

eWOODSMOKE Spring 2008

American Camp Association® Chesapeake Section's

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This year has begun with a bang for the ACA, Chesapeake Section! In January the board had a day retreat with Susan Yoder for ACA National to begin to set a clear direction to move the section forward and work towards the goal of providing the best services to our members. In March, we held our first annual section get together at the Tri State Conference. This event was a huge success and allowed over 45 Chesapeake members and potential members to socialize and learn about upcoming events. We will plan to make the section meeting at Tri States an annual event.

The section was honored to get a grant from The Bubel/Aiken Foundation for our Inclusion Event in April. This program was developed under the great leadership of Bonnie Dunn and Sara Portman Milner. Members and nonmembers from diverse camping and recreation programs attended this great day of training. Through this education effort we hope to open the possibility of camping to any child or adult that is interested in the camp experience.

The Chesapeake Section annual spring skills training are happening again this year! We have a number of training and educational events in skill areas such as archery and canoeing. Please look for information in this issue of "Woodsmoke" and in future emails from the section.

As the summer quickly approaches, please do not hesitate to use the Section as a resource. Over a third of our camps are going through the accreditation process and I know how stressful that can be. Please know that both our Section Executive and Accreditation Volunteers are here to assist you every step of the way.

Best of luck with your summer camp preparations!

Yours in Camping,

Jonathon Rondeau, CPRP

ACA, Chesapeake President

News from the Section Office.....

Nancy Canter, Chesapeake Section Executive

It's that time of year again, I can tell by the increase number of calls to the office from parents seeking a camp for their children. More and more parents are recognizing the importance of camps that are accredited. Parents who have been to camp shows or see the ads camps run call asking why some camps have the logo and some don't. Don't forget, if your camp is accredited be sure to use the ACA logo, more parents are on the look out for it.

We will be offering an Archery and Canoe Instructor training course this spring. The Archery date has been set for May 31st at Valley Mill Camp at a cost of \$80.00 ACA members per participant. The canoe training will be announced soon with more details. To register for the Archery course, please call the section office at 800-653-1409.

As more and more parents search the web, I want to make you aware of resources we offer to them, including CAMP e-News and our three parent videos. Be sure to check them out! They can be accessed at http://www.acacamps.org/member/parent_resources.php.

Hope your summer is great!

Nancy

Annual Section Awards

Bobbie S. Miller, CCD, Awards Chair

As the year progresses, start thinking about people or programs that deserve recognition. Nominations are taken each fall, and this year could be your camp's turn! Here is a brief description of the awards ;

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

William "Bill" McLeod Award

This award is given to honor an individual who has 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.

Outreach Award

This award for excellence in innovating programming is given in recognition of a camp for programs that demonstrate 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.

Environmental Education 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 ethic, and opportunities for campers to practice hands-on skills that are transferable to settings outside of camp.

Photography Award

This award may be for black & white or color prints taken of campers or activities.

Be sure to nominate someone you feel is deserving of special recognition. For more information or to receive the nomination form now (so you can plan early), please call the section office at 1-800-653-1409.

Welcome our Newest Chesapeake Business Member:

Would you like to learn how to help kids in your community?

KaBOOM!, the national non-profit that empowers communities to build playgrounds, is offering one of our free training sessions on April 10th in Washington, DC. Known as "WE Play!," (Workshops Entirely on Play) these fun sessions are FREE one-day trainings on play and playgrounds. Sponsored by The Home Depot Foundation, WE Play! trainings are packed with interactive workshops, networking opportunities and first-hand success stories on how to bring play back into the lives of our children. From planning a playground project to involving local governments in the cause of play, WE Play! gives all participants the tools to take action to help kids in their community lead happier healthier lives. For registration and additional information, go to www.kaboom.org/weplay

WILDERNESS FIRST AID Training:

The Wilderness Safety Council is offering Wilderness First Aid classes from NY to NC this year. The normal cost for Wilderness First Aid is \$200. We are offering several classes at a reduced rate of \$160 to summer camps:

May 10-11: Charlottesville, VA

May 27-28: Blacksburg, VA (Camp Alta Mons)

May 20-21: Richmond, VA (Camp Hanover)

May 24-25: Asheville, NC

June 4-5: Reidsville, NC (Betsy Jeff Penn 4H Camp)

Further information and registration at this rate is available online only at: <http://wfa.net/aca.shtml>

You can register students in our other classes at the regular rate of \$200. A complete schedule of class dates and locations is available online at <http://wfa.net>. Don't hesitate to contact us by phone or email with any questions.

