

# HEARTBEAT

ACA HEART OF THE SOUTH

SPRING 2010

Let us hear from you!

A Member Survey is currently posted via Survey Monkey:

<http://surveymonkey.com/s/3YQ8B6S>.

Please go online and answer a few questions. The results from this survey will help the Heart of the South Board figure out what our members desire.

**Record Attendance at Fall Conference**

The 2009 Annual Meeting and Fall Conference was held at Montgomery Bell State Park in Burns, TN November 16-18.

Over 150 attendees from throughout the Heart of the South section and beyond came together under the theme, "Be the Resource." Keynote speakers included Mark DeVries and Latta Johnston. Special evening activities kept attendees entertained by dancing led by Reuel and a Birds of Prey program presentation. The silent and live auctions raised money for the section to be used as scholarship money.

Among the workshops, discussions, and round tables, there was also standards/visitors updates and an Archery Level 1 course.

It was great to see all of the new faces and a pleasure to have so many "expert" camp folks, as well. We hope to see you all again at this year's Fall Conference. Have a good summer!

**Join us November 15-17, 2010**

"Memories, Milestones, and More..." is our theme for the 2010 Annual Meeting and Fall Conference. It will be held at Camp Sumatanga in Gallant, Alabama.

This year is a major anniversary for many camps and facilities, and ACA celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year as well. If your camp will be celebrating, let us know.

Keynote presenters already slated are Aileen Bennett and Michael Brandwein.

**News from Standards Chair**

Summer will be here before we know it and many of you are due for a 2010 Accreditation Visit. Please take advantage of one of the Basic Standards Courses being offered throughout our section:

March 10<sup>th</sup>-Camp Coleman, Trussville, AL  
Laura Elliott 205-655-3782; lelliott19@aol.com

March 19<sup>th</sup>-Chattanooga, TN Jenny Jones  
662-844-7577; jenny.jones@girlscoutshs.org

March 29<sup>th</sup>-Kentucky (TBD) Linda Larson  
270-237-5704; llarson@ymcamidtn.org

April 9<sup>th</sup>-Girl Scout Office, Tupelo, MS  
Jenny Jones

April 10<sup>th</sup>-Girl Scout Office, New Orleans, LA  
Yvette Hairston 504-733-8220; yhairston@gsle.org  
All Visitors also need an update this year.

Please make plans to attend one of the following courses:

March 19<sup>th</sup>-3:00-5:00 p.m. Chattanooga, TN  
Jenny Jones

April 9<sup>th</sup>-3:00-5:00 p.m. Girl Scout Office,  
Tupelo, MS Jenny Jones

If you cannot attend any of the offered trainings, please contact Jenny Jones as soon as possible. We are looking forward to a great summer visit schedule and many happy campers!

We would like to say thank you for all of you who visited our booth at the recent ACA Heart of the South Conference. We really enjoyed speaking to all of you. We are offering a facilitator training April 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> at Kanawahala Program Center just south of Birmingham, AL. It is also a good time to schedule an inspection. Please call or email for anything you need for your challenge course. Have a great upcoming camping season!

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## A Note from the Kentucky District Chair

Here's a quick update of what's new in the Kentucky Camp World.

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, we had a KY Camp Directors Luncheon at Tim Horton Camp Kentahnten.

Five ACA accredited camps were present.

Topics were discussed such as recruitment, training, emergency procedures, and ACA accreditation updates.

We encourage you to take part in this next time. If you did not receive the invite, please let us know so you can be added to the invitation list.

It's that time of year again when we begin to schedule our training/certifications for our summer staff. We would like to utilize each other and share trainings when possible. If your offering a training at your camp, please let me know as we can invite other camp staff from the area and you could be eligible to receive a \$300 scholarship for hosting the training.

Good-luck on your preparations leading up to the summer and if you need anything at all, please do not hesitate to contact me at: [patterson\\_carrie@timhortons.com](mailto:patterson_carrie@timhortons.com).

