

Calendar of Events

- **Chris Thurber Nov. 1st**
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this issue
- **ACA NJ Board Meeting**
Oct. 17th
- **Jay Frankel Jan. 9th**
- **Annual Camp Safety**
Program with State
Representatives April
26th
- **Annual Member Meeting/**
Holiday Dinner Dec. 6th
- **2007 Tri-State Camp**
Conference March 28-
31st

ACA-NY Fall Conferences

- **Resident Camp**
Conference-Monday,
September—Tuesday
September 12th 2006
- **Ben Applebaum Day**
Conference –Saturday,
September 30, 2006

To register for these
conferences please visit
<http://www.aca-ny.org>



Laws of Attraction: Claudine Leone is the Perfect Choice for ACA-NJ Government Affairs

On May 10, a motion to hire Claudine Leone as a Government Affairs Consultant for ACA-New Jersey was unanimously approved.

Claudine, an attorney with more than 10 years of experience in lobbying and regulatory issues, has both the skills and the familiarity with government affairs that will be of tremendous value to our organization.

A resident of Moorestown, where she lives with her husband and son, Claudine began her legal career as a member of the Princeton Public Affairs Group, Inc., Trenton's largest lobbying firm. There she worked with a wide range of clients in the healthcare, insurance, pharmaceutical, biotechnology and transportation industries. She then became a Government Affairs associate with the law firm of Jamieson, Moore, Piskin and Spicer in Princeton, where she built the firm's lobbying unit. Claudine subsequently founded her own consulting firm, IRIS Communications.

While Claudine has achieved her greatest professional success serving corporate clients, she says her deepest satisfaction comes from working with nonprofit groups and associations.

Her first priority was to take the list of legislative concerns provided by our Legislative Committee and board of directors and develop a membership survey. Under her guidance, members prioritized and ranked issues from "Extremely Challenging" to "Somewhat Challenging," and the results are as follows:

Criminal Background Checks (62%)
Transportation Buss Issues (56%)
Local Zoning (54%)
Amusement (51%)
Worker's Compensation (46%)
Minimum Wage (41%)

This fall, Claudine will begin to work closely with the ACA Legislative Committee and board of directors to strategize a plan of action, addressing each of the issues we identified.

As we all know, relationships are critical to the success of any plan. Claudine has already started to utilize her existing relationships with key policymakers in Trenton to introduce ACA-member camps in various districts and regions. Several legislators have toured camps this summer and several more plan visits in the fall.

Once the State Legislature is back in session, holding hearings and introducing new

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2006 Board Meeting Schedule

Members are always welcome to attend board meetings. Please contact Mary Ellen Folsom at executive@acacampsnj.org for locations and directions.

- October 17th
- November 15th
- January 17th
- March 7th
- May 9th

Claudine Leone continued....

legislation, Claudine will provide comprehensive monitoring of all legislation and proposed regulations impacting the camp industry. ACA-NJ members can be assured that any proposals that may negatively impact our industry will be immediately addressed. Claudine will also attend hearings on legislation of interest to ACA-NJ and advise the board and Legislative Committee on the outcomes.

Claudine and the ACA Legislative Committee welcome your input. You can reach her at 856-296-8917 or drop her email at Claudine@acacampsnj.org. Legislative Chair Doug Fullman can be reached at 609-655-9600 ext. 222 or Dfullman@netbsa.org

President's Message

Dear Fellow Members,

With camps closing for the season, our various sections are gearing up for a very busy year ahead. There are many things to look forward to—not the least of which is the second year of Mary Ellen Folsom's term as our Executive Director. Mary Ellen is the one to contact for any section business that is of particular importance to you, and as I review some of the new and ongoing business below, perhaps there will be something that strikes you as an issue or activity in which you would like to be involved.

Here is a brief list of some of the new and ongoing business.

The Board has authorized Barbara Rubin to conduct a fall camp fair—a first for the section—in Livingston on October 22nd (see insert).

Also in the October-November time period, the Board will begin evaluating the success of its 2006 goals as well as considering our new goals for 2007. Your comments and suggestions can be forwarded to Mary Ellen.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Len Yacullo, will present a slate of candidates for the annual section election in November.

