



News In Brief

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EDUCATION & TRAINING

Summer 09 Is Fast Approaching . . . Begin Staff Training Today!

Summer fun will be here before you know it! With only a few months before the summer 2009 camp season is upon us, how are you going to ensure that your staff are prepared? Don't wait until May or June . . . you can begin training TODAY!

http://www.acacamps.org/inside/09_01/learning.php#3

- *Communication in a Time of Crisis—Are You Prepared?*
- *Camp is for the Camper*
- *Injury & Illness Prevention*
- *Camp Business & Finance*
- *Creating Positive Youth Outcomes*
- *Standards Course*

CAMP SPOTLIGHT

YMCA Camp Tecumseh has record year

<http://www.carrollcountycomet.com/news/2008/1126/community/063.html>

Founded 85 years ago here in Carroll County, YMCA Camp Tecumseh has never served as many campers in a single year than its 35,000 participants this year. With 450 overnight

campers, 160 day campers, and 140 staff members each week of the summer, Camp Tecumseh is a hub of activity for children and teens, as well as young adult counselors.

"While it is really satisfying to see so many families want this experience for their children," commented Dave Wright, executive director of the camp, "seeing the positive growth of the campers is what really makes us happy."

EXTRA EXTRA

The **American Camp Association®** and **Teach For America** are excited to work together to bring more outstanding leaders, like yourself, to communities across the country in the effort to close the achievement gap. [Click here to learn more.](#)

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IN PREFECT HARMONY!

The Muzak Heart & Soul Foundation supports school and nonprofit music programs for children and youth.

Grant range: \$1,000 - \$12,000.

Deadline: February 4, 2009.

More info: <http://heart.muzak.com> (IYI)

Celebrate Urban Birds Offers Mini-Grants for Neighborhood Events

From the Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Celebrate Urban Birds events are neighborhood events featuring activities involving birds, community service, art, the environment, and science. Celebrate Urban Birds mini-grants may be used to support a bird-activity day at a local museum, afterschool program, library, or community center, or to fund art and gardening activities at a club, business, school, senior center, or neighborhood organization. Groups working with traditionally underserved communities are strongly encouraged to apply. No experience with birds is required.

Mini-grant amounts will range between \$100 and \$500 each. Deadline: Feb 15, 2009

For guidelines, examples of mini-grants awarded last year, and an application form, visit the program's Web site. <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15016568/birdscornell> (Foundation Center)

MGMT & LEADERSHIP

Indiana Career Consortium- free job posting

INCC - composed of Ancilla College, Bethel College, Goshen College, Holy Cross College, Indiana University South Bend, Ivy Tech State College, Purdue University North Central, Saint Mary's College, Tri-State University, University of Notre Dame and Valparaiso University - was formed in September 2004 with the goal of cultivating professional development and career opportunities in Indiana in order to increase the number of the schools' graduates who remain in the state after graduation.

Want to post a job to all eleven schools in the Indiana Career Consortium? To post a job for FREE go to <http://in.jobcentral.com/students/>

STANDARDS

ACA STANDARDS -- Who should attend what?

Confused about which training course is for you? Here are the answers:

Standards Update Course (for all camp directors who have previously taken a Basic Standards Course.)

Basic Standards Course (for all camp directors who have not taken a Basic Standards Course.)

Visitor Update Course (for all current visitors who plan to conduct visits this summer – the Basic Standards Update course is included in the Visitor Update Course.)

Associate Visitor Course (For those wishing to become an Associate Visitor. A Basic Standards Course is a pre-requisite for this course.)

Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.
~ Abraham Lincoln

PR/MARKETING

Finding the Hook

There is a saying in print and broadcast journalism "if it bleeds it leads." In today's world, where so many news stories "bleed," it can feel like even our best efforts are ignored. How do we compete with car accidents, global economy crises, and sensationalized national tragedies? We have to find the hook.

Read more: http://www.acacamps.org/inside/08_12/pr.php

GREEN SPOKEN HERE

Midwest Environmental Education Conference- Climbing The Green Wall at Grand Prairie Region of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana October 14-17, 2009

Call for Proposals is Open until April 1, 2009! Submit Your Proposal Now!

Our conference theme, "Climbing the Green Wall," was chosen to address the fact that all environmental educators struggle to overcome certain barriers or walls in their career. Four commonly identified limitations within the field of environmental education were selected by the conference committee: Administration, Interpretation, Natural History, and Sustainability. Through concurrent sessions, workshops, and keynote presentations, we will strive to provide conference participants with the knowledge and resources to overcome these walls and maximize their potential.

Invigorating workshops and concurrent sessions will be held each day of the conference, in conjunction with Field Sessions led by Illinois Natural History Survey Scientists. These learning opportunities along with dynamic and inspirational keynote presentations, fun social activities, and a host of exhibits and networking opportunities will make this conference one that should not be missed!