Wilderness First Aid is a program of the Wilderness Safety Council and meets ACA standards for 60 minutes or more from definitive medical treatment. You can learn more about our program by visiting the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) at: <http://wfa.net/faq.shtml>

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8th International Camping Congress

October 4-7, 2008

Plans are progressing for the 8th International Camping Congress to be held October 4-7, 2008 in Quebec City, Canada, and we hope that you are planning to attend. Quebec would be a great place for a fall vacation and you will find it to be a unique educational and cultural experience. Full information is available at: www.iccquebec2008.com or please contact Linda Pulliam at 1-800-347-7523.

Camp Food Service Conference May 22nd & 23rd 2008

Hosted by International Sports Training Camp
Thursday May 22, 2008
Friday May 23, 2008

12:00 - 12:45: Camp meeting

12:45 - 1:30: Can Cuttings (Food Comparisons) 1:30 - 2:00: ACA Camp Requirements 2:15 - 2:45: E-Nutrition and camp menus

2:45 - 3:15: Sysco chemicals and paper 3:15 - 4:00: New Ideas and open discussion *dinner on own

8:00 - 4:00: Serve Safe course *lunch on own

This event sponsored by the Keystone Regional Section, American Camp Association.

Attendee Name(s): _____

Camp Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Thursday Fee (per person): \$25.00 Friday Fee (per person): \$150.00 Both Days (per person, lodging included): \$190.00:

\$_____ Non-ACA Members (per person): \$40.00 Non-ACA Members (per person): \$175.00 Non-ACA Members (per person):

\$225.00

Make checks payable to International Sports Training Camp

Please Mail This Form and Payment by May 1st to:

International Sports Training Camp, 1100 Twin Lake Road, Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Telephone: 570.620.2267 • Fax: 570.620.1692 • www.international-sports.com

You may call our office or check our website for directions.

MARYLAND - DELAWARE

2008 STATE 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS WORKSHOP

Workshop Contacts: REGISTRATION DUE APRIL 21 (postmarked 4/18)
Maryland - Conrad Arnold (410/228-8800) carnold@umd.edu

Denise Frebertshauser (301-314-7819) dfrebert@umd.edu

Delaware - Jim Kemble (302/831-2468) kemble@udel.edu

PURPOSE: To train and certify adult 4-H volunteers who wish to become instructors to teach in their respective counties or camping programs. Each participant can be certified in only one area of competency at this workshop. Website: Go to the National 4-H Shooting Sports website <http://www.4-hshootingsports.org/> click on your state, then click Maryland.

WHO: **Adult 4-H volunteers 21 years of age or older.** (Instructor Certification)

Young adult 4-H volunteers 18 to 20 years of age (as of January 1, 2008)(Assistant Instructor)

(Assistant Instructor - may conduct a program under direct and immediate supervision of adult certified instructor.) Need not be experienced with firearms or archery, but must be interested in working with youngsters.

4-H Teen Volunteers 14 or older (as of 1/1/08) Teens must have been involved in a local 4-H shooting sports program for a minimum of 2 years. Purpose is to provide teens the opportunity to benefit directly from the instruction they receive at the weekend. Their increased knowledge & skills could help them to become a greater asset in helping a certified instructor at club or camp level classes. **No certification for teens will be awarded or implied. Must have a letter of recommendation from their County 4-H Educator.** Only a very limited number of teens will be accepted.

WHEN: **May 2, 3 & 4 2008 (Program begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday & all participants are expected on time)**

WHERE: Thendara 4-H Center, 6275 Lords Crossing Road, Hurlock, MD (Dorchester Co.)

COST: **4-H VOLUNTEERS: \$120.00 EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION**

INCLUDES 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

(RECEIVED PRIOR TO APRIL 21, 2008 –postmarked 4/18)

LATE \$180.00 IF REGISTRATION IS RECEIVED AFTER APRIL 21.

OTHERS: (Private Camps, Scouts, etc.) \$180.00 EARLY BIRD

(RECEIVED PRIOR TO APRIL 21, 2008)

LATE AFTER APRIL 21, \$200.00

CANCELLATIONS BETWEEN APRIL 21 & APRIL 28 WILL BE SUBJECT TO A \$30.00 CANCELLATION FEE, UNLESS WE ARE UNABLE TO OFFER THE TRAINING DISCIPLINE FOR WHICH YOU REGISTERED. NO REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS AFTER 4/28.

