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FROM THE SECTION OFFICE

Education Reform and Your Camp- Invite Your Elected Leaders to Camp

There's No Better Time to Forge Relationships with Legislators!

You know that the camp experience is an important part of a child's development and education - but do your elected leaders? As this country wrestles with considering how to improve our education system to meet 21st Century needs, it is ever more important that we develop advocates in our elected leadership who understand that a camp experience can be an incredibly valuable part of the year-round education of the whole child.

This summer is a great time to invite your elected leaders (state and Federal) to your camp to show them that camp is not just recreation, but as part of year-round learning experiences, it contributes to the growth and development of children, youth, and adults.

- You can literally show them how the camp experience significantly enhances the work done by schools, civic organizations and government institutions helping children develop into healthy adults.
- Take the opportunity to show them how camp provides a safe and nurturing environment that gives children and youth a sense of community.
- You can tell them how kids are at less risk when they feel loved, capable and included - and that your camp fosters these feelings of accomplishments and self worth.
- Convince them that camp offers a supervised, positive environment with well-defined boundaries that help children and youth grow.
- And also importantly in this world - show them that camp builds compassionate committed leaders who understand community service!

The American Camp Association has made inviting your legislators to camp easy - with samples of invitation letters, agendas for the day they visit, tips from Congressional staff members, advice on working with the media - and much more.... And all for free! Simply visit the ACA Web site at http://www.acacamps.org/publicpolicy/congressional_toolki... to access the Toolkit.

When you are ready to invite your elected leaders, simply use this tool to create and send your messages via email. (Be sure to personalize the message with your own information!) If you prefer, you can print your invitation and send through the US Mail instead. <http://www.capwiz.com/acacamps/issues/?style=D>

TECH TIP

<http://careercenter.nrpa.org/post.cfm>

Post jobs, search resumes, etc.

(NRPA Weekly)

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Free Download Alert! The Online Fundraiser's Checklist

Take advantage of Network for Good's handy new eGuide, The Online Fundraiser's Checklist, to ensure you don't miss a thing in planning for 2010 success:

We've got six checklists that cover the essential basics of online fundraising:

- Website home page
- Donation form
- Writing style
- Email lists
- Email campaigns
- Thank-you programs

Check the boxes on these six worksheets and if you don't score well, use the helpful (and free!) resources listed on the bottom of each page to improve your online fundraising practices.

http://web.networkforgood.org/201001e_book

(Network for Good)

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PROGRAMMING

Youth Sports Grant

The Daniels Fund supports organizations that provide quality youth sports programs. The Daniels Fund places special emphasis on programs that foster increased sportsmanship, confidence, discipline, and teamwork among players and coaches. The Daniels Fund also honors Bill Daniels' direction to support national and international amateur sports competition.

Funding areas and focus:

Youth Sports

- * Community-based Youth Sports Programs
- * After-School Sports Programs
- * Quality Coaching / Training

http://www.danielsfund.org/Grants/goals_sports.asp

(Paul Clarke Nonprofit Resource Center)

MGMT/LEADERSHIP

Need to find a template for a board member agreement? How about job descriptions for the officers?

Take a look at [Greenlights' Resource Directory](http://www.greenlights.org/resources/resource_directory.asp), where you can search, read, and download information to answer nonprofit questions.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

4H Shooting Sports Workshops

We would be happy to have people from ACA IN join our training workshops as long as space is available. We limit the classes to keep an appropriate ratio for instructors: learners. We hold these workshops at Ross Camp in Tippecanoe County. The workshop runs from 7pm Friday night through 4pm on Sunday. The dates for 2010 are:

- Spring 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop: April 9-11, 2010
- Fall 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop: September 10-12, 2010

Registration and Health forms are available through the Hunter Education Association website, <http://www.inhea.com/>. Look for the bright yellow logo.

Tim is the subject matter expert and handles all the registrations, so please direct any questions to him (information below).

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GREEN SPOKEN HERE

We're rolling out a new online learning program <http://lnt.org/training/OnlineCourse/>, free downloadable PDF teaching tools and other great resources on our website. Look for these programs and other new offerings at www.LNT.org.

(Leave No Trace)

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Thanks Scott, board member, for sharing this information!

Smart business owners understand that barter is a useful tool to increase sales and conserve cash. Ameritrade Business Exchange is dedicated to bringing buyers and sellers together to exchange goods and services, expand their business network and better utilize their inventory.

