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- **September 24th**
Ben Applebaum Day Camp
Conference
Candy Mountain Day Camp,
NY, NY
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Excellent Supervisors"
Gesher Summer Program
Campus, Livingston, NJ
- **February 7—10, 2006**
ACA National Conference
Chicago, IL
- **March 9—11, 2006**
Tri-State Conference
Atlantic City, NJ

President's Message

Dear Fellow Members,

By the time you receive this edition of the Jersey Camper most camps will be closed and hopefully, you will be taking a well deserved respite from camp life. Before you know it, however, it will be time to reflect on the season just concluded and to begin planning for the year ahead. Your section has been busy planning activities that will assist you with acquiring new ideas that will help you plan for the coming season. All you need to do is actively participate!

A great way to start is by attending our Fall Professional Improvement meetings on September 22nd and November 1st. You can find more information regarding these meetings inside this edition.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting to propose a slate for the December election. Open positions will be posted in a subsequent newsletter, as well as on our web site. Please forward your suggestions to Mary Ellen.

The section has several active committees that would welcome your membership and expertise. We can use additional members on the following committees: Finance, Complaint Resolution, Public Relations and Legislative. If you would like the opportunity to visit other camps, gather innovative ideas, and network with our members, why not join our Standards Visitation team by contacting Peggy Mellors. You do not have to be a board member to serve on a committee. Your support of our section is appreciated!

See you September 22nd.

Bob Jones
President

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Standards Update

Thanks to all members on the standards visitation team, 35 visits completed this summer, Great Job!!! A complete report of the summer will be in the next newsletter.

A new Director of Accreditation, Wesley "Wes" Bird will be joining the ACA staff in Indiana in September. He's jumping right in to the work, meeting with ACA staff to evaluate the summer field test of the new standards and working on plans for the September National Standards Commission meeting. Final approval of the new standards is planned for the National Convention in February with the summer of 2007 being the first summer they are in effect. Welcome Wes!

Professional Development

Shine your spurs and gather your posse for a hoe-down good time at Camp Riverbend on **Sept. 22nd** from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.. Please bring one photo that exemplifies summer fun at your camp. We plan to use the photos to promote the benefits of our camps in local media outlets. Members can register for the hoe-down by completing the enclosed registration form or by calling Mary Ellen Folsom at 877-488-2267.

On **November 1st** ACA NJ is proud to present Jeffrey Leiken, M.A. an internationally acclaimed speaker who will share his highly effective method for developing excellent leadership skills in your camp staff. Registration material will be mailed in October, mark your calendar now!

Mark Your Calendars for November 1st !
Jeffery Leiken, M.A
Empowering Excellent Camp Supervisors

Partnership with ADP Cuts Payroll Administration Costs for Members

The American Camp Association (ACA) is pleased to announce our national preferred vendor relationship with ADP. As part of this relationship, ADP is extending **range of services at a pre-negotiated discount of 20 percent** to all ACA members.

With this new relationship, camp owners can free up their time from the administrative burden of payroll and HR administration and focus on their core business, running their camp! ADP has been an industry leader in payroll and small business services for over fifty-five years. The solutions offered through ADP include payroll processing, payroll tax compliance, unemployment claim management, background checks, workmen's compensation, time clock services, and HR-related services. Regardless of employee size or seasonality, ADP has a solution to fit every camp's needs!



The ADP-dedicated contact for ACA members is Matt Byers. Feel free to contact him for more information at 800-735-7999 or go directly to the **ADP web site**.

Day Camp Conference

The New York Section of the ACA invites all NJ members to join them on Saturday, September 24 for this year's **Ben Appelbaum Day Camp Conference**. This one day conference is committed solely to the enhancement of Day Camps, their owners, directors, staff and most important, the campers that attend your camps. This is a unique opportunity for you and your staff to take part in a full day conference dedicated entirely to the day camp industry.

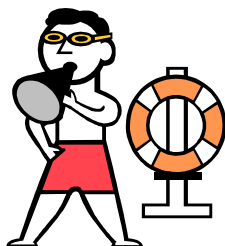
For more information on the program and registration, please visit: <http://www.aca-ny.org/benapconference.php> or contact Scott Rothschild at scott@aca-ny.org.

Legislative Update

Youth Lifeguards

The Department of Labor has issued information about the employment of youth as lifeguards.

One very important piece of information is that 15 year olds CANNOT serve as lifeguards at rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, quarries, reservoirs, wharfs, piers or ocean side beaches.