As you are aware, the national office approved the revised standards which go into effect for the '07 season. Section members can expect to receive the new materials in the fall. Please see the training schedule listed in this issue. On behalf of the board, I would like to extend many thanks to our Standards Visitors for a fine job this summer, without your efforts the program would not be possible.

At the May board meeting, Claudine Leon was hired to represent the NJ Section as a lobbyist in Trenton. The board's Legislative Committee will be working closely with Claudine and will report on progress being made in future newsletters.

We encourage you to attend the Professional Improvement Seminar, featuring Chris Thurber on November 1st, and our annual holiday dinner meeting scheduled for December 6th.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Mary Ellen or me with any issues, questions or suggestions you may have.

Have a great autumn.

Bob Jones, President

Wired and Wise Uploading the Internet to Your Camp's Mission

Technology has changed our lives more in the last 10 years than in the entire previous century. On November 1, Dr. Chris Thurber will present a very useful program designed to help camp directors and staff successfully navigate the impact that modern communications technology has on camp management and daily operation.



Chris will speak on two topical areas: personal communications technology, and the issues now facing camp directors as a result of social networking sites such as MySpace.com and Facebook.com. Both topics will be covered in **two identical sessions**, the first from 1-4pm and the second from 5-8pm. Below are detailed descriptions.

"Go Tech-KNOW"

Every camp needs an electronics technology policy that is in accord with its mission, vision and values. Most camps still lack such a policy.

What place, if any, do personal music players, computers or cell phones have at camp? What guidelines should there be concerning the use of digital photography to keep camps within the boundaries of moral, decent, safe and legal behavior? In this enlightening and entertaining workshop, Chris will guide participants through the creation or refinement of their camps' electronics technology policies.

"High Speed and Public: Internet Socializing and Camp"

The Internet is public space that is here to stay. For camps, the challenges that this phenomenon presents also seem destined to stay—at least for the foreseeable future. In this workshop, Chris will facilitate an exploration of the newest ways your staff and campers communicate with one another—and with others on the outside. He will present essential, up-to-date information that puts you in the best possible position to protect your staff, your campers and your entire camp.

Chris is an engaging speaker with more than 30 years of camping experience. A graduate of Harvard University, he is a board certified clinical psychologist, as well as a noted author, father and consultant.

Please join us for an enlightening and entertaining workshop by completing the enclosed registration form or

registering electronically at www.acacampsnj.org

This program is being offered by the ACA-NJ Professional Development Committee and sponsored by EZ – Camp2 Camp Management Software.

Congratulations Trail Blazers!

Trail Blazers was proudly named a recipient of this year's **2006 Excellence in Summer Learning Award** presented by the prestigious Center for Summer Learning of Johns Hopkins University. Each year the Center recognizes and awards outstanding summer programs that demonstrate excellence in accelerating academic achievement and promoting positive development for young people.

Each summer since 1887, Trail Blazers Camp has facilitated the development of inner-city youth through outdoor experiential education, year-round mentoring, and leadership training. Every summer 250-300 children visit the camp, located on 1000 forested acres in Sussex County, to take part in the Summer Outdoor Experiential Education Program. This program fully integrates literacy and math skills into non-competitive, hands-on outdoor activities.

At Trail Blazers, children engage in a variety of activities that promote self-confidence, empathy, peaceful conflict resolution, communication, respect for natural resources, and a love of learning. The culmination of each summer session is an overnight backpacking trip called the "vagabond". Each group's vagabond may last anywhere from 1 to 5 days depending upon their age level, with the older teenage groups venturing upon challenging expeditions on the Appalachian Trail.

Our ACA membership wishes everyone at Trail Blazers continued success as they commence their 120th year of serving disadvantaged, inner city youth from New York City and urban areas of New Jersey.



Melissa Wilding, Literacy Coordinator, and camper working on a Poetry Quilt in the TBC library"

Standards Update

The summer of 2007 will be the first for the new set of standards. Training for camps and visitors is very important in order to have a smooth transition to the new standards.

All visitors must attend an update training course to continue as a visitor.

