



News In Brief

November 9, 2009



SAVE THE DATE

January 18-21, 2010

Location near Lafayette and West Lafayette, IN
National Playground Safety Institute and Exam

January 19, 2010

Locations in Lafayette and West Lafayette, IN
ACA Standards Course, New Director Orientation, Archery Instructor,
Camp Tecumseh Tour, Portable Challenge training, Subaru/Co-Rec Tour

January 20, 2010

Locations in Lafayette and West Lafayette, IN
Celery Bog/Lilly Nature Center Tour, Columbian Park Tour
ACA IN Board & Committee meetings, IPRA District/Section meetings

January 20-22, 2010

IPRA/ACA IN Conference “Wellness Through the Ages
Purdue Memorial Union, West Lafayette, IN

- Exhibit Hall with 65+ vendors
- Exhibit Hall Grand Opening Social- cash bar, Hor d’ourves, Bind Card, Live Band and dancing
- IPRA Certification breakfast
- Evening Social with Cosmic Bowling, pizza and cash bar
- ACA Indiana Awards Banquet & Annual Meeting, IPRA Awards Luncheon, IPRA Annual Meeting
- Pinewood Derby
- Keynote speaker- Susie Bruce
- Education sessions:
 - Emerald Ash Borer, Wetland Mitigation
 - Awesome Campfires, Grab & Go programs, Teambuilding, Aquatic Safety, Nature Science, DNR program updates
 - Working with teens, Excellent customer service, How to keep your professional staff, Tweets/Blogs/Social Networking
 - How to start a Day Camp, Risk Management, Camper Trends, Camper Behavior Management
 - More.....

For those of you who are eger to get information on the 2010 state conference, <http://www.inpra.org/conference.html>

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[Jostens Foundation](#)

The mission of the Jostens Foundation is to provide support to nonprofit organizations that work to create strong communities and healthy families and children. The Foundation primarily supports organizations in the communities where Jostens facilities and employees are located. Through the Jostens Community Grants Program, the Foundation provides awards of \$500 to \$10,000 to organizations that enhance the lives of youth and promote educational opportunities that significantly and positively impact children from birth through college. The remaining application deadlines for the 2009 Community Grants Program are August 25 and November 24. Visit the company's website listed above to review the application guidelines. (Grantstation)

MGMT & LEADERSHIP

9 myths about most boards

Assembling and keeping a great board is a challenge, but June Bradham, founder and president of consultant Corporate DevelopMint, has discovered nine myths that can hamper either the makeup or operations of a board. She presents those myths in her book "The Truth About What Nonprofit Boards Want" and follows with myth-busting truths.

1. It's the cause, not the company. Current board makeup is the number one reason a top-flight candidate will consider board service.
2. A great board member is a great board member. Period. The board member who doesn't feel the cause passionately can't compete with one who does.
3. The board alone is responsible for success or failure. Without a dedicated, smart, visible and vocal CEO, a board will not totally engage.
4. CEO and board members are colleagues, nothing more. Engaged boards have an inspired CEO who forms a partnership with board members and demonstrates a passion for the mission.
5. It's about the work, not about the party. All work and no play makes Jack an unhappy board member.
6. What the Executive Committee shares is its business. The chair and CEO must build trust with the entire board.
7. Great board members = big check writers. That's all. Board giving is directly correlated to the board experience.
8. No one cares about gift expectations two years out. Tell the board in advance what is expected all of it.
9. Boards get a lot from training. Board members hate anything labeled "training". (Non Profit Times)

RISK MGMT/ STANDARDS

Effective for the 2010 camp season, the REVISED Standard regarding the availability of an AED reads:

Does the camp have access to an AED (automated electronic defibrillator) available to the majority of the camp population, within the timeframe recommended by authoritative sources, and managed by trained personnel? The AED may be located on the camp property or available through another provider.

This standard will NOT be mandatory and does not apply to trip or travel camps or other off-site programs.

Interpretation: Examples of authoritative sources include American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, OSHA. The camp administration should determine the placement of the AED(s) based on population served and activities conducted.

Compliance Demonstration: Explanation of process used to determine where the AED will be located, who is trained in use of the AED and who is responsible for the maintenance of the AED. Be watching the ACA Website (under Resources for Accreditation) for additional resource information to be posted!

PR/MARKETING

It's Not Too Late to Take the Challenge and Win \$ for Your Cause!

Your organization can use the power of social media to win awards of up to \$50,000 in this challenge sponsored by the Case Foundation, Causes on Facebook and PARADE. All you have to do is post your cause online and invite friends and supporters to donate; if your cause is among the most popular, Case will chip in from \$500 up to \$50,000. <http://www.causes.com/index.html> (Connect For Kids)

GREEN SPOKEN HERE

International Paper Company Foundation

Grants will support programs in the areas of education, employee involvement, and community development. Education grants focus on career development for minorities, environmental education, and literacy.

Community-development grants provide seed money for new projects that benefit communities where the company has operations.

