



e-Woodsmoke

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Incoming President's Message

Mark Kolp

Bonnie Dunn, our Section Executive, and I recently had the distinct privilege to attend a leadership training summit at the ACA National Offices in Indianapolis ID. We spent almost a week working with the national staff, other president-elects, section executives and the ACA Field Service committee (this is the national committee charged with supporting, listening to and interacting with the sections). What an amazing experience!

As incoming president, many of the topics discussed at the summit were of particular interest to me. These include, section board development, policy and operational functions of the board, cultivating and growing ACA's membership, standards issues, and relations between the national office and the sections.

Over the next few weeks and months Bonnie and I will work closely with the Chesapeake Section Board to examine our section's strategic plan. We will discuss all the items listed above as well as the most critical issue we face – how can we better support and serve the ACA Camps right here in the Chesapeake Region?

In January 2005 the board will meet for their annual board retreat and much of our time together then will be spent working through the items highlighted above. If you are interested in becoming more involved in your local ACA Section please contact me or Bonnie and we will keep you informed as plans for January are finalized over the coming weeks. All are welcome!

Especially in this season of giving thanks, I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to express my sincere thank you to all my ACA friends and board members. In particular, I would like to say thank you to Charlie Thomas (outgoing Section President). Just five short years ago, about this same time, Charlie took me to my first board meeting and introduced me to the ACA Chesapeake Section and to all the wonderful people who have made camp the center of their lives here in Maryland. Charlie's leadership, thoughtfulness, and most importantly his friendship over the years is something I will always cherish. Thank you Charlie!

2004 ACA Chesapeake Section Accredited Camps

This summer the following camps were accredited.
Congratulations to these outstanding camps!

- Camp Airy/Camp Louise*
- Barrie Day Camp*
- Beth Tfiloh Camps*
- Camp Sunrise:*
- Echo Hill Camp*
- Fairlee Manor Recreation & Education Center*
- Habonim Dror*
- Camp Moshava*
- Mar-Lu-Ridge Center*
- Salvation Army Camp Tomahawk*
- Sunshine Kids Club*
- Valley Mill Camp*

Honoring Chesapeake Section Members – Nationally & Section Wide!

Chris Pearce - Jack Weiner Leadership Award *is designed to support a young adult who is pursuing a career in camping field. The award will ensure professional development by providing financial support of no less than \$1000 for the recipient to attend and participate in the ACA National Conference.*

Chris Pearce has grown up as camper for 2 years, Counselor in Training for 2 years, Counselor for 2 years, Assistant Youth Camp Director for 1 year, A Youth Camp Director for 1 year all in the Carroll County 4H program. He attended college while volunteering to be a camp counselor during the summer. In his last years of college he got a full time job with the Patuxent River 4H Center as Certified Instructor, (canoeing, archery, high/low ropes, lifeguard, and naturalist) Now that he has graduated he is a full time, year round employee of the Patuxent River 4H Center. (He still takes a week off to volunteer at the Carroll County 4H Camp). Chris has become an American Red Cross Instructor Trainer to help our ACA Section with Canoe Certification training sessions, he is now an associate visitor and actively involved on our Section Board.

Charles Butler - ACA National Service Award

Charles Butler is a gentle, encouraging person that will do anything to help a child. He has work with hundreds children (many who did not make it back to camp the next year, but he made their last year of life a happy one with a great camp experience). It takes a special individual to year after year provide such an enormous service (mostly volunteer service) to those children who have little to look forward to. Charles steps beyond just the camping aspect to encourage others to volunteer; he gets involved in many organizations that can work toward a better world for all children. It matters not that he is in the spotlight; he just wants to go the extra mile – local, state, national and international. This man has devoted his life to SERVICE.

The time and involvement in camping and recreational therapy with children for over 31 years should speak for itself. Charles has always stepped forward to volunteer his services, work with a variety of organizations and on various committees. He is a man of many talents. He has remained active with the ACA for over 31 years, currently serves as the Conflict Resolution Chair, he speaks up for the things he believes in – especially ACA standards.

Charles is also running for “ACA National Board Member-at-large”- make sure you vote this winter when the opportunity comes your way.

Chesapeake Section Award Winner for 2004

Service Awards: *This award is given to honor individuals, groups, or organizations for their efforts to promote camping. It is given for outstanding leadership or service or noteworthy contributions to the advancement of camping. This recognition can be for contributions: Within your camp, ACA on the Section/Regional level or within ACA on the National level. This Service Award is not limited to ACA members.*

Camp Beth Tfiloh: Lee Hopkins, Doleen Holley, & Maxwell Brooks
Camp Airy/Louise: Ethel "Sissy" Brauer, Sara Marcus, & Tim Olsen
Camp Sonshine: Bridgette McKee, & Jeff Keiser
Camp St. Charles: Sebastian Forgues, Robert Holmes, & Geoffrey Turner
Chesapeake Section Office: Jonathon Rondeau
Columbia Association: Bill Lea
Carroll County 4H: Melissa Miller
Frederick Co. 4H: Larry Cromwell, Janice Kramer
Harford Co. 4H: Cynthia Warner
Howard Co. 4H: Hope Jackson, Diane Bosse
Maryland 4H Camps: Conrad Arnold
Patuxent River 4H Center: Christopher Pearce
Prince George's Co. 4H: Lenora Harper, Wendy Donley, & Donald Long

Photography Awards:

Carroll County 4H – Jennifer Reynolds, & Amy Petkovsek
Maryland 4H Camps- Denise Frebertshauser
Patuxent River 4H Center – Devin Mills

Outreach Award:

Camp Airy/Louise – Beth Berlin
Prince George's Co. 4H: Lenora Harper's "Teen Extreme Camp"

Environmental Education Award

Cape Henlopen State Park Day Camp – Ray Bivens

William "Bill" McLeod Award

Camp Airy/Louise – Dr. Joan Bornstein

Section Community Award

DHMH – Pam Engle & Linda Rudie

President's Award

Conflict Resolution Chair, Charles Butler

Congratulations to all our honorees!!!

It is truly great to have so many talented camp people in the Chesapeake Section!

Other Upcoming Events with ACA Chesapeake!

December 10, 2004 Woodsmoke article submission (email them to jrondeau@leagueforpeople.org)
December 15, 2004 December Woodsmoke is emailed/mailed
January 6-7, 2005 ACA Chesapeake Board Retreat at the Columbia Association

2005 Dates to remember will be announced in January!

ACA Virginia's Section – Day Camp and Winter Conference

Join the Virginia Section on January 12 for a “Day Camp Conference” and on January 13 for their “Winter Conference.” Both will be held at Easter Seals East. Bob Ditter will be present both of the conference days.

For more information contact Linda G. Pulliam, Section Executive at 1-800-347-7523 or 919-603-0445

Reminder: ACA's New Brand Rollout: New Accreditation Marketing Tools

Key messages, new accreditation logo instructions, and updated tips for sharing the value of accreditation to the media and parents will be posted to the ACA Web site September 10. The majority of ACA-accredited camps will be receiving a targeted e-mail September 10, which will include an explanation of new accreditation marketing tools, new graphic standards, and announce links to the ACA Web site for more information. A CD featuring the new graphic standards and marketing messages will be distributed via mail to all ACA-accredited camps by September 24. If you have not gotten your copy let us know.

The National ACA Office has developed a new “CAMP MAGAZINE” for parents. The expected delivery date is mid December. Our local office has 10,000 free copies coming. If your camp would like some copies please call (301) 218-6468. To preview the magazine go to the website www.acacamps.org/parents

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