Ameritrade Business Exchange (Indiana's Barter Company) has built a network of hundreds of businesses in the Northeast Indiana, the Fort Wayne area, and is affiliated with barter organizations that allow member companies to barter with thousands of companies throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

As a member of Ameritrade Business exchange, you become part of a dynamic economic system. You have the potential to do business with companies far and wide, and the opportunity to reach new customers for your products and services.

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

SITE/FACILITY

Take this quiz to test your knowledge about herbicides, application and dangers.

<http://vineandbranch.wordpress.com/> click "take the quiz"

Once you submit your quiz answers, you will receive a answer key to use as a resource! Judson has also started posting the answer sheet on the blog site for those who want answers but don't send in the quizzes.
(Vine & Branch)

HEALTH/FOOD SERV

[Learn About Funding and Resources to Help Your Organization Feed Hungry Children This Summer \(webinar\)](#)

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

11:00am-12:00pm EST

Registration Link:

<http://vovici.com/wsb.dll/s/17fb9g426e9>

Each summer, 18 million students are at risk of going hungry when the school year ends and school lunches are no longer available. For many children, school meals are the only complete and nutritious meals they eat, and in the summer they go without. This summer, the need will likely increase. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) can help to fill the summer meal gap for low-income children. Faith-based, community and private non-profit organizations can make a difference in the lives of hungry children by serving meals with SFSP, a federally funded program administered by states that reimburses organizations for meals served to children during the summer. Schools, churches, recreation centers, playgrounds, parks and camps can serve meals in neighborhoods with high percentages of low-income families.

Further information will be forthcoming to registered participants. You must register to receive additional information.

(Office of Faith Based & community Initiatives)

"SHOW EXTRA RESPECT FOR PEOPLE WHOSE JOBS PUT DIRT UNDER THEIR FINGERNAILS"

RISK MANAGEMENT/STANDARDS

Motorcoach Safety Enhancement Act of 2009

Why Does This Impact the Camp Community?

The safety of campers and staff is the number one priority of every camp. It is important that you understand the implications these bills might have on your camp operation. While designed for the motorcoach industry, there is language that potentially will apply to camps. Including:

- Requiring a Commercial Drivers Licence (CDL) for all drivers of 9-15 passenger vans that are classified as commercial vehicles and are used in interstate commerce for compensation. (S 554)
 - IMPORTANT UPDATE: January 21, 2010: The Senate mark-up of S. 554 changed the definition of "Commercial Motor Vehicle" that appears to limit the requirement for CDL's to commercial motor vehicles that transport 16 passengers or more, including the driver, across state lines. Therefore, as currently written, the new Senate version of the Motor Coach Enhanced Safety Act, would not require CDL's for 9 to 15 passenger vans.
- Requiring all drivers of 9-15 passenger vehicles designated as commercial vehicles to be involved in the vehicle inspection process. (HR 1396)
- Requiring the installation of electronic incident monitors (black boxes) in all passenger vans designated as commercial vehicles. (HR 1396)

If you would like to contact your legislators about the issues these bills address, you can find their contact information easily: <http://www.acacamps.org/publicpolicy/Motorcoach.php>

SECTION "SECRETS"

www.acaindiana.org Camp tab

Risk Management / Regulations:

ISDH Rules * Senate Bill 47 Criminal checks and religious organizations * Indiana Nursing Statutes * Camp regulations by state

Resources: Camp Fair info for Camps * ACA Healthy Camp Study * Camp Knowledge Center * Environmental Toolkit * Green Spoken Here * ACA IN Partners * What does it take to provide a "world of good" for your campers * Environmental Education Resource Directory

Accreditation / Standards: Accreditation Resources * Key Messages about Accreditation * Accredited Camp Logo * Accredited Camp Sign * Tell The World Press Release

Public Policy Public Policy issues around the nation * Child Protection Bill * ACA Position Statement on Criminal Background Checks * Determining which criminal background check is right for your camp * National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics

PR/MARKETING

Just want to let you know that the South Bend Tribune and MomsMichiana.com are again compiling information on area summer camp opportunities for our Keeping Up with Kids tab. Please submit your info to me at MomsMichiana@sbtinfo.com, fax 574-236-1765 or mail to 225 W. Colfax Ave., South Bend, IN 46626 by Feb. 26. Even if you don't have every detail finalized at least we can mention you have a camp opportunity coming up and list your contact info.

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