Counties may be offering some additional scholarship funds. Check with your County 4-H Office.

Cost includes 3 meals on Saturday, 2 meals on Sunday, 2 snacks, 2 night's dormitory lodging, insurance, all ammunition and instructional materials.

LODGING: **Dormitory lodging** - Camp type dormitory lodging is included in fees. Bath facilities are located in the dorm.

SUPPORTING GRANTS: ***THIS WORKSHOP IS BEING FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED BY FEDERAL CARTRIDGE COMPANY & THE MD 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS COMMITTEE.***

REGISTRATION: NO INCOMPLETE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED & PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED WITH REGISTRATION BY APPROPRIATE DEADLINE.

Prepaid registration will be required. The early bird **received deadline** is **FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2008**. All registrations should be mailed to: **Conrad Arnold, Extension Educator 4-H, P.O. Box 299, Cambridge, MD 21613. Checks are made payable to: MARYLAND 4-H FOUNDATION, INC.**

Registration should include: completed registration form, 4-H Adult Health Statement (MEP 323- available from your County 4-H Office) and payment.

The workshop committee reserves the right to limit class size in order to provide adequate instruction. Registrations will be considered as received.

Each participant can register for only one of the following disciplines: Rifle; Archery; Muzzleloading; Shotgun; Pistol.

Shooting Sports Workshop

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CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT:

Each participant should bring outdoor clothing to cope with rain or cool weather. **Muzzleloader** shooters will need to have a long-sleeved shirt. Everyone will need the usual items: sleeping bags or sheets & blanket, personal items, towels and comfortable shoes.

All equipment needed for each discipline will be furnished. Participants are asked **not** to bring any personal shooting sports equipment to the workshop. Eye and ear protection will be supplied but if you wish you may bring your own.

PROGRAM:

The program will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening, May 2nd and finish at approximately 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 4th.

A PARTICIPANT MUST ATTEND ALL OF THE SESSIONS TO BECOME CERTIFIED. Please remember that this is a Certification program. The State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee reserves the right to withhold certification. Each participant will have an opportunity to demonstrate teaching skills as a part of the training program.

All of the workshop teaching will be done by 4-H volunteers and extension faculty of the Maryland & Delaware State 4-H Shooting Sports Committees, who were certified through a national level 4-H training program, or instructor trainers certified by this committee.

SHOOTING SPORTS DISCIPLINE DESCRIPTIONS

Each of the 4-H shooting sports disciplines teaches safety, concentration, self-discipline, self-confidence, goal-setting, decision-making, and builds toward more advanced activities. Programs allow for development of individual cooperative and competitive skills.

Youth development is the number one goal of the 4-H shooting sports program. 4-H shooting sports provide an outstanding way of providing human growth and development.

Introduction to the safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment is valuable for many.

Firearms and Archery Equipment are the Recreational and Educational Tools of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

RIFLE

This discipline will train participants in proper methods of instructing youth in the safe and responsible use of rifles. Training curriculum will include the use of both air rifles and smallbore rifles. 4-H programs have the flexibility of developing shooting programs that accommodate a youth audience of varying ages and stages. These programs also allow for the variety of facilities and conditions that may be available for conducting shooting sports programs, ranging from a community center, Extension office conference room or 4-H camp to the more elaborate shooting ranges that may be 4-H accessible in some areas. Each of these options has its place and comes with different degrees of resource requirements.

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ARCHERY

Archery includes a complex set of activities, from simple backyard target shooting to formal target or field competitions, from family fun to bow hunting and bow fishing or even the Olympic Games. Archery is a sport that can involve people of all ages. It does not require great strength or great expenditures in order to participate. As such, archery is an excellent individual, group or family recreation. This curriculum is based on the principle of immediate participation and immediate success. County program investment can be low for program startup. Facilities, too, should be easily identified.

MUZZLELOADING

The art of muzzleloading is an intriguing as well as historical area of firearms. Interest in blackpowder shooting or muzzleloading has grown tremendously in recent years. This discipline is geared to training instructors to teach this art to older youth as the weight of the individual firearm and use of peripheral equipment are factors. Efforts will be made to offer a complete training program including muzzleloader rifles, pistols and shotguns. This is a relatively inexpensive shooting program after initial investment. There are lots of opportunities to explore the history of our country as well as history of firearms through muzzleloading.

