Campfire Conference, Black Mountain, NC

January 14 ACA Standards Course, Black Mountain, NC

January 14 - 15 ACA Associate Visitors Course, Black Mountain, NC

January 15 ACA Standards Course, Columbia, SC

February

February 24 - 27 ACA National Conference, San Francisco, CA

March

March 19 - 21 - 2004 Association for Experiential Education, Southeast Regional Conference, Ellenton, FL. For more information, visit www.aee.org. If you are interested in presenting at the AEE Conference, please contact Michelle Flint at PathOutEd@aol.com or 727-595-2090. Deadline for presenters is January 20th, 2004. For a Presenter Application, visit www.southeastcamps.org/2004aee.pdf.

*** Help Wanted ***

Assistant Director-Residential Camp

Camp Timber Creek, the initial weight loss camp for Healthy Kids Camps, is seeking a full time, year round employee. Summers would be spent in Lenoir, N.C., about 25 miles from Boone or Blowing Rock. The winter office is in Durham, N.C. We are seeking a candidate with the following qualifications:

- Minimum 2 years camp experience
- Knowledgeable about Camp Accreditation
- Self Motivated
- Capable of Program Designs, Evening Activities, etc...
- Excellent Verbal Communications

This is the camp's second season, and had excellent results the first year. Salary is negotiable based on experience. Looking to hire immediately! Please either email HealthyKidsCamps@aol.com or call Ira Green toll free at 1-888-744-2267.

Did you know? The ACA National office gives camps the opportunity to post their year-round jobs online that gets e-mailed to job seekers twice a month. The cost is a \$100. Visit <http://www.acacamps.org/knowledge/human/recruit.htm> for more information and don't forget, the Southeastern section posts job opportunities and resumes online as well.

Tips, Tricks and Tidbits

Grant Resources

Multi-Purpose Grants (Calif., Fla., N.C.).

The Dunsbaugh-Dalton Foundation is accepting applications for \$5,000 to \$50,000 grants, which supports the following program areas: civic affairs, culture, elementary, secondary and higher education, health associations and hospitals, social services, and youth. Nonprofit foundations that primarily support programs in California, Florida, and North Carolina are encouraged to apply. There is no specific deadline for this grant. Application forms can be obtained by contacting William A. Lane Jr. at (305) 668-4192 or fax (305) 668-4247.

Grant Websites:

www.grants.gov - Federal Funding Opportunities

www.fdncenter.org - Comprehensive directory offers links to private foundations, corporate-giving programs and other sources of nonprofit funding.

www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbc/grants-catalog-index.html

- The Department of Housing and Urban Development has finalized regulations giving faith-based organizations access to nearly \$20 billion in social service grants.

Grant Websites for Statistics:

www.ojb.usdoj.gov - Bureau of Justice statistics

www.aecf.org/kidscount/census - Youth well-being statistics

www.fedstats.org - Statistics from over 100 Federal agencies

Economy.com - Economic, financial, & industry research



Be sure to check out the ACA National Website at www.acacamps.org to explore listings of Camp Related Organizations, Program & Activity Certifications, accreditation questions, volunteer resources, the Message Board and much more!

And speaking of websites, the Southeastern section will have a new look soon. Please visit www.southeastcamps.org and let us know what you think!

This just in!!!

International Placement Agencies have announced that camps hiring personnel with J-1 Visas MUST provide verification once the staff member arrives at your camp. With the increase in Visa problems and delays, international exchange programs are asking for your cooperation in notifying them to ensure the future of these programs continues. For more questions, please contact the ACA SE office or the ACA National office.

If you have any news, comments, suggestions, photos, etc. that you would like to share with the Southeastern office, please contact Julia at juliarowland@bellsouth.net. We'd love to hear from you!



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

Camps

Accredited Camps: 175

Affiliated Camps: 26

Total Camps: 201

Membership

Business Affiliates: 23*

Professional Members: 471

Associate Members: 128

Student Members: 10

Life Members: 12

Total Members: 621 *

*does not include Business affiliates

Welcome New Members!

Chuck Millsaps, Layers/Great Outdoor Provision, Raleigh, NC

Amy Smyler, UAHC Camp Coleman, Atlanta, GA

Stacey Eagle, Hadassah/Camp Judaea, Atlanta, GA

Jennifer Burton, Tallahassee, FL

Alex Cozens, Loganville, GA

Theresa Johnson, Miramar, FL

Bart Tau, Miami, FL