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ACA, Northland Latest Section News

Greetings from ACA Northland!

We hope that your plans for the summer of 2009 are going well. If there is anything that we can assist you with, please don't hesitate to contact the section office.

You may notice that this month's newsletter is coming to you in a different format than you are used to receiving. We are working with a feature on our new software system that allows us create newsletters. Your feedback is welcome as we decide if this will be the new look of our newsletter. Feel free to e-mail the section office your thoughts.

Midstates Camping Conference

The Midstates Camping Conference is just a round the corner March 26-28, 2009 in St. Charles Illinois. Registration is open for this high quality and affordable educational opportunity. Registration information can be found by visiting.

<http://www.acamidstates.org/registration.f>



The Northland Section is offering to cover the registration fee of up to \$250.00 for the first twelve camps from our section to register. Sign up today to take advantage of this great deal.

If you have any questions or need more information please contact

Michelle Scanlan, Coordinator
715-781-5644 phone
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Section Events:

[Spring Workshop- April 8, 2009 9:30AM- 3:00 PM](#)

Our annual Spring Workshop will be held at Camp Elk River. It will be an action packed educational event covering a variety of topics that you don't want to miss. More information will be coming soon...stay tuned!

[Board Meeting- April 8, 2009 3:15-5:30 PM](#)

[Breakfast Club-8:00 AM at the best Perkins in the world \(located in Edina, MN at 50th and HWY 100\)](#)

All are welcome. By all means bring a friend or colleague. If you could RSVP that would be wonderful so I can save the right number of seats, but don't hesitate to just drop in because we always have room for a few more. If you have any ideas for topics of discussion, please forward them to me by Monday afternoon. Otherwise I will try to have a topic or two to help generate conversation.

[Mark Your Calendars!](#)

March 24, 2009 (the week of the ACA MidStates Conference)

April 28, 2009

For more information please contact: Laura Nolan at 952.922.2545 or 800.242.1909

Food Safety Information

The Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture continue to issue press releases about potential salmonella problems in food products recently. Here is a link to one of their recent contacts <http://www.health.state.mn.us/news/pressrel/2009/salmonella011209.html>. This seems to be an continuing revolving story which might affect some of the products you used at camp. Hopefully your food supplier has been in touch about any products on their list. If you have left over products stored from last summer it is possible to get a credit for these as you deal with your supplier. Keep up to date about this issue as it will hopefully help you better deal with potential parent questions this winter and spring.

Funding Resources that may be of Interest

Minnesota grant deadlines from the Minnesota Council on Foundations (www.mcf.org) are listed on their Web site. As you review the list of possibilities, be sure to inquire specifically as to their funding priorities, geographic locations and timelines by searching the Internet, Minnesota Council on Foundations Web site or viewing their book located at the Central Minnesota Community Foundation's resource library.

An additional resource for funding opportunities in rural Minnesota exists through a newsletter called "KeyNotes" from the Initiative Foundation; at http://www.ifound.org/community_news.php

Nonprofit Capacity Building Workshops

Additional workshops and community-wide events are listed on CommunityVIEW at www.communityview.org. CommunityVIEW is an Internet portal for delivering knowledge specific to our region and an online space for volunteers to use for collaborations. It is an initiative of the Central Minnesota Community Foundation.

Creating Sustainable Funding in Economically Challenging Times!

Learn a tested system to identify and cultivate donors who love your mission - donors who will give for operations, capital, and endowment - even during challenging financial times. Learn how to engage your community in your organization's mission and to inspire giving, even in a lagging economy.

Date: March 4, 2009

Time: 9:00 - 11:00 .

Location: American Red Cross Central MN Chapter, 1301 W. St Germain St, Ste 100, St. Cloud

Cost: No fee to attend

Registration: RSVP Required. Josh McLeod at 206-428-4361 or josh.mcleod@benevon.com

Taking the Mystery out of Grant Writing!

An Overview of the Grant Seeking Process. You will learn how foundations and grant makers operate, how to find the most likely grant makers for your projects, what needs to be included in

a grant application, how to put your project budget together and how to review and evaluate proposal copy.

Date: March 12, 2009

Time: 8:30 - 4:30.

Location: Boy Scouts of America building, Sartell MN

Cost: ??

Registration: contact Gail Ruhland at SCSU 308-3081 or Susan Lorenz at 253-4380

Camp Director "Swaps" - A New feature of ACA Northland

ACA Northland is committed to assisting camps in sharing information and resources that may be of interest to the whole section. Think of this feature as an internal "Craig's List" for our section. Feel free to share any of the following:

- Equipment that you would like to part with for a cost or even *free*
- Great deals you have discovered or a contact for services
- Opportunities for group buying or collective bargaining

This Month's Swaps:

- We were contacted by Sarah from a company who is doing a film in the Minneapolis/St Paul Area looking to see if any camps in this area have and would be willing to rent about 20 metal beds to them for 1 to 3 weeks this spring. If this sounds like something you'd like to pursue call Sarah at [612-554-3063](tel:612-554-3063).
- Bill Jones will be coordinating our section's group buying program. This is another member benefit from the section for purchasing a wide variety of equipment for Camp use at discounted prices. Items like tents, packs, canoes, kayaks, paddles (wood & plastic), life vest, compasses, sleeping bags, ammunition, back-packs to list a few items. Watch for more information in March.

Are you interested in joining the ACA Northland Board of Directors?

The nominating committee is looking for individuals who may be interested in serving on our board of directors starting in 2010. If you are interested or would like more information related to board positions please contact one of the following individuals:

Russ Link	russ@campolson.org	218-363-8411
Jon Salmon	jsalmon@friendshipventures.org	952-852-0110
Sam Cote	sam@lincoln-lakehubert.com	800-242-1909
Ali Faricy	ali@campfoley.com	218-543-6161
Mike Shea	mike.shea@girlscoutsrv.org	763-971-4051

Additional Information Requested From the Pohlad Foundation

Thank you to all of the camps that provided information about thier CIT programs for the Pohlad Foundation. It was much appreciated.

A second request from the foundation came into the section office this week...

Transportation to and from camps continues to be a challenge for thier grantees and the youth they serve. They would like to provide as much information as possible regarding transportation options for campers. In addition, they also hope to provide some sort of additional support, if possible, to assist with transportation costs for the youth they serve.

We have been asked to assist them in compiling a listing of camps that provide transportation for thier campers. If you would like to be included in this listing, please forward the following information to Maria Schugel at mariajschugel@yahoo.com.

1. Camp Name & Location
2. Location (s) transported to/from
3. Transportation fees

Please submit this information no later than Friday March 6, 2009



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