

From the Northland President

Dear ACA Northland Membership,

Greetings! I hope you all are enjoying this warm fall. This is the time of year when we count our blessings, and they are many. I know that many camps struggled this year as it being a tough economic year for all of us. Being creative, innovative and just plain working smarter has been required by all of us to make the “magic” of camp a reality for our campers and their families for yet another year.

There is a blessing that you can count on from the Northland Section this year. The Executive Committee of the Northland Board Directors took a bold step on behalf of the member camps. You will see it when you receive your invoice for your camp membership fees for the fiscal year of July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010. We reduced our section camp membership fees by 30%. We are proud to tell you that we were the only section in the country to reduce our fees, not to mention with such a significant amount. We were able to do this because the Board and Committee Leadership have been wise about controlling expenses while providing the section with excellent service.

On December 8th we have our Annual meeting at Camp Elk River. It is a time to gather together and share our stories and successes, say thank you to all the individuals who volunteer their time and skills for the common good of camping, and congratulate those who passed their ACA accreditation. If you attend no other ACA Northland meeting during the year, you should make this one the one you attend. I look forward to seeing you on December 8.

In friendship,

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ACA Northland President - Volunteer

ACA Northland's Annual Meeting

ACA Northland's Annual Meeting will be held at Camp Elk River on December 8, 2009 from 3:30 PM until 5:30 PM. Gabe Chernov, Director of Birch Trail Camp for Girls will be our featured speaker. If attending please contact Robin at 763-784-5400 or email acanorthland1@msn.com by December 3rd.

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Upcoming Events

- December 8, 2009 -
Annual Meeting
- January 12, 2010 -
Section Meeting
- January 26, 2010 -
Breakfast Club

Congratulations to our 2009 Accredited Camps

<p>Amnicon Camp Bovey Camp Buckskin Camp Foley Camp Friendship Camp Kici Yapi Camp Knutson Camp New Hope Friendship Good Earth Village ICC Summer Engineering Camp Jack Butwin Memorial Camp Jannette Polley Program Center.</p>	<p>Luther Park Inc Many Point Scout Camp Mishawaka for Boys and Girls YMCA Camp Guy Robinson YMCA Camp Icaghowan YMCA Camp Ihduhapi YMCA Day Camp Manitou YMCA Camp Miller YMCA Camp Olson YMCA Camp Streefland YMCA Camp Widjiwagan</p>
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These camps are invited to share a little about their camp to our camping community at the December Section Meeting. This is a short – 3 to 5 minute song, testimonial, a short story, a few slides, a DVD or Video clip etc. that gives us that “good feeling” about your camp and camp in general. To assist us in planning the program, please let Marie Schmid marie@campfoley.com know if you will be attending and what you will be sharing.

Northland Section Visitors are Awesome

A very special thank you to these dedicated volunteers for the numerous hours they have given as Standard Visitors to our section! You are truly appreciated! We are counting on your continuous support through 2010 and beyond! Join us at the December Section Meeting for a very special gift of appreciation.

<p>Kirsten Addison Thomas Bauer Tony Bown André Brewer Lois Carlson Miriam Cory Ruggs Cote Jenny Delaney John Duntley Tim Edmonds Linda Erceg John Erdmann Alli Faricy Robert Gagner Teri Gayer</p>	<p>Lisa Gilliland- Herringer Steve Heinle Mark Hennessy Bill Jones Kathy Juricho Cherie LeTourneau- Shearer Russ Link Tara Markley Jeanette Marnholtz David Nelson Laura Nolan Stephen Purdum Jill Rudolph</p>	<p>Paul Rummel Georgann Rumsey Jon Salmon Esther Schak Marie Schmid Maria Schugel Cori Sendle Travis Suttan Laurie Tschetter Roger Upcraft Lisa Wagner Robert Wilke Carrie Wilson Rocco Wilson</p>
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Northland's Standard Instructors are TOPS!

A very special thank you to our Northland Section Standards Instructors for their continuous support with the Standard trainings for camp personnel as they prepare for their visits or in assuring that their camps are meeting the standards. They also train our visitors. Thank you to our instructors: **Lois Carlson, Bob Gagner, Bill Jones, Esther Schak, Marie Schmid, Chet Tschetter, and Roger Upcraft.** Thank you! Thank you! We are excited that **Carrie Wilson** will be attending an Instructor Training in mid December and joining our team.

Standards Courses 2010

Dates have been set for standard courses – please make sure you register for the one to fit your needs. To register, please email Marie at marie@campfoley.com with the name of the camp, names of those attending with corresponding emails and the date of the course attending. Please let me know if you will be joining us for lunch.

Tuesday, January 19 at Courage North near Lake George, MN

Standards Course 10:00 am to 5:00 pm - lunch included – no charge

Standards Update 10:00 am to 11:30 am – invited for lunch at Noon

Visitors Update 10:00 am to 11:30 am – invited for lunch at Noon

Wednesday, February 10 at Camp Elk River in Zimmerman, MN

Standards Course 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, lunch included – no charge

Standards Update 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Visitors Update 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

(FYI Board Meeting at 4:15 pm)

Standards Course - Full Day

If you are new to Standards and have never taken a Standards Course or it has been over three years, you need to take the full day course. This is also a good option if your position has changed in the camp and/or you are not very familiar with the Standards.

Standards Update

If you took the Standards Course in the last three years, you need to attend the Standards Update Course.

Visitor Update

If you are currently a Visitor, you need to take this course to visit in 2010.

Breakfast Club - January 26

Bring a friend, bring yourself, but do come when you're able to the Best Perkins in the World at 50th and Hwy 100 in Edina. Be there at 8:00 am (or whenever you can make it). RSVP's are helpful so we have enough seats set aside, but we'll always make room so come at the last minute if your plans change. Ideas for topics of discussion are welcome and can be sent to me with your RSVP, or by Monday at 5:00 pm, or just bring it up while we're all together. Please RSVP to Laura Nolan laura@lincoln-lakehubert

Associate Visitor Course

If you would like to be a Standards Visitor and visit one or two camps this summer, this course is for you. It will be offered in March. A pre-requisite is to have taken the Standards Course within the last 3 years and/or be updated for 2010.

Grants and Resources

Dale and Edna Walsh Foundation

Dale and Edna Walsh Foundation: In addition to funding to build capacity and leadership, the foundation is active in challenge grants and general operating expenses. While there is no prescribed maximum request, recent grants have topped out at \$100,000. Some funded areas include; arts and culture, health care, education, environment, public policy, community welfare, and ministry. Letters of inquiry sent now will be considered for 2010. For more information contact the Dale and Edna Walsh Foundation, 6461 Valley Wood Dr., Reno, NV 89523, # 775-200-3446.
mail@dewfoundation.org
www.dewfoundation.org

Google Grants Program

Applications for the Google Grants program, administered by Google. Nonprofit groups can apply to receive at least three months of free advertising on Google's Web site to promote their missions. Additional information and applications are available on the site. U.S. organizations classified as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code are eligible. Religious and political organizations are not eligible.

Google. 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, Calif. 94043; (650) 253-0000; fax (650) 253-0001 googlegrants@google.com;

<http://www.google.com/grants>

Big Green Grants Program

Providing resources to schools and community based organizations to support environmentally friendly projects that educate and inspire kids to (1) take care of the environment; (2) be active and live healthily; and/or (3) engage in community service. Nickelodeon's Big Green Grants Program is a unique funding initiative that teams up kids and adults to bring resources to their community with a \$2,500 grant. Deadline-December 31, 2009

<http://www.nick.com/minisites/biggreen/grants/index.jhtml>

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