All camps being visited in 2007 must attend a Standards course even if you have already attended a course previously.

Camps not being visited in 2007 are welcome to attend a standards course at any time. However, you are not required to change to the new standards until the summer of your next visit.

To register for either course please email Mary Ellen at executive@acacampsnj.org. Be sure to include your name, the camp name, the course you wish to attend and an emergency contact phone number in case of a last minute change in the training. (i.e. snow emergency).

Sincere thanks to all standard visitors for making 37 visits possible this summer! Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Standards Course 10:00 am — 4:00 pm For Camps to be visited in 2007

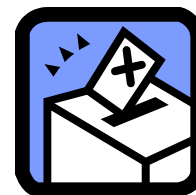
| Date | Location |
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| Monday, Nov. 6, 2006 | Fairview Lake YMCA Camp & Conference Center, Newton, NJ 07860 |
| Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006 | Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council, Westfield, NJ 07090 |
| Thursday, Dec. 7, 2006 | Ivy League Day Camp, Manalapan, NJ 07726 |
| Wednesday, Jan. 24, '07 | Baptist Camp Lebanon, Lebanon, NJ 08833 |
| March 28-31st (Schedule TBD) | Tri State Camp Conference, Atlantic City |

Standards cont....

Visitor Update Course 10:00 am — 2:00 pm For All Visitors

| Date | Location |
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| Monday, Dec 4, '06 | Fairview Lake YMCA Camp & Conference Center, Newton, NJ 07860 |
| Tuesday, Feb. 6, '07 | Ivy League Day Camp, Manalapan, NJ 07726 |
| Saturday, March 3, '07 | Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council, Westfield, NJ 07090 |
| Thursday, April 26, '07 | Kiddie Keep Well, Edison, NJ 08837 |
| March 28-31st 2007 (Schedule TBD) | Tri State Camp Conference, Atlantic City |

Call for Nominations New Jersey Board of Directors



The ACA-NJ Nominating Committee will be accepting nominations from Sept. 1st – Oct. 1st for the following positions:

President Elect
Secretary
Member-at-Large
Member-at Large
3 Delegates to the National Convention in Austin, TX
February 13-16, 2007

All positions, except convention delegates, serve three year terms. We encourage members to nominate themselves or a colleague (with their prior approval). The nominating committee will contact each nominee prior to putting forth a ballot. Elections will take place the month of November. Newly elected officers will begin serving their term January 1, 2007.

Submit all nominations to ACA-NJ Nominations Chair, Len Yacullo, by calling 908-782-1044 or sending an e-mail to lyacullo@hcymca.com

Plan Ahead of an Easy Ride

Amusement-style rides need proper certification and inspection

It's just a few days before the start of the season. During a routine health inspection at an ACA-NJ camp, the local health official notices an inviting set of bumper boats. He promptly asks the camp director if he has the proper certification and permit required to operate the boats. The director had not been aware of this necessity. A week later, during the first week of camp, an inspector from The Department of Community Affairs visits the camp and slaps large red stickers on the boats prohibiting their use at the camp until proper certification is obtained. Large red stickers don't look good at *any* camp! Campers being prohibited from using a favorite camp activity is even worse!

How can you avoid this situation? If you plan to use any mechanical device which carries or conveys passengers along, around, or over a fixed course for the purpose of pleasure, thrills or excitement, including inflatables and all water rides, you must:

- Have a "Type Certification from the manufacturer for that ride or apply for "Individual Approval," *AND*
- Acquire an annual permit to operate the ride in New Jersey

This law, which falls under The Carnival and Amusement Ride Safety Act P. L. 1975 c.105 as amended on July 20, 2001, requires a ride manufacturer *and* the ride owner to submit documentation to the Department of Community Affairs for all carnival and amusement rides operated in New Jersey. The released documents result in an annual inspection and a permit to operate the rides in New Jersey.

Although this process can be time-consuming when you first decide to add such rides to your camp activities, there are certain steps you can take to make it a little easier. First, start by ensuring the manufacturer already has a "Type Certification" *for the item at the time of purchase*. A manufacturer is required to have their ride *type certified* prior to sale for operation in New Jersey. Type certification requires that the manufacturer submit an application and supply the required information for review by the Department of Community Affairs.

