



Join EPIC in Atlanta!

ACA's national conference program is overflowing with educational and networking opportunities for youth development professionals. In addition to over 140 education sessions, keynote lectures, and the exhibit hall, there are plenty of opportunities for Emerging Professionals in Camping to join us for the following activities!



Tuesday, Feb 21- 9:00- 2:00pm

EPIC Pre-Conference

Organizational Development on Steroids

Presenters: Chris Thurber and Steve Maguire

Visionary leaders embrace organizational change, but every emerging professional inherits organizational traditions that slow the process of change down to a crawl. The result: disgruntled employees and a stagnant camp. The solution: EPIC Pre Conference 2012! Join Steve Maguire and Dr. Chris Thurber for a fast-paced and practical day of learning how to effectively move your camp from Point A to Point B and beyond. Specifically, participants in this intensive workshop will learn how to run successful meetings, motivate healthy change, and provide authentic feedback. Applied with gusto, this trio of organizational development techniques will transform the daily management of your camp in a single season.

The event will run from 9am - 2:00pm and include a full morning of education, networking, and most importantly lunch. If you have any questions about the event, please feel free to contact the EPIC Committee- epiccommittee@acamaillist.org. We can't wait to see you there! Register via the ACA National Conference registration process.
Cost: \$50

Tuesday, Feb 21- 7:30-10:30pm

EPIC Social at Taco Mac

Join fellow EPICs from across the country at Taco Mac for dinner, socializing, networking, and more! This will be a great time to network with fellow professionals and make a few good connections. Directions to Taco Mac on the back.

Thursday, Feb 23

11:45am-12:30pm

1:45-2:30pm

EPIC Cafe

Facilitated roundtable discussions on topics relevant to emerging professionals.

EPIC Service Project

Snax Sax <http://www.embryhillsumc.org/node/176>

Snax Sax for Kids! are heavy duty, medium sized brown paper bags filled with healthy snacks. The snacks are intended to supplement any meals a child may, or may not, be getting at home on weekends during the school year.

Distributed every Friday to Title 1 Schools in the Dekalb County School System. This group is taking a stand on hunger in Atlanta, GA. You can join this effort by bringing items to donate to this cause; suggested list of items on the back.

About the Presenters



Dr. Chris Thurber is a board-certified clinical psychologist and father. He earned his BA in psychology from Harvard University and his PhD in clinical child psychology from UCLA. During the academic year, Chris serves as a teacher and school psychologist at Phillips Exeter Academy, a coeducational boarding high school in New Hampshire. He also volunteers on the American Camp Association's research committee. In addition to numerous scholarly articles and book chapters on homesickness and children's mental health, Chris is the co-author, with Dr. Jon Malinowski, of the best-selling *Summer Camp Handbook* and the host of ACA's homesickness prevention program, entitled *The Secret Ingredients of Summer Camp Success*.

Chris has travelled extensively throughout North America, Europe, and South America to provide consultations and training workshops to camps, schools, and other organizations. He is the founder, with Evan Heltay, of ExpertOnlineTraining.com, the premier online resource for youth development professionals. All of Chris's work is guided by the principles of leadership-by-example and social connection. Since 1980, he has returned each summer to the camp where he grew up to serve as Waterfront Director and a member of the senior staff. Chris and his wife Simonida, a chemist, have two boys: Dacha, born in 2002, and Sava, born in 2004. Visit: <http://CampSpirit.com> to learn more.



Steve Maguire has tremendous expertise in the fields of education and children's camps. He earned his BS in Education from Plymouth State College with a concentration in special education. Steve has been involved with camps for over twenty years as a camper, staff member, and now consultant and staff trainer.

Steve grew in Burlington, Massachusetts and attended day camp there as a child. He went on to direct traditional resident camps and day camps and is currently a full time public school teacher in Scituate, Massachusetts, where he teaches physics and astronomy. When he's not spending time at home with his wife Jessica and their new baby, Steve travels the globe as a professional speaker. He has been invited to deliver numerous keynotes and educational sessions at professional conferences, training events, and independent schools. Steve has also presented educational workshops to thousands of camp staff across the US since he began his business in 2004. Steve is a member of the American Camp Association and a member in good standing of the National Speaker's Association; one of only four thousand people in the world who hold this distinction. He is currently writing his first book due out in the spring of 2013. Visit: <http://maguirepresentations.com> to learn more.

EPIC Service Project—SNAX SAX FOR KIDS

Please plan to bring non-perishable food items (suggested list below). Or, donations/checks are welcome as well. Make checks out to EHUMC, Memo Line: Snax Sax

You can donate items/checks at the Hospitality Table onsite at the conference. Items will be delivered to Snax Sax after the conference.

Suggested Items for SNAX SAX:

1. single serving unsweetened applesauce cups
2. single serving fruit cups in light or no syrup
3. single serving pudding cups
4. single serving 100% juice boxes (no sugar added)
5. single serving milk boxes (no refrigeration necessary)
6. single serving cheese or peanut butter crackers
7. single serving dried fruit - (raisins, cranberries, mixed fruit)
8. Fruit and grain cereal bars, granola bars
9. Single serving boxes of cereal
10. Single serving packs of cookies, teddy grahams, goldfish crackers, and pretzels.
11. Pop-top cans of meatless Spaghetti-o's and Chefboyardee (meatless contains less sodium and fat)
12. "No sugar added" fruit strips (available at Target). Fruit rolUps and gummy treats are not real fruit! Another product called "fruit leather" is also "no sugar added" and available at Costco.
13. Fresh fruit that travels well, such as: apples, pears, oranges, tangerines. We try to put 2 pieces of fruit in each bag.



Directions to Taco Mac

Taco Mac
933 Peachtree St. N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30309
(P) 678.904.7211
Marta use is necessary for those without a car.

TO TAKE MARTA TO TACO MAC

Take a left out of the hotel and walk to Peachtree Center Station (about 3 minutes)
From Peachtree Center Station Stop ID: 908601
Take Metro Rail towards Gold Northbound (it will say Doraville Station)
(3 minutes, 3 stops)
Get off at Midtown Station Stop ID: 908375
Go East out of MARTA Station towards Peachtree Street.
Cross over Peachtree Street to eastern sidewalk along Peachtree. Take a right. Walk to 933 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30309.
(About 3 minutes, 0.1 mile)

MARTA Fares:

Breeze Card (with purchase of additional fare. All fare products must be loaded on Breeze Card) - \$1
Single Trip—\$2.50
Round Trip—\$5.00
Ten Trips—\$25.00