ACA New England Meeting News

More than 125 Mainers attended The American Camp Association of New England Conference in Manchester, NH. Jessica Decke, Andy Lilenthal, Whitney McMullan, Doug Sutherland, Chris Wentworth, Steve Suduth, and Jack Erler were workshop presenters.

At a Friday evening social hour many MSC folks had the opportunity to thank Mary Ellen Deschenes for all that she has done for MSC. On Saturday morning, 80 MSC members attended our semi-annual meeting. Norway Savings Bank and Chalmers Insurance Group sponsored a delicious continental breakfast. During the MYCA portion of the meeting it was announced that Peter Hirsch from Camp Androscoggin will be Interim President of MYCA until the Annual Meeting on June 6th. Peter is replacing Steve Suduth who recently stepped down from his role as MYCA President to assume his new position as President of ACANE. Congratulations Steve!

MSC Spring Board Meeting at SYSCO Food Show

Once again, SYSCO of Northern New England is teaming up with our association to bring camps a day that is worth the trip to Portland! SYSCO presents its Spring Food Showcase on the same day as the MSC Spring Board Meeting which will take place at the Holiday Inn By the Bay in downtown Portland.

The food show runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. so plan to bring your chef or food service staff for a profitable day of new products, sampling, and early ordering opportunities.

Maine Summer Camp Fair Report

The 2014 Maine Summer Camps Camp Fair was held at the East End School in Portland on March 16th. Seventy-one camps signed up for tables at this year’s fair, and during the four hours 675 attended the fair.

We were also joined by Slugger, the Portland Sea Dogs mascot and Gusto’s Gourmet Food Truck. The feedback from camps was very positive. Events such as this would not be possible without the help of some very dedicated MSC volunteers; Tom Doherty, Matt Pines, Judy Crosby, Andy Lilenthal, Kate Smith, Barry Costa, Jen Bonnett, and Catriona Sangster. Thank You!

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President's Column

Now that the sun's heat is being felt here in Maine, the signal that camp will again open is fresh upon us. There is so much to do and so much to think about as we take the amalgam of our year's learning and add it to our camp's lexicon.

Like baseball fans whose hopes and dreams lie with their favorite teams enjoying a superlative season, so do many of us dream of how camp will be this summer: the perfect staff that walks the line between fun and responsible, the cadre of elder campers that lead their younger brethren by positive example, the parents who lend you sagacious and insightful advice about their children while you, the Director and Leader, press all the right buttons and empower your staff in just the perfect way, all culminating with a community feeling edified, exhausted and hungry for more.

Camp probably won't happen exactly like this but what a great goal to strive for. And it certainly can't happen if you put your head down, simply cross your fingers and wish very hard. However, we are in the enviable position to not just hope but rather, to create change among our communities by focusing on the needs and desires of our population with heads up and eyes open.

Increasingly, many of our camps are the refuge where people come to be their most natural and relaxed selves, where campers and staff can live in community without judgment. Where they can be themselves, perhaps dress like the opposite gender on stage and try new activities without fear. A place where a modicum of discomfort creates clarity and life-long memories seared into souls.

We are the enablers of profound growth and learning, which is hard work. (If it were not such hard work, a lot more people would be doing it). How to make it easier? It is important to remember that no matter your program, the essence of child development comes from some basic premises; learning, friendship and safety. Whether your camp is a liberal arts program or stresses the arts, athletics, wilderness trips, science or something else, the same basic constructs help children succeed and feel positive about their experiences.

In the past year, I have heard continually from campers, staff and parents that they are stressed, scared, worried, too busy and unable to be themselves because of real or perceived pressures. There are many reasons for this that I am sure many of you are aware of. What I think so interesting is that so many of those same people look to camp as the antidote to what is happening in the “rest of their lives.”

Increasingly, I feel the growing importance of camp as a fulcrum to remind people of how life should be. How people, when put together, can treat each other respectfully and lovingly, and how wonderful a feeling it can be to be yourself without judgment, pressure or perceived risk. For many, the concept of camp is increasingly foreign as the majority of their lives are disparate shadows of what we know camp can be.

May this summer be your World Series Summer. The one where fundamentals are solid, your community philosophy is grounded in universal concepts and as the “manager”, you watch as each “player” discovers their role and fulfills it to the hilt.

May it be the best summer of your life.