SHOTGUN

The shotgun discipline is geared to introducing the basics of shotgun shooting to youth and adults. Fundamentals of shotgun handling, safety, and the appropriate methods of teaching shotgunning to youth are important aspects of this discipline. The shotgun curriculum is concentrated yet ample time will be devoted to participant involvement in classroom and on the shooting range. As with all disciplines, workshop participants will be given opportunity to demonstrate teaching skills using parts of the 4-H curriculum. Retention and recruitment of older youth in 4-H programs may be enhanced through participation in a shotgun shooting sports program. This discipline will require a higher level of resource commitment and an appropriate shooting area such as a shooting range or open field.

PISTOL

The pistol discipline will focus on introducing the basics of pistol shooting including air pistol and smallbore pistol. Fundamentals of pistol handling, safety, and the appropriate methods of teaching pistol marksmanship to youth are important aspects of this discipline. The shotgun curriculum is concentrated yet ample time will be devoted to participant involvement in classroom and on the shooting range. As with all disciplines,

workshop participants will be given opportunity to demonstrate teaching skills using parts of the 4-H curriculum.

HUNTING & WILDLIFE (SORRY NOT AVAILABLE FOR THIS TRAINING)

GREAT STUFF FOR SUMMER CAMPS! The curriculum for this discipline addresses the areas of wildlife conservation and habitat, game animals and their characteristics, hunting skills, hunting ethics and values, and employs applied skill building exercises. Adult Volunteers will find this curriculum valuable as they work with young people who are involved in **hunting, as well as activities related to wildlife, bird watching, conservation, habitat and wildlife photography.** Many of the learning activities presented will support existing 4-H camping and natural resources education programs.

OTHER WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS:

WHY PARTICIPATE:

The 4-H Shooting Sports program is currently one of the fastest growing 4-H programs in the nation. Community based and family oriented, the 4-H Shooting Sports program offers a diverse curriculum that not only teaches shooting safety and gun owner responsibility, but also helps young people develop good citizenship, personal responsibility, and leadership skills. Leaders will be trained to help youth learn self-discipline, sportsmanship, ethical behavior, and an appreciation for the great outdoors.

Door Prizes – We request that each participant bring a door prize or two valued at \$10 or less. Shooting sports items, 4-H items, and Camping items are just suggestions.



**Registration Form
MARYLAND - DELAWARE**

STATE 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS WORKSHOP

May 2, 3 & 4, 2008

4-H VOL. REGISTRATION FEE

\$120.00 by April 21 (to be eligible for 4-H Scholarship)

\$180.00 after April 21

NON 4-H REGISTRATION FEE

DIRECTIONS: Completed registration form, 4-H Health Statement (MEP 323) and a check made payable to **MARYLAND 4-H FOUNDATION, INC.** should be mailed to: **Conrad Arnold, P. O. Box 299, Cambridge, MD 21613.** Registrations will be considered as received. **PLEASE SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATIONS PRIOR TO APRIL 21. (IT MUST BE RECEIVED BY EARLY BIRD DATE – postmarked 4/18)**

First Name _____ Last _____ MI

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____ County

Phone (____) _____ Sex: M F

Age Category (check one): ____ 21 or older ____ 18 to 20 (as of 1/1/08) ____ Teen 14 or Older (as of 1/1/08)

Date of Birth _____

Please check: ____ 4-H Volunteer = (Registration fee: \$120.00 / \$180.00 after April 21)

____ Other Camps/Scouts/Others =Registration fee: \$180.00 / \$200.00 after April 21)

Check one: ____ Dormitory housing (You can phone 410-228-8800 for information about local motel lodging)

____ Commuter / no housing

____ Other – local motel lodging on your own, see list included

You can only take one discipline, but if interested, indicate your

1st, 2nd & 3rd choices in case a discipline is filled or cancelled.

If at all possible, you will get your first choice. We will contact you before making changes in your choice.

____ Rifle

____ Archery

____ Muzzleloaders

____ Shotgun

____ Pistol

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Rec'd _____

Check # _____

Fee \$ _____

Amt. Rec'd \$ _____

Co. Scholarship \$ _____

****SPECIAL NOTE FOR 4-H VOLUNTEERS – EDUCATOR VERIFICATION MUST BE SIGNED OR YOUR REGISTRATION WILL BE RETURNED**

EDUCATOR VERIFICATION: (To be completed by County 4-H Extension Educator)

This person is currently certified as an MCE Volunteer or has otherwise enrolled as a 4-H Volunteer in your county to your satisfaction. I understand that this is training in 4-H shooting sports curriculum and not inclusive of all aspects of MCE Volunteer training.

Extension Educator Signature _____ Date _____