

HEARTBEAT

News from
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THE DIRECTION ARROW news from the board

Greetings,

What a great year we have had in our section. Our educational committee provided us with two great events that were well attended. Our standards program began training for the new national standards and trained nine new visitors. We have new financial and bookkeeping procedures in place and working.

We have several new members on our board who bring new ideas and excitement to our section. Welcome to New Board Members Bri Payne, Josh Wright, Celia Wood and Letitia Green. I want to say thanks to everyone making all these things possible.

There are many new projects on the way from our national office... things like a new information technology system, a new relationship with the FBI for handling background checks, new fund raising programs and the biggest of all for our section is the national conference to be held in Nashville in 2008.

Thank you for having the faith to elect me to serve as the section president for the next three years. I assure you that I will do everything possible to help provide a hard-working leadership team for our section. I look forward to all the good times ahead.

As we each take this season of the year for celebra-

tions in our own way, I would like to wish you all the happiest of times and the greatest New Year ever.

Happy Holidays
Terry Everitt * Section President

HOS CONFERENCE 06

This year, we brought back the Maintenance Workshop. This workshop varied from 2 to 8 people and was really fabulous! Thanks to Gretchen and Joe for making this day such an informative and pleasant one.



Mr. Joe Romero, Maint. Direct. Camp Woodmen Abbeville, LA.

ORIENTING announcements throughout the south



Bri Payne, New Tenn. Chair, ACA Regional 06

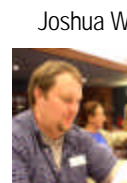
Hi! I'm Bri the District Chair for Tennessee. I have been active in local ACA events for five years and I'm glad to now be serving the Heart of the South and the

camps I represent in Tennessee. I'm a graduate University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a degree in television media and

communications. I have taught environmental education and worked in camping for more than 10 years. I enjoy whitewater canoeing, hiking, and playing with my black lab "Rapid" and orange tabby "Indi".

Celia Wood is the New Mississippi Chair. She co-owner of an Camp Windhover, Indpt. Celia has also taught writing and literature for twenty-five years to every age from

four-years-old to senior citizen, as well as helped to create several camps for non-profits in Jackson, MS.



Joshua Wright new Ark. Chair and new Daddy! ACA 06 Reg. Conf.

Joshua Wright is the New Arkansas Chair. He hails from Ark. 4H Cntr. and gave us our mascot cheer for the HOS 06 Conf., The Mosquito!

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Board Feature

Nashville, TN—Letitia Green, Director at fps, Nash. TN, has just been appointed to Secretary for the ACA HOS Board of Directors. She has been a staff member in the Recreation Department at First Presbyterian since 1989. She is a proud mom of 2, daughters, Taylor and Madison.

Adapted from <http://www.fpcnashville.org/recstaff.htm>

AXIS news from the Districts

Alabama ACA and Friends

Several "Lunch Bunches" are starting in Alabama. A group of camps in northern Alabama has been started by Caroline Price. This group meets on the second Thursday of the month for lunch and informal discussions. We are working to start a group in the central Alabama area and are searching for someone in southern Alabama to coordinate a group in that area.

"Lunch Bunches" is an opportunity to get together over a meal and share ideas. "See a bunch of you at lunch"

Alabama Spring Training

Spring Trainings were held at Camp Coleman again this year. The trainings were well attended and useful to all.

Louisiana— Please update your email list for Louisiana Camps. We need a representative for Louisiana. Gretchen Varnell will be promoted from South LA to Louisiana Camp and Fraternal Coordinator beginning January 2007. She is unable to serve another term. We thank her for her 3 years of service.

Mississippi— Hi all, I am Celia, your new rep. for Mississippi. We are planning to host another Instruction Program in May. There

are no legislative issues. The Miss. Standards Assoc. will be meeting Feb. 6—7, 2007 and will review the new ACA Standards. For questions, call me at 601-892-3282 (office, home)

Arkansas— Not much going on right now. But we also want to start the Lunch Bunch program. Give Josh a call, keep in touch and lets share a little info prior to Austin. You can reach me at 501.821.6884

Tennessee— The Last Lunch Bunch meeting was held this past November. The next one will be in January. If you need to contact Bri please call 865.376.2236

LONGITUDE news from the Membership Committee



Welcome Session Board Meeting 06



Woodmen of the World presents 50 non-profit camps with American Flags to HOS members. 06 ACA Nat. Conf.



Wanda & Terry Board Meeting 06



Chris Strelvel Past Present & HOS Member. 06 Nat. Conf.



Terry Everett Pres. HOS Anne Sheets Pres. ACA & Peg Smith CEO ACA 06 ACA Nat. Conf.

While we are seeking new members, here are a few photos to get your geared up for 06 National Conference in Austin and from our recent Regional Conference.



Jacqueline Thomas Membership Chair



Phillip Robertson and the Prices' AL 2006 Nat. Conf.

IN THE ZONE news from the Education/Program Committee

Question:

Are electronic signatures acceptable in court (i.e. if a parent fills out a permission to treat form online, would that hold up in court)?



Answer:

The Uniform Electronic Transaction Act (UETA) has been adopted in most jurisdictions. The purpose of the Act is to facilitate and promote commerce and other transactions by validating and authorizing the use of electronic records and electronic signatures. Under the UETA a record or signature may

not be denied legal effect or enforceability solely because it is in electronic form. A contract or agreement also may not be denied legal effect solely because it is in electronic form. If a law requires a record to be in writing, an electronic record satisfies the law. Also if a law requires a signature, an electronic signature satisfies the law. Further, an electronic record or electronic signature is attributable to a person if it was the act of the person. The act of the person may be shown in any manner and determined from the context and surrounding circumstances at the time of its creation, execution or adoption. In other words, agreements, permission slips or notices including information that needs to

be transmitted to or from parents can all be done electronically. The only limitation will be that the camp should take reasonable steps to make sure that information, signatures or agreements are coming from parents and not from campers.

