



# e-Woodsmoke

Fall 2006

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## From the Section President

**Marc Kolp**

**Greetings ACA Chesapeake friends!** I'm writing to you today on the eve of my annual pilgrimage back to the state I grew-up in; Iowa. Yes, I am a Hawkeye through and through although my kids (all three natives of Maryland) are trying desperately to convert me into a Terp. I regret to report that I am slow to make this transformation. I often wonder why? We love Maryland we love the weather, the wonderful change in seasons and most of all the people we've met and friends we've made. We have no plans to move back to Iowa, however, if asked, I'd answer that I am an Iowan not a Marylander.

Every year as we prepare for this annual trip I am often reminded of my own childhood in Iowa and my experiences growing up there. There are the football games with friends at the local school yard on cool autumn days, there are trips to the stream to catch crawdads and minnows and of course there is camp. My most vivid memory of camp is the weeks I spent at Camp Wapsie the summer after 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Though having attended many day, specialty and sports camps, this would be my first "real" traditional resident (sleep away) camp experience. It's an understatement to say that it was awesome. I went with a friend from school and we had an amazing time. We swam, we made fires, we made crafts with wax that were supposed to be candles, we became quite proficient with a bow and arrow, we flirted with the girls in our companion cabin, we sang and we laughed until the tears rolled down our cheeks. All the important components necessary to change a boy's life and to give him memories to draw from forever.

I believe that these strong memories are rushing back to me now not just because we are preparing for this trip, but because my oldest son, nearly the same age now as I was then, attended his first sleep away camp this past summer right here in the Chesapeake Region. Johnathan too had an amazing time and he too returned home from camp a changed boy. He doesn't yet know or understand the impact that his camp experience will have on him. He doesn't know that he may persevere a little more this year when school gets tough because he was required stick with it and keep trying at camp. He doesn't know that he'll look out for someone else and perhaps respect the differences between people a little more because of his time at camp. He doesn't yet know that he's been helping out a bit more and taking the initiative more around the house because of his time at camp. And he doesn't yet know that his memories of Shock Mountain and hikes with his counselor and cabin-mates and the songs they all learned together in the mountains of Western Maryland will be why he is and will likely always be Terp and his dad will remain a Hawkeye.

I hope you can join me and your other Chesapeake camp colleagues for our annual mini-conference November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at Camp PuhTok. We will be joined by our Association's CEO, Peg Smith, and our keynote presenter will be our close friend Michael Brandwein.

Warm Regards, Marc

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## From the Section Office

Nancy Canter

Hope everyone had a great summer with campers and staff! I have received calls from parents praising the camps their children have attended and wanting the directors to know what a good job their staff has done. I encourage them to write to the camp director and share their thoughts; hopefully you will receive your letter soon.

As ACA prepares for their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the National office is asking all camps to send to the section office a "camp patch". They plan on making a very, very large quilt that will be on display for the celebration in 2010. If you would please mail two to the section office (5841 Brandywood Lane, Salisbury, MD 21801) by the end of October. A note about logistics: Some camp patches may be symbols only, and not have the name of the camp as a part of the patch. *Camp Directors: please put your two patches in an envelope and write on the envelope the name of the camp, the sponsoring organization (if applicable), the camp director's name and the director's phone number, that would help immensely.* We may be a small section, but lets show them how great and strong we are.

I encourage all camps to plan on attending our annual conference to be held November 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, at Camp PuhTok in Monkton, MD. Michael Brandwein will present two sessions on Sunday and also serve as our Keynote speaker at the Membership dinner that night. Monday we are fortunate to have Peg Smith the executive director of ACA to join us. We will also have Linda Rudie from the Maryland Department of Health offering a session on Monday morning to answer any questions you may have regarding current regulations. Please plan on attending and bringing your staff! If you want more information, please call me at the section office (800-653-1409).

## Camp *really* does Give a Kid a World of Good!

Mary Ellen Waltemire

**Y**ou know, even though that phrase is not the hot one from an ACA marketing standpoint at this time, it really is so, very true. As I was thinking about ways to contribute to this newsletter, it occurred to me that the success of any camp program are the positive changes we observe in kids, the capacity for leadership that we inspire in teen leaders and the dedication our volunteer adult staff members demonstrate to the camping initiative as a positive youth development method. So, I called a young woman that I've know for about 15 years and asked her to reflect a bit and to describe her impressions of camping.