For more details about the conference, visit EEAI's website, www.EEAI.net for monthly updates! (EEAI)

SITE & FACILITY

Tree Liability Workshop- Asset and Liability for Trees

February 3, 9:30 am- 4:00 pm

Red Bridge Park Community Building, 697 West Jackson Street, Cicero

Speakers: Jud Scott with Vine & Branch and Matt Skelton with Baker & Daniels, LLP.

Registration form on IPRA website. \$15 members (ACA IN members can register for IPRA member rate due to partnership)

Playground Safety Inspector Certification Course and Exam

by National Playground Safety Institute

March 25-27

8:00 am- 5:00 pm Day one, Day two; 9:00 am- 11:00 am Day three

Cool Creek Nature Center, Carmel

Call 317-984-4500 to register or for questions (InPRA)

How exciting are your dreams? Most people don't aim too high and miss- they aim too low and hit!

~ Bob Moawad

HEALTH & WELLNESS/ FOOD SERVICE

FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION

One Certified Food Handler needs to be on staff at your site (although not required to be on-site at all times).

Food Handler Certification Classes available through:

ServSafe® : Indiana Restaurant and Hospitality Association, 317-673-4211 or 800-678-1957 or www.indianarestaurants.org Certification lasts for 5 years.

Indiana Licensed Beverage Association: 317-634-4384 or 800-843-5288 or www.indianalba.com Using the National Registry exam

Purdue University- Dept of Food Science, 765-496-3827 or www.foodsci.purdue.edu/outreach/retailfoodsafety/ Using the National Registry exam

PROGRAMMING

Avian reptiles

Did you know that birds are the sole remaining descendants of the so-called theropod dinosaurs, a group that included *Tyrannosaurus rex* and many other dinosaurs, large and small?

http://www.birds.cornell.edu/Publications/Birdscope/Autumn2008/feathered_dinosaurs.html

Summer Strategy: Tactical Aquatic Strategies for Success

February 25, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm
Burrello Family Center, Garfield Park, Indianapolis
Choosing Qualified Aquatic Staff, The Thumbs Up Checklist, How to Supervise Lifeguards, Roundtable discussion

\$25 members (ACA IN is partnered with IPRA and qualifies for member rates)
Call 317-984-4500

The Supergirl Dilemma: Girls Grapple with the Mounting Pressure of Expectations

Building on the Girls Inc. Taking the Lead study published in 2000, The Supergirl Dilemma is a nationwide survey, commissioned by Girls Inc. and conducted Harris Interactive, that provides important insights into girls' lives today. Girls spoke out about the mounting expectations they face from family, peers, and educators as they struggle to decode confusing messages from the media and reject traditional gender stereotypes. For more information and to purchase the study, <http://www.girlsinc.org/ic/page.php?id=2.4.30>

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FROM THE SECTION OFFICE

Experienced Camp Director Seeks Position: ACA professional with eight years of experience directing summer resident camp and year-round weekend programs seeks challenging position with an organization serving youth and families in central Indiana. Directing outdoor education programs has given me experience developing and facilitating mission-driven programs for young people of all ages.

I have hired, trained, and supervised staff, communicated with parents, performed outreach and recruitment, set goals and measured outcomes, managed a budget, and oversaw two successful ACA re-accreditation processes at a 400-acre camp property. In addition to summer camp, I have collaborated with schools and other organizations to create programs for families and community groups, including individuals with special needs. I have been an ACA standards visitor for two years and am a regular participant in the Mid-States Conference.

Resume and references provided upon request. Please contact Therese Plotz at (317) 616-9495 or at tplotz@gmail.com to discuss a possible match with your organization.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Emerging Issues Survey. We have asked a wide range of questions that we hope will help us get a handle on some of the most pressing topics on the horizon. Please encourage your folks to complete the survey. The questions are straight-forward and they should be able to do it in about 15 minutes.

The link to the survey is:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=cXQi_2bMYForqtsakDeZQAPg_3d_3d If there are any questions, please have them get in contact with me at dbialeschki@acacamps.org.

Coming Up Taller Awards grant that is being offered by the President's Committee

on the ARTs and the Humanities. The grant recognizes the accomplishments of exceptional arts and humanities afterschool and out-of-school programs.

The grant range is \$10,000. The deadline is January 30, 2009. You can get more information on this at <http://www.pcah.gov/pdf/09CUTNominatnApplication%20.pdf>

The **National Youth Ministry Conference** will be held February 27 - March 2, 2009, in nearby Columbus, OH. Learn the latest trends in youth ministry from national experts in numerous workshops.

<http://conference.youthministry.com/default.aspx>