The Department of Labor does **not** assert a violation with regard to the employment of a 15-year old as a "lifeguard" at a traditional swimming pool, *provided that* the minor has been trained and certified by the American Red Cross or a similarly recognized certifying organization. 15 year olds are prohibited, however, from entering or working in any chemical storage area, including any areas where the filtration and chlorinating systems are housed.

New Jersey youth employment provisions do not specifically address the employment of 15 year old life guards therefore, the more stringent federal requirements apply. If you have any questions or concerns please contact The U.S. Department of Labor at 1-866-4USA-DOL.

Quick Hits

Silliest Moment at Camp

Our *CAMP: A Resource For Families* editorial staff have been working hard on the next edition. They are doing a photo essay called Silliest Moments at camp - this photo essay will capture some fun but "hard to explain" moments (activities that create these moments) from camp.

Send us these moments and photos to tnicodemus@acacamps.org. Include contact information in the event of a follow up interview is needed.

Summer Jobs @ Camp

Summer Jobs @ Camp - Start Looking for Summer Staff Now! ACA's new online employment center, www.ACACamps.org/jobs, offers you:

- The opportunity to post individual jobs
- Search resumes of job seekers to find the perfect candidate
- Direct connections to job seekers
- Positions posted through August 2005

Plus, promotional advertising of ACA's new employment center to over 10,000 colleges and universities helps make this a popular job-search destination for students.

ACA's Online Classified Ad Service Caters to the Customer!

From office equipment and sporting goods to camps for sale, you'll find it all online as ACA's Classified Ad Service broadens its scope, helping you place ads and find specific products easily, affordably, and efficiently!

The new Classified site opened June 2004 and has already has been visited by thousands of visitors.

Key features:

- Most ad cost categories are \$25 for a 60-day ad.
- Ad displays instantly once payment via credit card is processed.
- "Free Stuff" is where camps and businesses donate extra items others may want. It is free to post this type of ad.
- An optional "Auto-Notify" feature sends you an e-mail when a new ad is posted in your area of interest.

Visit www.ACACamps.org/classifieds

Searching For Sex Offenders

A free online resource can help you conduct background checks on prospective employees for your youth agency.

PublicData.com allows you to easily search the sex offender databases for all states except Rhode Island. These searches are offered free of charge. Searches of other public records are offered for a fee. www.criminalcheck.com

E-MAIL

Do you have e-mail? Has it changed? Help us reach you faster and more efficiently by sending us your e-mail address. E-mail will allow us to inform and mobilize you quickly in the event that legislation, programs or events occur that may affect camps and camp operations. E-mail also helps us keep cost down and to be more environmentally friendly. Call 877-488-2267 or e-mail Mary Ellen at executive@acacampsnj.com to have us add your email.

ACA Crisis Hotline Number Has Changed
The New Crisis Hotline Number is 800-573-9010

Bits and Pieces

We congratulate Ivy League Day Camp on their 35th anniversary!

We congratulate member Gina Stravic, on her new position as Executive Director of the Raritan YMCA East Brunswick!

Go the extra mile for Camp Nejeda by registering for the first ever Fall Foliage Walk-a-thon. To be held Sunday, September 25, 2005. To register or make a pledge, call 973-383-2611 or send an email to: information@campnejeda.org

Much Thanks for the warm hospitality extended to me this summer when I dropped by to visit. Your programs, staff and campers are remarkable!! Mary Ellen Folsom, Executive Director NJ. Camps visited included:

Camp Harmony ♦ Camp Horizons ♦ Camp Jotoni ♦ Camp Lou Henry Hoover ♦ Camp Riverbend ♦
Camp Tecumseh ♦ Campus Kids ♦ Gesher Summer Program ♦ Ivy League Day Camp ♦
Montclair YMCA Day Camp ♦ Nejeda Camp ♦ Oak Knoll School Adventures ♦ Willow Lake Day Camp ♦
Winnewald Day Camp ♦ YMCA Camp Bernie and The Youth Center Day Camp ♦

Congratulations to all our ACA accredited camps for a successful, safe and awesome fun season. Time to kick back and relax before gearing up for summer 2006!!

We extend our heartfelt condolences to board member, Colleen Rountree, on the loss of her mother, Teresa Caruso on August 3rd.

Belated condolences to board member Carol Bruno on the loss of her mother earlier this summer.

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