

Calendar of Events

- January 5th Standards Course 10:00-2:00 pm
- January 31st Visitor Update meeting 10-12:00 pm

Location: The Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council Office, Westfield, NJ 07090

- Camp Fairs January 2006 Noon to 4 pm
- 1/14, Holiday Inn Jamesburg/Monroe
- 1/15 Bridgewater Marriott
- 1/22 Marriott at Glenpointe, Teaneck
- 1/28 Prime Hotels & Resort Fairfield/Wayne
- 1/29 Ramana Inn & Conference Center, East Hanover

For directions log on to:
www.acanjsummercampfairs.org

- April 26th Professional Development Meeting at Camp Kiddie Keep Well
- February 7—10, 2006 ACA National Conference, Chicago, IL
- March 9—11, 2006 Tri-State Conference Atlantic City, NJ

Communication and Inspiration, the themes of Tri-State 2006:

The Tri-State program committee has been working diligently the past three months to come up with a truly unique and multifaceted program for this year's conference in Atlantic City. We have created a program built around a central theme, "Inspiring your Community", and have programmed many of the presentations in the conference to help answer the question, "How do we communicate to and inspire today's staff?"



Much has been written about Generation Y, the age group that we rely on wholly to make our summers both meaningful and successful for our campers. Over 70 million of them are hitting the work place each summer with values and priorities distinctly different than the ones that you and I had at their age. What is the best way to communicate, motivate and inspire real caring? What are they looking for? Do we need to change our hiring techniques? Marketing techniques? Recruitment efforts?

To answer these important questions as well as others, we have assembled a phenomenal group of professional and industry speakers including our Keynote Speaker for Thursday morning, Bruce Tulgan. Simply put, Bruce is the foremost expert on Generation Y. His company, "Rainmaker Thinking", is the top Gen Y consultant in the Fortune 500 world, helping the likes of McDonalds, Wal-Mart, Target, Citigroup, JP Morgan Chase, US Dept of Defense, Lockheed Martin, and more.

Bruce's message is both powerful and inspiring. If you want to get your front line working, you MUST understand what motivates them to work! Both his keynote and breakout sessions are a MUST SEE for any Camp professional wishing to have their "front line care about their bottom line!"

In addition to Bruce, **Susan Fee** is back again and if you missed her at Tri-State 05 BE SURE to put her on your agenda for this year. **Jeff Leiken** is doing a several sessions on staff communication and motivation, as well as a Wednesday Pre-Conference "21st Century Leadership" workshop. Other Wednesday Pre-Conference workshops include Jeff Stryker's "Everything you need to know about camp engineering 101", plus an ACA Standards Course, and a Safe Food handling course offered by our friends at H & H.

Perennial favorites Michael Brandwein and Chris Thurber are back again this year as well as the one and only Bob Ditter. Add to the mix Joe Riggio, Jay Frankel, Joel Haber, Steve Cony, Joel Fish and Catherine Steiner Adair, and you've got only a small taste of what promises to be one of the most powerful Tri-State programs ever!

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President's Message

Dear Members,

Hopefully, you enjoyed your holiday season and are prepared for the beginning of the 2006 camp season. Our December annual meeting was a success with more than 70 attendees and over \$1000 raised for campaign '07. Thanks to Gina and her Hospitality Committee for making the arrangements and Mary Ellen for her behind the scenes help. One of our sections primary goals for 2006 is to make every effort to produce a significant NJ camp turn-out as Tri-State returns to the Garden State in Atlantic City March 9-11. Approximately 1/3rd of our budget is supported by our share of Tri-State fees. Due to the size of convention hall, we must also provide many more volunteers than we have had to in the past. PLEASE contact our office to help. You can also help by encouraging your colleagues to attend. Please check your e-mail and future mailings regarding section activities and Tri-State.

The Board is also pleased to announce that we have created the "Harold Breene" award which will be presented for the first time at our annual meeting in December '06. Our Spring newsletter will publicize the criteria for this award.

As a reminder, the revised standards will be voted on at the National convention in Chicago in February. The standards will go into effect in 2007. Should you have any questions or comments regarding the standards, you can contact delegates Colleen Rountree, Judy Trigg, Scott Lantzman, Bob Jones or Standards chair Peggy Mellors.

Our section also has an agreement with independent contractor, Barbara Rubin, to organize camp fairs on our behalf. Contact Mary Ellen for the fair in your area. Your support will be appreciated.

Warm regards,

Bob Jones, President

Themes of Tri-State 2006 continued...

For those of you that know Atlantic City as simply, "The Hub of the East Coast Wheel of Fortune", we have much in store for you! Your organization cannot afford to miss the 2006 Tri-State program of educational sessions, and in moving to A-C, we have ensured that your organizations can actually AFFORD to be there! I look forward to seeing you at the Convention Center, in roomy, new, state-of-the-art Tri-State meeting rooms!

Jonathan Gold
Tri-State Program Committee Chair

Be EPIC

Are you passionate about camp and want to increase your involvement in the camp industry? Are you someone

who thrives on the benefits of connecting to other professionals and who believes in the importance of continued personal growth and development? If so, get involved in EPIC. EPIC, **E**merging **P**rofessionals in **C**amps, is a relatively new group within the camp industry for those individuals whose growth and development is continuously evolving.