As a young camper, Amy gravitated to those active sports and team building activities. This involvement influenced some of the choices she's made as an adult; she has various certifications that contribute to her skills and competencies in these outdoor adventure areas. She indicated a deep respect and caring for others and feels that through camping she has learned to better appreciate differences in people. Over the years she's observed people from different backgrounds getting along, because camp provides an "even playing" field for all who attend. She expressed gratitude for all the people she's met and all the friends she's made through her involvement in 4-H camping. Since her camper days, she has volunteered as both teen and adult camp staff, positions she values because of the learning that occurred. Her teen leader days helped her through her parents divorce because it gave her confidence as a leader and helped her realize her potential to help others. She is now a middle school teacher and feels that the camp experience she had contributed significantly to that decision. She is grateful for all the things she's learned, all the experiences she's had and all the opportunities in camping that await her.

So if you doubt for a minute what significance camping plays in the life of a young person, take time to call one of your former campers to understand the true value of camping ~ it does indeed give kids a world of good.

## Standards Update!

Rod Pearce

***They're heeeerrrrrrreeee!*** A process that started with field tests in 2005, then open chat forums for feedback, additional revisions, approval by the Delegates on February 7, 2006 and voila, the new/revised Standards for Accreditation have become reality. Additional editing is being completed to correct and clarify interpretations and the new Standards go into effect this coming summer 2007.

Retraining for camps, standards instructors, and visitors are now scheduled throughout the country. If your camp is scheduled to be visited next summer (2007) the Chesapeake Standards Committee encourages you to begin your review now of the new standards. If your camp is currently not accredited and you are thinking of becoming accredited, now is an excellent opportunity to look at the possibilities. For those of you who will have an accreditation visit next summer, you are reminded that it is a requirement of the visit for you (director and/or person responsible for accreditation and/or the person who will be representing the camp during the visit) to attend a Standards Course. This is especially important with the implementation of new standards.

Everyone however is invited to a Standards Course update, even if you are not getting visited next summer. The first course is scheduled to take place during the Chesapeake Section's mini-conference at Camp PuhTuk November 6-7, 2006 with standards training taking place on Monday. Another Standards Course will be scheduled for early 2007.

To review the new/revised standards, you are directed to the web site of the American Camp Association at [www.acacamps.org](http://www.acacamps.org). Click accreditation, and then see a box on the right of the screen that identifies draft of new/revised ACA Standards. You'll find 34 pages of the Standards that contain clarifications, descriptions, changes made to current standards, and details of new standards such as the new carbon monoxide detector requirements.

### Want To Become a Camp Accreditation Visitor?

Sure you do! It's a great opportunity to see other camps in action, get down and dirty and super informed about the standards and accreditation process, and helps maintain the high quality that is camp accreditation through the American Camp Association. *Well, now is your opportunity and we'd love to have you join us as Visitors.*

An Associate Visitors Course is scheduled for December 6 & 7, 2006 at Mar-Lu-Ridge. The two-day training course will prepare you to become a camp accreditation Associate Visitor and you'll be certified to begin visits next summer. The Section requires at least two visits as an Associate Visitor before Board approval to be a Lead Visitor.

*The Chesapeake Section needs more Visitors.* So please consider becoming a visitor and plan to attend the Associate Visitor Training in December. Requirements for participation include ACA membership and current knowledge of the Standards and Accreditation process. This training IS NOT to be used as an alternative to the Standards Course Update. This course is for those who want to be, and will be available to be, Accreditation Visitors. To register for the Associate Visitor Course (which is free to all participants), please contact the Section office at 1-800-653-1409

### ACA, Chesapeake: 2006 Calendar

September 28	Chesapeake Section Board Meeting – 9:30 am in Columbia, MD
October 6	Last Day to Register for the ACA-CK Conference at the Early Bird Rate!
October 10	Minutes and Agenda mailed to Chesapeake Members
October 11	Awards Nominations Due to the Section Office
October 17	Chesapeake Section Board meeting - TBA
November 5-6	Annual Fall Conference at Camp PuhTuk – <b>REGISTER TODAY!</b>
November 15	Woodsmoke in mail/emailed
January 4, 2007	Board Retreat – Columbia Association 9:30am



# Fall Conference 2006

Sunday, November 5 & Monday, November 6  
At Camp Puthok in Monkton, MD

Join the American Camp Association, Chesapeake Section in a CAMPTASTIC 2-day conference!

**Sunday Keynote by**  
**Michael Brandwein, National Trainer & Educator**  
**Monday Keynote by**  
**Peg Smith, ACA National CEO**

## Schedule of the Conference

### Sunday, November 5, 2006

12:30pm-2:00pm Registration  
2:00pm-3:15pm Creating a Camp Community  
*Lead by Michael Brandwein*  
3:30pm-4:45pm Positive Staff Morale  
*Lead by Michael Brandwein*  
5:15pm-6:15pm **Sunday Keynote with Michael Brandwein**  
6:30pm-8:00pm Membership Awards Dinner

**Please note:** Sleeping accommodations can be made at Camp Puthok or at local hotels. Detail information can be found in your Confirmation Letter that will be mailed to you after or by contacting the section office at 1-800-653-1409.

