

FEBRUARY 11, 2010

FROM THE SECTION OFFICE

We have heard from you and agree that it's important to offer membership discounts in certain situations. We have also heard from some renewing and potential members that our existing membership categories do not "fit" for them. We have been reviewing and researching this for some time, and in response to your requests, we are now planning to offer three additional membership categories from which individuals can choose.

Individuals will now be able to select from seven membership options:

- Individual Member – \$200
- Individual Member – **ACA Visitor**: I am a trained visitor with the ACA standards program. \$95
- Individual Member – **Volunteer**: I volunteer for a youth-serving program. \$95
- Individual Member – **Educator**: I work professionally as a faculty/staff member at an academic institution. \$95
- Individual Member – **Expanded Learning Staff**: I work for a program that provides expanded learning opportunities (e.g., afterschool, out-of-school time, or summer learning enrichment programs). \$95
- Individual Member – **Retiree**: I have retired from my full-time camp or youth work but still work part time in camp OR I am 65 years old. \$60
- Individual Member – **Student**: I am a full-time student. \$35

<https://www.acacamps.org/membership/membapp.pdf>

CAMP/MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

A year ago, Indianapolis' parks department was staggering under a \$125 million backlog in maintenance and capital projects. Several swimming pools suffered from large and chronic leaks. Playgrounds at some parks were worn and outdated. At others, basketball and tennis courts were barely usable.

Now, that backlog has been cut by more than half -- to \$60 million. It's still a sizable number, but far more manageable.

To be clear, slashing the dollar amount of deferred projects doesn't mean all the work already has been done. Money, however, has been designated for projects taken off the backlog list and work has either started or been completed on many of them, including most of the swimming pools.

<http://www.indystar.com/article/20100123/OPI>

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Boating bucks! The BoatU.S. Foundation for Boating Safety Clean Water Grassroots program fund boating safety programs, including programs for children and youth. and the

Grant range: \$4,000. Deadline: February 28, 2010.

More info:

<http://www.boatus.com/foundation/Grants/apply.asp>

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PROGRAMMING

Grant Funding Now Available for Camp 2 Grow

Camp 2 Grow is a leadership and environmental stewardship program developed by the ACA through funding from the Lilly Endowment Inc. to teach youth fundamental leadership knowledge and skills and provide youth with a framework for implementing environmental stewardship applications in their camps, homes, or communities.

Camp 2 Grow emphasizes the core content areas of Leadership, Character, Teamwork, Building Relationships, Taking Risks and Getting Results, Problem-Solving, and Planning . Each lesson provides learning objectives and step-by-step teaching instructions for plug-and-play delivery. Integrated into Camp 2 Grow are customized environmental applications that provide youth with an opportunity to consider how the lessons are related to specific environmental stewardship actions. Youth create "take-home" stewardship action plans, which they can implement in their homes or neighborhoods after camp.

A limited number of 2010 Camp 2 Grow Program Grants (valued at \$1,400) are available for camps meeting specific criteria. <http://www.acacamps.org/camp2grow/>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

iFrog Challenge Course Refresher

April 18th, 10:00-2:30 at Waycross Center, Morgantown, IN

iFrog (Indiana Facilitator Resource Opportunity Group) is holding it's 2010 Challenge Course Refresher date for returning and new facilitators.

The refresher is intended to introduce newcomers to what facilitating a challenge course is all about while helping seasoned professionals network and gain new insight and ideas.

Several local organizations will be represented and available to answer questions. A course walkthrough and presentations by course managers are provided.

Free to anyone. Bring your own lunch.

Contact: Andy Young, iFrog Committee Chair 812.344.9800

GREEN SPOKEN HERE

Please help us spread the word about these regional plant invasive meetings that Hoosier Heartland is helping to sponsor here in Central Indiana. Attached is a letter that you can send to community leaders, agencies, organizations, and others. Also attached is a brochure that helps to explain the importance early action in invasives control.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Feb 17	Lafayette – Tippecanoe Co. Extension Office 3150 Sagamore Pkwy, South (US 52)	1:00 PM
Feb 23	Terre Haute – Fowler Park Barn 3000 E. Oregon Church Road (.8 miles off of SR 41)	7:00 PM
Feb 24	Indianapolis – Franklin Road Branch Library 5550 S. Franklin Road	6:45 PM
Mar 2	Noblesville – Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds 2003 Pleasant Street (this meeting will be held directly after the Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting)	1:00 PM