ELIGIBILITY:

Organizations classified as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code can apply. Grants will not be awarded to individuals or to religious and political organizations.

DUE DATE: Ongoing

INFORMATION: IPC 400 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Conn. 06921; (203) 541-8678; f (203) 541-8309

Website:

http://www.internationalpaper.com/Our%20Company/IP%20Giving/A_IP%20Foundation/Application_Guidelines.html

(Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives)

SITE & FACILITY

Don't forget to use YOUR resources.... topics on the ACA message boards for Site & Facilities:

<http://www.acamessageboards.org/forum/ubbthreads.php?ubb=postlist&Board=5&page=1>

- Non Toxic Cleaning Agent
- Poison Ivy
- Camp Manager Housing
- Rental Business

- Tire Shredding
- Two Way Radios
- Covered Wagons
- Recycling @ Camp
- Leach Field Technology
- Amphitheater Design
- Composting Toilets
- Dining Hall Tables
- Much more....

Preserving the rich history of the camp experience is essential for the future. The American Camp Association (ACA) is proud to celebrate our 100th Anniversary in 2010 and the 150th Anniversary of Organized Camping in 2011, and to honor our past with this Web-based tribute.

<http://www.acacamps.org/anniversary>

HEALTH & WELLNESS/ FOOD SERVICE

Campbell Soup Foundation Community Support Grant

Grants for local champions who inspire positive change in communities throughout the country. The Foundation focuses on the areas of hunger relief, wellness, education and community revitalization. (Thanks to the Center for Health and Health Care in Schools!)

Award amounts vary. The Foundation limits grants to nonprofit organizations which are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Grants are made in locations where Campbell Soup has plant facilities in the US, which can be found at

<http://www.campbellsoupcompany.com/Foundation.aspx> under "Eligible Institutions".

The New York State Health department just released a Children's Camp Safety Plan template that is nicely done and easy to use. <http://www.health.state.ny.us/publications/2727.pdf> (Y-USA Camping Update)

PROGRAMMING

Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis Seeks Letters of Inquiry From Nonprofits for Community Grants

Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis will be seeking letters of inquiry from nonprofit organizations for a \$100,000 grant to fund a specific project or program that will run for a year or two and has the potential to make a significant impact in the greater Indianapolis area. The organization seeks to fund critical needs, new ventures, and innovative ways to solve social problems and to create a more civil and respectful climate in the Indianapolis community. Proposals should be submitted in one of five interest areas: Arts and Culture, Education, Environment, Family, and Health and Wellness.

Applicant organizations must be 501(c)(3) nonprofits or 509(a) public charities. Applicant organizations' seat of operation must be based in Marion, Hamilton, Hancock, Shelby, Johnson, Morgan, Hendricks, or Boone counties in Indiana or a recognized local chapter of a state or national nonprofit serving this region. The project must be a new program, expansion of an existing program, or may be a joint effort of several agencies.

The online link to submit a letter of inquiry will open on December 5, 2009, and close on January 15, 2010. Visit the Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis Web site for grant guidelines and complete application procedures.

<http://www.impact100indy.org/grants.asp>

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FROM THE SECTION OFFICE

We wanted to let you know that we have a new resource that we think will be helpful to anyone using our business operations data. Currently, the information about budgets, marketing, etc (ACA Camp Business Operations Report: 2009 http://www.acacamps.org/research/improve/2009_business_operations.php) can be purchased by members for \$10-20.

With the help of a grad student from SUNY-Cortland (Amy Padowski), we have also created "Fact Sheets" that let you look at very specific data around type of camp and region. For example, let's say you are an agency day camp and you'd like to look at only other agency day camp information.

Look in the "Bookmarks" column of the PDF (left side) until you see "Agency". When you click "agency", you will see a series of tables that display just agency day camp information. Perhaps you'd like to compare your camp to other day camps in your region. Again, look in the "Bookmarks" until you see the various regions- click, and you'll see tables for just that region.

We think these Fact Sheets will help camp administrators hone in on the specific information of interest to them.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

AmeriCorps State and National Grants (Deadline: January 26)

Subject to the availability of appropriations for fiscal year 2010, the Corporation announces the anticipated availability of approximately \$363 million to award new, re-competing, and continuation AmeriCorps State and National grants.

The grant categories are: State Commission and National Competitive including Professional Corps and Fixed-Amount Grants; State and National EAP; States and Territories without Commissions; and Indian Tribes.

In the FY 2010 competition, the Corporation's funding priorities are projects that address compelling, unmet needs in one or a combination of the following five national service priority areas which are described more fully in the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

- Education
- Clean Energy/Environment
- Healthy Futures
- Veterans
- Opportunity

The total funding available for these grants will be set by Congress through the appropriations process now underway. If the President's fiscal year 2010 budget request is fully funded, the agency anticipates approximately \$363 million to be available for new, re-competing, and continuation grants in all of the AmeriCorps State and National grant categories.

Applications to the Corporation are due January 26, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, and successful applicants will be notified in early June 2010.

http://www.americorps.gov/for_organization/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=74
(Youth Service America)