## Recreation Toolbox

Your maintenance man has a tool box, your administrative assistant has a Rolodex, and your food service director has a recipe book--but what do Camp Directors have when it is down to the wire and summer is coming fast...hopefully a bookshelf of ideas. These are some "must have" recreation resources for the seasoned camp professional as well as new leadership staff.

### Making Fun Out Of Nothing at All,

Anthony and Mike Burcher

101 activities that can be used to set the mood for any program or simply to have fun. Co-written by Presbyterian Camp Directors, this book offers a variety of options for both active and quiet games all requiring NO PROPS! The activities are grouped in such a way that it is simple to find the perfect activity for your group no matter what size or age.

### 50 Ways to Use Your Noodle and 50 MORE Ways to Use Your Noodle,

Chris Cavert and Sam Sikes

Both books provide endless ways to use those pool favorites...NOODLES! These inexpensive toys can be cut, tied, painted, etc. Whether in water or on land these resources will insure you never run out of ideas to challenge your group.

### Silver Bullets,

Karl Rohnke

This book is full of non-competitive games designed to build communication and team work skills. These activities are perfect for youth groups to challenge themselves as a team and build cohesion within the group. Play with a Purpose!

### Raptor,

Sam Sikes

Use these fun and meaningful activities to build a strong team with a "can do" attitude. These non-competitive challenging initiatives will help your team grow together and as individuals.

**TRINITY/HPSI MEMBERS ARE NOW COLLECTIVELY SAVING MORE THAN \$7,000,000 DOLLARS EACH YEAR!** We are currently serving more than 1,000 members in 49 states, with average savings of several thousand dollars, and many members saving tens of thousands, often without changing anything they do. Twenty ACA-HS members are included in that number, and we would be thrilled to serve the other 65 of you as Trinity/HPSI members!

TRINITY/HPSI can help substantially through agreements with U.S. Foodservice, SYSCO and Gordon Food Service, as well as with Office Depot, Staples, The Original Mattress Factory, HD Supply, Suburban Propane, Ferrellgas, Summit Payroll, Sherwin-Williams, ECOLAB, Briggs Corporation for first aid supplies, Direct Supply for commercial kitchen equipment, and many more. Please visit [www.trinity-usa.net](http://www.trinity-usa.net) for further information and our supplier listing. **Join now to save during the winter/spring conference and facility maintenance season and have a head start on savings for next summer!**

There is **NO COST** for membership in TRINITY/HPSI and no obligation for anything. You decide which agreements are beneficial for your camp and use them at your discretion. For more information or a complimentary analysis of your foodservice savings opportunity, call us at 615-672-0229 or email [trinity-usa@comcast.net](mailto:trinity-usa@comcast.net). See how the \$9 billion annual volume of HPSI members can benefit your ministry budget.

Everyone's a Winner: Games for Children's Ministry,

Group Publishing

This book contains ideas for running non-competitive games for smaller children. The props needed for most activities could be found around your camp or church.

Guide for Recreation Leaders,

Glenn Q. Bannerman and Robert E. Fakkema

This is a perfect resource for the beginning youth leader as well as those veterans who would like to improve their leadership skills.

**Spring Training Events**

Check out the Heart of the South's website for Training Events. If you are planning an event, please let us know at ACAhs@bellsouth.net.

Contact your District Chair for information on how you can get \$300 for sponsoring an event.

**Become a part of the Board**

The ACA Heart of the South board welcomes new members: President-Elect Susannah Craig and Education Chair Ben Smith. They are both from Camp Bon Coeur in Louisiana.

This year, the following positions are up for election: Newsletter/Public Relations, Secretary, Mississippi District, and Alabama District.

**Got News?**

If you have any happenings in your area, special news, recipe ideas, cool websites, or other information you would like to share with the rest of us, please send it to Becky Campbell at [bluedog96@hotmail.com](mailto:bluedog96@hotmail.com) with ACA newsletter in the subject field.