

AMERICAN CAMP ASSOCIATION®
NORTHLAND SECTION

News From The Northland

PRESIDENTS CORNER

October, 2004

What happened to summer? At this point summer seems to have gone by very quickly. I hope each of you experienced the wonderful values of the work we do with young people and adults in our camps. This was highlighted for me this summer with the return of a number of alums who attended camp more than 20 to 40 years ago. As we toured camp their stories and excitement for seeing camp again reinforced the value of the camp experience, and their enthusiasm for the little things at camp was contagious. As camp people we are truly blessed with life's abundance.

Camping this summer again faced some tough enrollment and dollar constraints all across the country. Hopefully our improving economy will be a big help as we look forward to and plan for 2005.

Watch for some exciting news from our National ACA Organization too with a new logo and improved website to help parents and families in gaining information about camping.

I hope you will chose to be active in our Northland Section this fall and winter so our connection as a community of people interested in camping will add more value for each of us. While the content of the programs we hope will be of value to you, the regular contact with other camping people has been a rich resource for many of us over the years and made the Northland Section truly unique. We don't have to face the battles of camp alone; there is such a great network of camping colleagues who will really be there for you. Join us, share your wisdom and ideas and take away more than you come with. Don't forget our web-site www.acanorthland.org as a resource too.

Your Northland Section Board is committed to providing the leadership to help make things happen for you and camping in our area. Let us know what things we do help you the most. Contact me, any board member, or Karon Albright in our section office with your comments.

See you October 12th for our section kick off day long workshop. Tim and Laura have put together a program providing some challenging ideas and education as we begin to think about the 2005 season ahead of us.

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ACA Northland Section Calendar for 2004 -2005

October 12, 2004 (Camp Ihduhapi - Loretto)

8:00 am to 3:00 pm meeting/Workshop (lunch)

(Topics: Build your own website, Panel on Diversity, Camp Cooking, Camp Videos & other promo materials, health & HIPPA, Demographics, Volunteers, GPS & Orienteering, Outdoor Adventure)

3:15 pm to 4:30 pm Board meeting

November 9, 2004 (Christ the King Church)

9:00 am to 3:00 pm meeting (lunch)

(Topics – Search Institute & Research, Grant Writing)

December 14, 2004 (Christ the King Church)

2:30 pm to 4:00 pm Board meeting

4:00 pm to 8:00 pm meeting (dinner)

(Topics: ACA National Research on youth development, recognition of Northland members, a few camp presentations)

January 11, 2005 (Christ the King Church)

9:00 am to 3:00 pm meeting (lunch)

(Topics: Dealing with our youth – specifics topics TBA)

3:15 pm to 4:30 pm board meeting

February 8, 2005 (Eden Wood)

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

(Topic: **All day standards training**)

February 22 to February 25, 2005 (Orlando, FL)

ACA National Conference

March 5, 2005 (Eden Wood)

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

(Topics: **All day standards training**)

March 8, 2005 (Christ the King Church)

9:00 am to 3:00 pm meeting (lunch)

(Topics: Staff training and support)

3:15 pm to 4:30 pm board meeting

April 5, 2005 (Christ the King Church)

11:00 am to 4:00 pm

(**All day Northland Board planning session**)

April 14 to April 16, 2005 (St Charles, IL)

ACA Mid-States Conference

May 2005 – No section meeting

(See separate training events in this area during May and June)

ACA NORTHLAND FALL WORKSHOP SCHEDULE
Tuesday, October 12, 2004
YMCA Camp Ihduhapi, Loretto, MN

8:00 am

Registration/Coffee

Cost of workshop including meal: \$15.00**8:30 am – 10:00 am**

“How was Your Summer?” Small Group Round Table discussions that focus on debriefing/processing the summer

10:15 am – 11:45 am (90 minutes)

Break Out Sessions to choose from (a complete list will be forthcoming)

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Lunch

Northland Section Business

Prizes?

1:10pm – 2:00pm

Break Out Sessions to choose from (a complete list will be forthcoming)

2:10pm – 3:00pm

Break Out Sessions to choose from (a complete list will be forthcoming)

3:00 pm

Program Ends/Evaluations

3:15 pm

Board Meeting

Anticipated break out sessions include health issues, diversity, camp video process, demographic information, volunteer recruitment and retention, Geo-caching, nature/environmental education.

A complete list of speakers and presentations will be sent out in a separate flyer.

Registration can be taken over the phone by calling or emailing Karon at the northland office.

Standards for Camp Programs and Services

Thirty-five 2004 camp visits are done thanks to our great crew of forty-two volunteer visitors. The visitors and the camp staffs that prepared for the visits deserve a thank you for jobs well done! The visits ranged from Camp Pepin near Redwing to Menogyn on the Gunflint Trail to Laketrails at the northern tip of Minnesota to Metagoshe on the North Dakota – Canadian border to Trail's end in eastern Montana and points between! Camp directors and visitors, please complete your visit evaluations and get them to Lois Carlson. They are very helpful for planning training.

We are now waiting for the final scores. Then the Standards Committee will review the scores and the Section Board makes the final decision to accredit the camps that met the standards. Camps will be notified of their scores after the Board meets but before November 10. Be sure to attend the celebration for the 2004 camps at the December Section meeting!

There were very few problems this year thanks to the trainings given by our team of instructors and the visitors who were willing and available to help the camp staffs prepare for the visits and answer questions.

Speaking of training, for many visitors it's been three years since your last update. Put February 8 or March 5, 2005 on your calendars. Training will be at Eden Wood in Eden Prairie. A list of camps to be visited will be in the November newsletter. Again, if you know your camp will be on the 2005 list, plan now to attend training – February 8 or March 5.

Pat Hammond, National Director of Standards was in the Northland Section in August. Pat assisted with two multiple site visits. Linda Erceg then hosted a meeting where we discussed the mechanics of visiting camps with multiple sites. Thanks Pat and Linda!

Several have asked about Associate Visitor training. I would encourage you to attend the multi-section training held just before Mid States Conference in the spring. Watch for information. Northland Section pays the course fee but you have to make an application.

Call or e-mail if you have any Standards questions or concerns. Lois Carlson and Marie Schmid, Co-chairs, Standards Committee

This is our new Accreditation Logo which displays our new name "American Camp Association. Display it with pride. The accreditation logo is a symbol to the public of a camp's commitment to excellent professional practices for the safety and well-being of its campers. Its use is a privilege reserved for camps that currently meet all requirements for ACA accreditation.

A camp may not display this logo if it fails to meet the minimum requirements of the ACA standards program and has not been approved by its section board of directors.

NATIONAL AND NORTHLAND SECTION BUSINESS NEWS

Sue Tinker Award for Distinguished Camping Service Nomination

Nominations for the Sue Tinker Award for Distinguished Camping Service are being sought from the Northland Section Membership. This award is given to a past or present member of the section who has demonstrated in life, the actions, ideals and leadership resulting in quality camping. To qualify for nominations, the candidate must:

- 1. Have a minimum of five years of varied service to the Northland Section
- 2. Should be active or recently active, current or past member
- 3. Have demonstrated sensitive and committed leadership

Name _____ Organization _____

Service to Northland Section (section board and/or officer, committees, standards visitor, presenter, etc)

Leadership Qualities

Brief statement why this candidate should receive this award _____

Nominated by _____ Phone _____

Please send to the Northland Section Office by October 25th, 2004:

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