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VIEWPOINT news from the Public Relations Committee

Don't you love this picture of me baking bread? Actually, I choose this picture from Microsoft because flour is the main ingredient in making bread. It is fine, adds texture, and can be kneaded in many different ways. And yes, you can eat it with butter and a hot cup of coffee.



I love writing too but I am getting ready to venture into new territory with my job here becoming the Louisiana WOW Fraternal and Camp Coordinator. My region has just expanded to the entire "boot and shaft" of the

State of LA. Also, I am also looking at additional personal commitments as well. Therefore, I'm looking for someone else to become the Editor of the HOS newsletter. Become the baker and put this newsletter in the oven and make it rise! Contact Wanda or myself if you are interested—it's fun! *Gretchen*

ACA WEB TRAFFIC REPORT: Do you find this bit of information helpful in marketing your program. You should have received an email report from ACA. Let us know how this can be beneficial or not to your program.

SECTION CHAIRS: Please try to update your

membership email list for the coming year. Wanda has sent the list to each chair.

MINI GRANTS: Want to host a training in your section? Apply for a MINI GRANT to help defray the cost of the speakers. Contact Wanda for now.

NEW CHAIR CREATED: Did you see Linda Larson this Thanksgiving? She has taken the "Head of the Table" Chair from Treasurer to Finance Chair. This Chair is able to carve out new policies and procedures to better maintain the finances of Heart of the South. Cut Away Linda & Congrats!

LATITUDE news from the Standards Committee

Dates for visitor updates and standards training will be coming soon. Watch the web site and your emails for details.

Congratulations to the following camps who were approved to be Accredited based on 2006 summer visits:

AJCC Milton Collins Day Camp
Anderel Program Center / Camp Aldersgate
Camp Bon Coeur Inc. / Camp Cottaquilla
Camp Courage - **First-time accredited**
Camp Hardtner / Camp Hazelwood

Camp Lee / Camp Ozark
Camp Rap-A-Hope / Camp Ruth Lee
Camp Windhover /
Camp Woodmen - Jackson, TN
Circle YI Camp / Easter Seal Camp Kysoc
Hopewell Camp and Conference Center
JM Feltner 4-H Camp - **First-time Accredited**
Life Adventure Camp Inc / Oak Hill Day Camp
Phoenix Boys & Girls Clubs
Sumatanga / Tanako

The Children's Fresh Air Farm
Tik-A-With a / Trico Program Center
Wawbansee / Winnataska
WOW North Alabama Youth/Senior
WOW South Louisiana Youth Camp

Become involved... Be a Visitor Today.
Jenny H. Jones * Standards Chair
ACA Heart of the South * 800-624-4185

There were 9 individuals who were trained as new visitors during the 06 HOS Fall Conference and there were 6 visitors who were updated in there Standards Training.

DESTINATION news from Awards & Nominations Committee

Winners of the 2006 AWARDS presented at the HOS Regional Conference.



Members Mingle 06 ACA Nat. Conf.

President -
Terry Everett was re-elected

Second-Vice President for program and Education.
Beth McCandless won by a two vote margin.

Section Awards

Fran Hawley- **Camp Parent of the year** from The John Knox Center in Knoxville, TN.

Pat Dows won the **section service award** for her many years of service to the section.

Three 07 positions to be elected:

- ✍ Secretary
- ✍ 1st VP for membership
- ✍ Newsletter editor

Four 07 positions to be appointed:

- ✍ Alabama District chair
- ✍ Mississippi District Chair
- ✍ Louisiana District Chair
- ✍ Standards Chair

Please submit your request to be appointed to these chairs as soon as possible.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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LODESTONE the Professional's Corner

Gearing Up?
December is here
and are you gear-
ing up for the 2007
Camp Season?



Have you sent out your camper welcome
back cards? Followed up with parents?
Checked all of W2 Forms for Staff?
Planned for Recruiting? Sent out your
Holiday Cards, OH Wait.... Taken time
for yourself and your family during this
Holiday Season?

The word **holiday** has related but dif-
ferent meanings in English-speaking
countries. Based on the words [holy](#) and
[day](#), holidays originally represented [spe-
cial religious days](#). The word has evolved
in general usage to mean any special day
of rest (as opposed to regular days of rest

such as the [weekend](#)). Source [http://
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holiday](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holiday)

How do you rest? Maybe you go fish-
ing / hunting; you get a good book on
Philosophy and Reason; or, maybe you
check into a hotel for the weekend to be
pampered. Do it now because in this
industry, we know all too well that 24/7 is
around the corner.

WEB SITES TO SHARE....

1. [http://www.recfx.com/Merchant2/
merchant.mvc?
Screen=CTGY&Category_Code=YUCK](http://www.recfx.com/Merchant2/merchant.mvc?Screen=CTGY&Category_Code=YUCK)
2. <http://www.ultimatecampresource.com/>
3. [http://www.camprena.com/free-tips/staff-
training.html](http://www.camprena.com/free-tips/staff-training.html)
4. <http://www.youthwork.com/ywexped.html>

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ing
- ✂ **David Betz** * Camp TB Media, Inc.
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Begin at the beginning and go on till you
come to the end; then stop. ~Lewis Carrol,
Alice in Wonderland .
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