For more information about the meetings, please contact the Hoosier Heartland RC&D office at 317-290-3250. Cathy Deal, Program Assistant cathy.deal@in.usda.gov

NEWS YOU CAN USE

The Criminal History Background Checks Pilot Extension Act of 2009

http://www.washingtonwatch.com/bills/show/111_SN_2950.html

**Status as of Thursday, February 04,
2010 12:00 am**

Passed/agreed to in House. Status: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.

Now of course, we can return to the more important issue of getting the Child Protection Improvements Act passed so we no longer have to deal with a pilot, but can make this a permanent program that is extended to staff as well as volunteers!

You'll be hearing more on a call to action very soon!
(ACA)

Northeastern Indiana Career Employment Expo

Thursday April 15, 2010 1pm- 5pm
Ivy Tech, Ft Wayne

For 19 years, the NICE expo has been the leading job fair in northeastern Indiana. Eight accredited colleges and universities collaborate to bring employers, students, and alumni together to discuss employment and internship opportunities. Host colleges and universities include: Grace College, Huntington University, Indiana Tech, IPFW, Ivy Tech Community College Northeast, Manchester College, Trine University, and the University of St. Francis.
<http://www.grace.edu/studentlife/careerservices/AbouttheFair.php>

(Office of Faith Based & Community Initiatives)

SITE/FACILITY

With cold weather on the way winter can do strange things to our facilities. Playgrounds are not exempt from experiencing winter conditions. Three of the most common occurrences you should be aware of for the children's safety.

-Plastic play components tend to contract or shrink in cold temperatures. This can lead to bolts that were once tight and secure to be loose. This danger could mean a failure in the play piece and potential injury to a child. Be on the look out for loose hardware and correct if necessary.

-If there is moisture retention in your loose fill safety surfacing (i.e. sand, pea gravel, engineered wood fiber, etc.), it will freeze when the temperature drops below the freezing mark. When the surface is frozen, the impact attenuation (head impact criteria) properties of your loose fill system are lost. Please check your surface frequently in the winter weather and if it is frozen the play area should not be used.

-Frost can also shift the soil. Most playgrounds have a containment system for their loose fill surfacing. Typically they are wood or plastic timbers that use a stake to keep it in place. If you have one of these systems please check periodically to make sure the stakes have not shifted upwards. If they have shifted they can cause trip hazards and other potential problems. During your periodic surveys of the playground check the stakes and correct if necessary.

(Snider & Associates)

HEALTH/FOOD SERV

Save money on food this summer
As your purveyor for a list of their Class C items. These are items that , if you saw them on the supermarket shelf, would be approaching their "sell by" date. They're still fresh and very usable in your kitchen and they're significantly lower in price.

(ACA Keystone)

RISK MANAGEMENT/STANDARDS

The updates pages for standards HW-17 and HR-4A are now available at:
http://www.acacamps.org/accreditation/2010_revisions_HW17_HR4A_january.pdf
These pages are set to be printed front to back so you can simply pull out the "old" page and insert the new!

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By Steven F. Goldstein, Esq., Attorney at Law, Steven F. Goldstein, LLP

In any business a conflict exists between satisfying customers and protecting the organization from the pitfalls of litigation. This conflict increases for camps, which must deal with the emotions of the parent(s) of an injured child.

[Read the article.](#)

(Markel Insurance)

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PR/MARKETING

6 Words for Nonprofits to Avoid in 2010

Recently, Lake Superior State University published its 35th annual List of Banished Words for Mis-use, Over-use and General Uselessness. It included terms from 2009 such as *friend* (as a verb—thanks, Facebook); *Tweet* (good luck not using that one, nonprofiteers); and *chillaxin'* (which I'm pretty sure isn't a word to begin with, but yes, it's tremendously annoying and disturbingly ubiquitous).

Well, that got us thinking... What words do we nonprofit people overuse or misuse, and what terms are generally useless or shouldn't be used?

<http://www.fundraising123.org/article/6-words-nonprofits-avoid>

(Network For Good)