All of this should occur long before you or any end-user is ever involved.

If you have purchased a carnival or amusement ride and now are unsure whether there is a Type Certification from the manufacturer the process becomes more laborious. First, you will have to check to see if your ride is on the list of current permitted rides and type certified rides on the website link below. If your ride is on the list that means the ride does have a Type Certifi-

cation and you need to only worry about the annual permit process. If your ride is not listed, however, you must apply for an "Individual Approval" by filing an application (available on-line). This application requires *you* to provide the State of New Jersey with the same information as required of the manufacturer, including detailed drawings, design calculations and engineering specifications. You will need to contact the manufacturer for this information.

Tall Pine Day Camp has been in compliance with the Amusement Ride Safety Act for three years. The most important piece of advice camp director Andrew Yankowitz has for his colleagues across the state is to purchase rides *only* from vendors that can provide you with the proper New Jersey certification at the time of purchase. Once you have Type Certification the process is relatively easy. Each year Andrew submits an application and pays a fee. A state inspector visits Tall Pines, conducts a physical inspection of his rides (a moon bounce and water slide), and reviews the required documentation (proper insurance and operating procedures). If all is in order, Andrew receives his annual permit. Early autumn is perhaps the best season to do this, since it is a less hectic time and the permit will be in effect until the following fall.

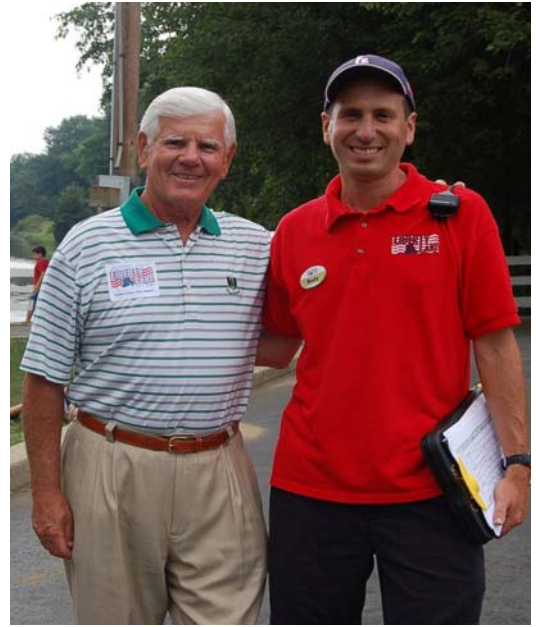
Amusement ride regulations are on the agenda of concerns for the fall meeting of our ACA-NJ Legislative committee and lobbyist Claudine Leone. Your input on specific problems and/or areas of concern are welcome. Please e-mail your comments to Claudine@acacampsnj.org. In addition, Doug Fullman with the Boy Scouts attends the Advisory Board meetings established by the Carnival and Amusement Rides Safety Act at the Department of Community Affairs.

If you require further information please e-mail the Department of Community Affairs at rides@dca.state.nj.us. The telephone number is 609-292-2097 and the fax number is 609-984-7084. The Department's website, with even more information, is: <http://www.nj.gov/dca/codes/ridesafetyunit/ridesafetyunit.shtml>. The site includes regulations, references to assist you with the rules, and a list of current permitted rides and type certified rides. The mailing address is PO Box 808, Trenton, NJ 08625. The physical address of the Department is 101 South Broad Street, 3rd Floor, Trenton, NJ 08608.



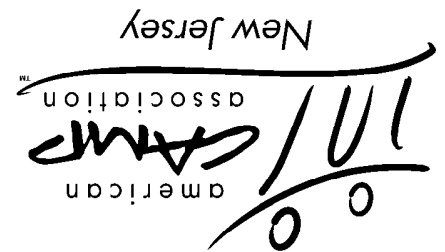
Legislators Visit Summer Camp

Senator Ellen Karcher poses with Ivy League Campers and Director, Sandy Leiser



Assemblyman Bodine visits Liberty Lake Day Camp. Pictured here with Director, Andy Pritikin

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