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The 2014 Directory of Maine Summer Camps is available. To request a copy, contact the MSC office at camps@mainecamps.org
Navigating the Wilderness of Maine Trip Leader Regulations

Over the past 18 months MSC has been working with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to revamp the procedures and requirements for Trip Leader permits. The first step was to disband the old committee and create a new Trip Leader Permit Task Force Committee. Currently there are 5 members from Maine youth camps and 3 from IF&W on this committee. Greg Shute from Chewonki is the chair of the committee.

MSC cannot thank the committee and Jack Erler enough for all their hard work in helping to preserve and improve the TLP program. Over the past month we have provided two opportunities for camps to learn about all of the changes in the regulations. Chris Wentworth and Jack Erler ran a session on this topic at the ACA New England Conference, and two weeks later Chris did a webinar presentation that was attended by 31 people (8 in person and 23 online). Since then a packet of information covering the changes, including an outline of the new curriculum, was emailed to member camps. If for any reason you did not receive this email please contact Margi at the MSC office.

Maine New Hire Reporting Required

Maine employers are required to report information about newly hired or rehired employees to the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Child Support: Division of Support & Recovery (DSER).

The purpose is to enable the DSER or a similar agency in another state to obtain or enforce orders against persons who have failed to pay required child support. The report is due within 7 days of each hire or rehire and must include a specific list of information for any employee who receives a W-2 form and any independent contractor who will be paid $2,500 or more in a year. Failure to file a report subjects the employer to a civil penalty of up to $200 per month for each violation.

For more information go to: https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/of/dser/employer/faq.html

To report new employees go to: https://portal.maine.gov/newhire/

Maine Summer Camp Breakfast Meeting

The first MSC breakfast of the season was held at the Stone Dog Cafe in Windham on April 14. It was such a success that we will have a second breakfast in May. If you missed it you'll now have another opportunity on May 12th at 8:30 am (location to be determined). RSVP on the Facebook Maine Camp Directors Group or call the MSC office.
**MSC Moves to New Office**

On April Fool’s Day Maine Summer Camps moved into a new and spacious two-room office at 1717 Congress Street near the Fore River. Gore Movers had us packed and at the new site by 11 a.m. Susan Hall and Ken Berndt helped Margi and Ron unpack and get set up by the end of the day. Phone and internet glitches have been resolved and we are on track and waiting for visitors. Stop by for a cup of coffee, or if you need a desk intown we have a nice space for you.

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**Annual Meeting Reminder**

Friday, June 6, 2014
Camp Mataponi, Naples
Chris Thurber Workshop
Positive Psychology in Action
Tuesday, July 8
Camp Wawenock, Raymond

Turn the tables on traditional thinking about how you bond with campers, manage their behavior and tap their potential. This workshop will challenge you to move forward with a courageous and fundamentally different approach to achieving greatness as a youth development professional. Human beings are wired to detect differences, which means we notice when things go wrong. But when that negative mindset anchors relationships at camp, it hinders happiness, creativity and friendship.

Positive psychology is a cutting-edge approach that offers new pathways to optimal functioning and expert leadership. Participants will leave with a new mindset and plenty of practical take-home activities to help campers behave well and feel great.

Welcome
New Business Members

AL’S BEVERAGE COMPANY: Contact: Gerry Martin, 3 Revay Rd., East Windsor, CT 06088. Email: gem@alsbeverage.com (860) 627-7003. Beverage supplier, manufacturer and distributor, specializing in servicing Maine camps with quality, affordable healthy beverages and dispensing equipment needs.

MAINE SAFETY EDUCATION: Contact: Judy Emch, 323 Bakerstown Rd., Poland, ME 04274. Email: judyemch@gmail.com (207) 577-7063. Onsite American Red Cross Lifeguard Training, CPR for Professional Rescuers and Healthcare Providers, Wilderness First Aid, First Aid/CPR/AED and Babysitter’s Training.

NORTH COUNTRY RIVERS: Contact: Jim Murton, PO Box 633, 36 Main Street, Bingham, ME 04920. Email: jim@northcountryrivers.com (207) 672-4814. Whitewater Rafting, Kayaking, Wildlife Tours, ATV Tours & Rentals, Snowmobile Tours & Rentals, Camping, Lodging & Meals Packages.

TOSS ME A PILLOW: Contact: Lisa Graves, 177 Hersey Hill Road, Minot, ME 04258. Email: info@tossmeapillow.com (267) 350-9144. Custom autograph pillows featuring photos of your camp. Purchase in quantity for your camp store, gifts or families. A treasured camp momento. Made in Maine.

