



News In Brief

December 16, 2009

EDUCATION & TRAINING

NONPROFIT TRAININGS

The Indiana Nonprofit Resource Network hosts a wide range of trainings across Indiana including:

"The Keys to Volunteer Management," January 27, 2010, in Evansville,

"Create Your Leadership Brand," February 17, 2010, in Muncie, and

"Grantwriting for Beginners," March 9, 2010, in Indianapolis.

See the entire calendar:

<http://www.inrn.org/calendar/calendar.aspx>

(Indiana Youth Institute)

CAMP SPOTLIGHT

THANKS WESTON, Marketing Coordinator for Culver Summer Schools & Camps (and who happens to be ACA IN Webmaster) for including this in the Culver Summer Camps newsletter!!

GIVE THE GIFT OF CAMP

American Camp Association (ACA) - "Toys? Games? Clothes? The latest electronics gadget? Each holiday season, parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles are

faced with the hard decision of what gifts to give children. This year, as part of your holiday gift list, consider the Gift of Camp."

In 2010, both the **Boy Scouts of America** (BSA) and the **American Camp Association** (ACA) celebrate 100 years of providing children with meaningful memories and learning experiences. Culver has a long history with both organizations.

(Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives)

Are you a Friend on Facebook?

American Camp Association
Indiana

Be sure to check the Discussion Boards- there are some open for discussion currently.

Also, be sure to check the Wall and Links for resources you can use!

TECH TIPS

Go green for your next event by designing invitations online. Create, customize, manage and track invitations and response.

Most allow follow-up messages, maps, directions and more.

Send out a meeting announcement and registration information.

Samples:

www.mypunchbo wl.com;

www.Evite.com;

www.waitrose.co m;

www.sendomatic.com;

and www.RsvpHQ.com

MGMT & LEADERSHIP

We have received some information about some free training that is available through the Indiana Department of Labor.

Check out the Child Labor Training webpage where you may logon and register for seminars or teleconferences. The full address for the page is www.in.gov/dol/2645.

The contact person that we received the information from is Kenneth Boucher II. His contact information is: kboucher@dol.in.gov or 317-234-6718

(Indiana Parks & Recreation Association)

Link for ADA Language for Job Descriptions:
www.jan.wvu.edu/media/jobdescriptions.html

(Melinda English, Indv YMCA)

RISK MGMT/ STANDARDS

Learn About Criminal Background Checks With ACA's e-Institute

Screening and hiring practices for paid and volunteer staff should include criminal background checks. However, there is much confusion about the kinds of background

checks, both criminal and non-criminal, that are available to youth-serving organizations. This ACA e-Institute course, Criminal Background Checks - Dispelling the Myths and Confronting the Realities, provides an overview of criminal background checks critical for anyone in a human resources or staff hiring role.

<http://www.acacamps.org/einstitute/criminalbkgd/>

PR/MARKETING

Looking for more ways to reel in those moms who make decisions about camp-consider how you're using your technology.... "Why Millennial Moms are Supplanting College Students As the Most Connected and Technology Dependent Population"

Millennials, defined as individuals born between 1977 and 1996, are now well within their baby rearing years. According to [The Parents Network](#), 79% of all first-births and 68% of all births are to Millennial Moms. These new parents have been raised on the internet, e-mail, SMS and IM and quickly adopted Facebook and social networking in their teens or early 20s. Gen X moms have also been even quicker than the general population to integrate new technologies and communication platforms to their lifestyles. As older parents tend to adopt new technologies used by younger parents within their play circles, Millennial Moms are influencing them as well. Quite simply, much of the frustration that marketers have faced over the past decade in reaching the youth market now bears many similarities to the challenges in reaching the newly defined Millennial Mom demographic.

<http://www.millennialmoms.com/>

(The Little Red Head With The Big Ideas)

GREEN SPOKEN HERE

Leave No Trace offers a variety of grant and scholarship opportunities for individuals and organizations seeking Leave No Trace educational materials and/or training.

Due to the number of applications received, the Center is not able to award international grants at this time.