EPIC has already begun to change the face of the camp industry. EPIC has become the place to learn, grow and socialize. EPIC sponsors day long conferences, social outings, professional dialogues, round tables, and website and e-mail communication.

Most recently, EPIC held a full day conference at the Crowne Plaza in White Plains, NY. The conference featured a keynote presentation by Dr. Dan Kinlon, author, child psychologist, and Harvard professor. Participants were also able to choose from a variety of quality sessions, led by leaders in the camp industry such as Jay Frankel of True to Life Training and Randy Nathan of Your Personal Coach, as well as a number of veteran camp directors.

EPIC's next program is a social outing scheduled for February 15 in NYC, which will be followed by a number of EPIC specific sessions at the Tri-State Camping Conference in Atlantic City. You can find more information about EPIC at epic@aca-ny.org. Scott Lantzman



2005 Accredited Camps

The ACA New Jersey Section is proud to announce the accreditation of the following camps based on their successful visits in 2005. Congratulations to one and all!

First Time Accreditation

Mt. Misery * Camp Auxilium * Camp Dynomite * East Brunswick Recreation *YMCA Camp Carr *
* Elks Camp Moore * Eagle River Day Camp

Re-accreditation

Aldersgate	Fairview Lake YMCA	Montclair YMCA
Amity Acres	Frogbridge Day Camp	Oak Crest Day Camp
Baptist Camp Lebanon	Harbor Haven	Oak Knoll School
Camp Cayuga	Harbor Hills Day Camp	Pine Grove Day Camp
Camp Gan Isreal	Hi Hills Day Camp	Sacajawea
Camp Jotoni	Hope Conference Center	Spring Lake Day Camp
Camp Nehemiah	Inawendian Program Center	The Youth Center
Camp Speers Eljabar	JCC Camp Deeny Riback	Willow Lake Day Camp
Country Roads Day Camp	Lou Henry Hoover	YMCA Camp Bernie

Thank you to all the 2005 Standards visitors who made the above accreditations possible.

Christina Hagan, Dan Mc Cain, Barry Wasserman, Dave Parfitt, Deb Hooker, Frank Kelly, George Novick, Gerri Bownik, Holly Newler, Howard Miller, Jennie Griffin, Judy Trigg, Kent Sampson, Kurt Oelschlager, Len Yacullo, Lisa Spitler, Lynette Boheman, Cindy Crane, Jean Sandberg, Peggy Mellors, Rich Campbell, Steve Lee, Alex Humanick, Bob Jones, Declan Thompson, Dale Whittaker, Burt Blittner, Colleen Rountree, Pat & Dick Becker, Don Smith, Elizabeth Snell, Gina Stravic, Harold Breene, Harry Zweckbronner, Ilia Alfton, Jean Sandberg, Jed Buck, Jerry Waldron, Jo Ellen Ross, Neil Von Bodegom Smith, Tom Riddleberger, Wendy Saiff, Roger Breene and Sue Berger.

ACA Pres., Peg Smith & State Reps. Speak at Upcoming Professional Development Meeting

Mark your calendars now for Wednesday, April 26th. This will be the section's meeting with state representatives including; Lowell Mutter from the Dept. of Health, Mark Marino, from the Dept. of Transportation and Joe Blazjewski from the NJ section of the American Red Cross.

A special highlight for this year is our guest, Peg Smith, ACA National Executive Director.

This is an important meeting that promises to be very informative. Get your questions ready! Attend this meeting for information that will help get your camp off to great start in 2006.

If you have any suggestions or would like to provide input into this meeting, please contact Colleen Rountree, Professional Development Program Chair at treeround@earthlink.net.

Election Results

Congratulations to our newly elected board members and delegates.

Carol Bruno - Re-elected, Member at Large, 3 year term
Dave Parfitt – Re-elected, Member at Large, 2 year term
Ruth Hall - Re-elected, Treasurer, 3 year term
Don Smith Newly elected, Member at Large, 3 year term

Delegates to the National Convention: Colleen Rountree, Scott Lantzman and Judy Trigg.

Thanks to all members who voted.

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Annual Meeting and Holiday Party

It was great to see so many members gather together on December 12th at the Venetian Grille in Somerville for our Annual Holiday Meeting and celebration. Thanks to all of our members and business



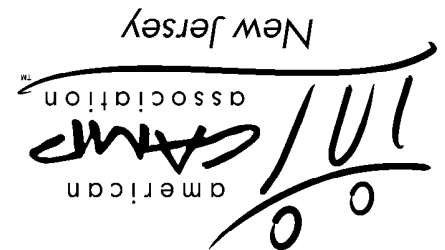
Marvin Raps, Executive Director of Camp Oakhurst, accepts The Howard Patton Award from ACA NJ Executive Director, Mary Ellen Folsom

Bob Jones presents a Recognition Award to Geraldine Bownik, for her continuous dedication to our section.



Board member Carol Bruno, presents, Scott Lantzman, director of the Geshher Summer Program, with a Recognition Award for his outstanding contributions to our section.

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