### Monday, November 6, 2006

8:00am-9:00am Board of Directors Breakfast  
9:00am-9:30am Registration  
9:30-11:30 DHMH Camp Regulations  
*Lead by DHMH Staff OR*  
Roundtable with Peg Smith  
*Lead by ACA-CK Executive Board OR*  
Standards Part 1  
*Lead by the Standards Committee*  
You must attend Standards Parts 1 & 2  
11:30am-12:30pm **Monday Keynote with Peg Smith**  
12:30pm-1:15pm Lunch  
1:00pm-3:00pm Standards Part 2  
*Lead by the Standards Committee*  
You must attend Standards Parts 1 & 2



**Register by October 6, 2006 and get the Early Bird Rate!**  
**Fall Conference 2006 at Camp Puthok in Monkton, MD Registration**  
Sunday, November 5 & Monday, November 6

Camp Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ACA Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name	ACA Member	ACA Member	NonACA Member	NonACA Member
	Early Bird: \$150	Rate after 10/06: \$200	Early Bird: \$200	Rate after 10/06: \$225

Name	Dinner Only \$30	Total amount due \$ _____
		Please enclosed a check for the amount list above! Make checks payable to ACA Chesapeake <b>Please mail this registration form and check to:</b> ACA Chesapeake Section 5841 Brandywood Lane, Salisbury, MD 21801 Call 1-800-653-1409 with any questions!

**Check-out us on the web at [www.ACAchesapeake.org](http://www.ACAchesapeake.org)!**



# Recognition Awards Nominating Form

The Chesapeake Section established a means of saying "Thank You" to those who make extraordinary contributions to the camps they work for or for the outstanding camping programs in our Section. Listed below are the awards that will be presented in the fall at our Annual meeting. The Awards Committee hopes that all camp directors and their staff will take the opportunity to nominate people, programs, and/or photographs for consideration.

**The Service Award:** 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 you camp; within ACA on the Section/Regional level or within ACA on the National level. This Service Award is not limited to ACA members.

**The Katherine P. Johnson Award:** This award for meritorious service is awarded on an annual basis to an individual who has been nominated by his or her peers and selected by the Awards Committee. The criteria for the nomination are: Must be a member of the ACA for continuous period of not less than 10 years and Chesapeake Section for not less than 5 years, have rendered outstanding services which have been beneficial to the Chesapeake Section and must have good moral and character standards.

**The William "Bill" McLeod Award:** This award is given to honor an individual who is dedicated their self to improving the quality of camps. The criteria for nomination are: the nominee must be administrative staff member of at least 3 years at an accredited camp; have rendered outstanding service that has been beneficial to camp; have rendered a creative and/or administrative contribution to camp; and have good moral and character standards.

**Environmental Education Program Award:** This award for excellence in environmental education programming is given in recognition of a camp or program focusing on environmental education and includes: A system of teaching and practicing responsible stewardship of the natural resources; exploration of environmental ethics and opportunities for campers to practice hands-on skills which are transferable to settings outside of camp.

**Outreach Award:** This award for excellence in innovating programming is given in recognition of a camp for programs which demonstrates an innovative approach to meeting the diverse needs of today's campers and their parents. Examples may include, but not limited to: Innovative use facility, space or site, to make camping available to more campers; innovative scheduling to meet needs of parents and maximize program time and creative uses of resources, including monetary, material and human.

**Photography Award:** This award may be black & white or color prints, either 5"x7" or 8"x10", matted for display. On the back of the photography please include the name, addresses of individuals in the photograph and the photographer (age if you deem appropriate), camp affiliation, and description of the subject (location, event, etc.)

This form is to be used when nominating camp staff or programs or photograph(s) for any of the awards established by the Chesapeake Section. Please double check the award criteria before you return the nomination to us. On a separate sheet of paper, we would also need a small paragraph stating why you are nominating this individual or program included.

\_\_\_\_\_ Service Award *Limited to three individuals per camp.*  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Katherine P Johnson Award *Limited to one individual per camp.*  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ William "Bill" McLeod Award *Limited to one individual per camp.*  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Environmental Education Award *Limited to one per camp.*  
Camp or Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Outreach Award *Limited to one per camp.*  
Camp or Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Photography Award *Please attach photos and information as described above.*

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Name: \_\_\_\_\_