Please direct all grant and scholarship inquiries to grants@LNT.org or [click here to submit a grant proposal online](#).



SITE & FACILITY

EPA study of synthetic turf and crumb rubber finds 'low level of concern'
PR Newswire

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced last week the results of a scoping study of the health risks from inhalation, ingestion, and dermal contact with synthetic turf and crumb rubber. It concluded that "concentrations of

components monitored in this study were below levels of concern."

The study further validates the statements of safety by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and other governmental agencies, including the New York State Dept of Environmental Conservation and Dept of Health, the New York City Dept of Health, and the California EPA in recent studies.

THE ABILITY TO CONVERT IDEAS
TO THINGS IS THE SECRET TO
OUTWARD SUCCESS.
HENRY WARD BEECHER

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/epa-study-of-synthetic-turf-and-crumb-rubber-finds-low-level-of-concern-78995677.html>

(Park & Recreation Weekly)

HEALTH & WELLNESS/ FOOD SERVICE

Eat Well, Spend Less, Save Time

Tight times mean tight family budgets, but they don't have to mean unhealthy choices. Family Plus, a youth development and community building resource from the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, has resources to help families plan ahead to improve nutrition and cut costs.

Also, the Environmental Protection Agency suggests ways you can reduce the amount of food you waste, save money, eat healthier and use less energy.

(Connect For Kids)

PROGRAMMING

Grants Expand Aquatic Education Programs for Youth

[Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation: National Youth Fishing & Boating Initiative](#)

The mission of the Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation is to implement a national outreach strategy that will increase participation in recreational angling and boating.

The Foundation's National Youth Fishing & Boating Initiative is offering grants to youth-focused boating, fishing, and conservation organizations for aquatic education programs with the potential for national scope that introduce children and their families to boating and fishing. Priority is given to programs that target minorities and underserved communities.

The application deadline is January 4, 2010. Visit the Foundation's website to review the grant guidelines and submit an online application.

FROM THE SECTION OFFICE

The year has been a busy one from recurring projects such as camp fairs, job fairs, standards and board meetings to some new and special projects.

We are delighted to have been able to participate in Hoosier Outdoor Experience reaching more than 13,000 participants and introducing them to s'mores, GORP, edible campfires, knots and lanyards/gymp. As a sponsor, we were also able to put our brand in front of even more people who may not have attended H.O.E. but who saw an advertisement or were otherwise aware of the event.

Additionally, through our partnership with Indiana Park & Recreation Association, we have been able to expand the professional development opportunities available to our members as well as the upcoming IPRA/ACA IN Conference.

The 2010 board and committees are already hard at work confirming goals and budget for 2010 and looking to expand the successful projects of this year and to expand them further and develop new projects. If you are interested in getting involved, contact Sonny Adkins our Resource Development Chair so we can match you with your best interest (rather than just throwing you into the nearest vacancy!).

Please join us for the conference, Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon or board meeting in January!

Brigitta Adkins (Executive), Kimberly Johnson (President), Sonny Adkins (Vice President)

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Funds for Youth Programs in Indiana, Tennessee, and New Orleans
[PeyBack Foundation](#)

The mission of the PeyBack Foundation is to promote the future success of disadvantaged youth by supporting programs that provide leadership and growth opportunities for children at risk.

Support is provided to nonprofit organizations that offer youth programs in the states of Indiana and Tennessee, and in the New Orleans, LA metropolitan area. The Foundation's focus is on programs for young people, ages 6-18, which promote life skills development.

Requests of up to \$15,000 are considered, although most grants range between \$1,500 and \$10,000. Applications must be postmarked by February 1, 2010.

Visit the Foundation's website to download the application guidelines and forms.

**Congratulations to our new
2010 ACA Indiana Board
members:**

Erin Policinski, Secretary

**Todd Harris, Prof.
Development Chair**

**Duane VanOrden- Prof.
Development**

**Karly Buckner, Prof. Develop,
Mid-States Program**

Amy Rehs, Membership

Christy Dupin, Membership