

Mark Your Calendars!

ACA Educational Events

ACA 2007 National Conference, February 13 – 16, 2007— Widening the Circle

The Conference Team and its Program Review Subcommittee are now accepting session submissions for review for the ACA 2007 National Conference in Austin, Texas. Learn more about the theme, [Widening the Circle, and the conference in general](#). Research submissions are welcome as part of the [ACA Research Forum](#). We're grateful for the generous support of this year's [premiere sponsors](#).

ACA 2008 National Conference Site Confirmed

Start thinking about 2008! Our confirmed dates are February 12 – 15, 2008. The Gaylord Opryland Hotel, in Nashville, Tennessee, will serve as our site.

Camp Administrator Course in Cooperation with the NRPA, October 10, 2006

Youth development professionals in recreation and parks, attending the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Congress and Exposition in Seattle, may register for a half-day pre-conference, "New Camp Administrator Orientation." The course is adapted from the New Director Orientation and will have a day camp focus. ACA and NRPA members may register at a reduced rate. [Register today!](#)

Sections Offer Basic Camp Director Course in Four Locations

Directors have multiple options to take the Basic Camp Director Course (BCDC) in 2006/2007. The BCDC provides the basics and more for camp directors with fewer than six years of experience or for seasoned program directors and site managers. This is an excellent opportunity to be sure you have well-rounded knowledge of the core areas and to begin a personal network of camp professionals. Course size is limited. We encourage potential participants to [register early](#).

More Training Opportunities

American Red Cross Lifeguard Updates

The American Red Cross announces newly updated courses that include the latest science in first aid, CPR, and emergency cardiovascular care. By combining the new First Aid/CPR/AED course with the American Red Cross full aquatics line, you can build a complete training program to keep your campers and staff safe, both in and out of the water.

To find out more about new first aid, CPR, and AED training for the lay responder and professional rescuer, plus an optional one-hour Epinephrine Auto-Injector Training Module and a forty-five-minute Asthma Inhaler Training Lesson, [click here!](#)

A new Life guarding program, available this fall, features four newly revised stand-alone courses, helping participants concentrate on the skills and rescue situations that are most likely to occur while on the job. For more details, [click here!](#)

Camp and Retreat Leader Gathering

The [National United Methodist Camp and Retreat Leader Gathering](#) will take place on January 26-30, 2007, at the Sumatanga Camp and Conference Center in Gallant, Alabama.

DECA Express '06

The [2006 Diabetes Education & Camping Association Conference](#) (DECA Express '06), October 11 – 15, 2006, will be hosted by Camp Hertko Hollow, a specialty camp for youth with diabetes. The conference will be held at the Des Moines YMCA Camp in Boone, Iowa.

For more training and professional development event information, visit the [ACA training calendar online](#).

Award-winning Communications: CAMP and www.CampParents.org

The American Camp Association (ACA) was recently presented with the 2006 APEX® Awards for Publication Excellence "One-of-a-Kind – Print Publications" award for the publication, [CAMP: A Resource for Families – 2006 issue](#). In addition, ACA received the 2006 APEX® Awards for



Introducing a "New Look" for Camping Magazine

Bolder and better! The September/October issue of *Camping Magazine* debuts with a striking new look. The changes in graphic elements make reading, finding, and seeing the same great editorial content in a new light. Sweeping changes in the presentation of features, columns, and smaller, more subtle improvements combine to make a simplified, more distinguished, and professional design statement. Watch for the new look coming next month!

It's Off to Camp, Charlie Brown

The American Camp Association (ACA) collaborated with Random House to provide expert camp resource information as the publisher began planning the new book, *It's Off to Camp, Charlie Brown*, last year. ACA is featured on the jacket, and you will find positive messages about the camp experience from ACA interspersed throughout the book. You can order the book through the ACA Bookstore at 888-229-5745 or www.ACABookstore.org.

Camp Regulations by State Now on the ACA Web Site

A complete database of information about the [camp-related regulations in each state](#) is available on the ACA Web site. The data provides active links to the regulations and information in each state. The database is sortable by state, plus a viewer can compare all fifty states (and DC and Puerto Rico). Additionally, the database can indicate whether the state allows FBI records checks and information on how to access driving checks in each state, including costs and links to request forms.

ACA will continually check the links and information supplied on this database to ensure accuracy.

www.acacamps.org/publicpolicy

Looking to Buy and Sell a Camp? Advertise for Free with Message Boards!

ACA has replaced its online Classifieds area with [free, easy-to-use message boards](#). You can link to the message boards from the "Featured" tab on the home page, and you can access the message boards in many other areas throughout the ACA Web site.

Finding Camping Magazine Advertisers

Beginning with the September/October 2006 issue, it will be easier to access *Camping Magazine* advertisers with a newly designed Reader Service page. Page numbers indicating where the advertisers appear in the magazine, along with each advertiser's Web address will be listed. New Business Affiliates will continue to be noted to keep you informed of growing vendor choices and buying opportunities.

ACA Partners With Healthy Learning in a New Publishing Venture

Healthy Learning, a Monterey, California, based company will be the exclusive publisher of ACA educational materials. All materials published for ACA by Healthy Learning (HL) will carry the ACA logo, and all ACA-authored titles will be copyrighted to ACA and remain our exclusive intellectual property.

How Will This New Partnership Affect You?

- A new 800 number to call for ACA book orders! **888-229-5745**
- Members can continue to order ACA titles online at www.ACABookstore.org.
- All forms will be available through the online bookstore for download (charged as now).

Other Improvements:

- Inventory will be in Healthy Learning's warehouse, not ACA's;
- Shipment of orders will be the same day or next day;
- Any calls to the national office will be transferred directly to Healthy Learning;
- Pricing of all books and materials through HL will reflect a new valued pricing structure;
- Additional books published by Healthy Learning will be available; and
- ACA members will continue to receive a discount, which will be reflected at "check out."

National Safe Boating Council Promotes Summer-Long Essay Contest

As part of the North American Safe Boating Campaign, the National Safe Boating Council is sponsoring the "Be a Survivor" essay contest. The essay must be a personal account about how wearing a life jacket saved the life of the essayist or someone close to them. The deadline for submissions is September 4, 2006. Visit www.safeboating.org for further details.