SQUEAKY CLEAN LAUNDRY: Contact: Suzie Altemus, 64 Washington Ave., Portland, ME 04222. Email: squeakycleanlaundry11@gmail.com (207) 761-4355. Summer camp wash, dry, fold service with pickup & delivery.

V.I.P. TOUR AND CHARTER BUS CO: Contact: Jason Briggs, 129 Fox St., Portland, ME 04101. Email aviptour@maine.rr.com (207) 772-4457. Your first choice for Deluxe Motorcoaches, Activity Coaches, School Buses & Car Services Available. 29 years of industry experience.

WICKED SHARP: Contact: David Orbeton, 37 Lowell St., So. Port, ME 04106. Email: david@wickedsharpknives.com (207) 210-2559. Sharpening knives, scissors and garden tools. Mobile and mailorder available.

Hold the Date!
October 22, 2014
For a workshop with Rick Stryker
Sponsored by Maine Summer Camps
National camp expert will present sessions on Principles of Leadership, Environmental Impact of Daily Camp Operations, and Ask An Engineer.
Location: Acadia Insurance, Westbrook, ME

Blaze Party Rentals
Operated by Maine native, and owner, Rebekah Godek (with husband Jeff and three sons), Blaze Party Rentals has been serving Maine camps for years. Blaze Party Rentals specializes in a large selection of inflatable games perfectly suited for campers.

Among the hottest attractions offered by Blaze Party Rentals are classic obstacle courses, bungee run, water slides, and dunk tanks. Blaze Party Rentals also offers great activities for large groups or co-ed events, including laser tag and mechanical bulls. A perfect activity for your Parent’s Day is a photo booth, with instant pictures for family members or camp friends. Book today for a memorable camp event with Blaze Party Rentals.

Wilderness First Aid and First Responder

Acadia Mountain Guides Climbing School
April 25-26  Wilderness First Aid, Newry; $225/$265 w/lodging
April 25-26  Wilderness First Responder/WEMT Recertification, Newry; $325; $395 w/lodging
May 15-16  Wilderness First Aid, Camden; $225
FMI and Registration: Jon Tierney, 207-866-7562; climb@acadiamountain-guides.com

Camp Arcadia-Casco, ME
June 7-8  Wilderness First Aid and CPR; $240 w/lodging. WFA only: $190; CPR only: $50.
FMI and registration: laura.monica@camparcadia.com, (804) 346-5082

Outward Bound Hurricane Island - Newry, ME
May 23-29  Wilderness First Responder; $785 w/lodging
May 30-June 1  Wilderness First Responder Review; $330 w/lodging
FMI and Registration: www.wildmed.com or Andy Bartleet abartleet@hiobs.org, (207) 706-6290

Camp Agawam-Raymond, ME
June 7-8  SOLO Wilderness First Aid/ Wilderness First Responder recertification. $180/commuter; $200/resident; $15/WFR recert. $35/AHA Heartsaver CPR.
FMI and Registration: Karen Malm 207-627-4780 or mander@campagawam.org

Camp Winnebago-Fayette, ME
June 17-18  SOLO Wilderness First Aid; $165 w/lodging
FMI and registration: Andy Lilienthal andy@campwinnebago.com or (207) 767-1019

Camp Winona-Bridgton, ME
June 11-12  Wilderness First Aid w/Wilderness Medical Associates $195/$215 w/lodging

Camp Wyonegonic-Denmark, ME
June 7-8  First Aid and CPR AHA Certification; $65
Register: http://wyonegonic.com/contact-us/certification-trainings/, (207) 452-2051

Girl Scouts of Maine-Bridgton, ME
June 10 OR  Challenge Course Combined-$695
June 12  PCIA Climbing Wall Instructor Certification Course, Acadia National Park; $395
June 15-17  ARC Lifeguard Training; $395
FMI and Registration: Jon Tierney, 207-866-7562; climb@acadiamountain-guides.com

Camp Wyonegonic-Denmark, ME
June 4-10  Challenge Course Combined-$695
June 10  PCIA Top Rope Climbing Instructor Course, Acadia National Park; $395
June 13-15  PCIA Wall Instructor Certification Course, Acadia National Park; $150
June 14  PCIA Climbing Site Belayer Course, Orono; $110
June 15-17  High/low Ropes training with climbing tower; $465 w/lodging
FMI and Registration: Jon Tierney, 207-866-7562; climb@acadiamountain-guides.com

Tennis

Acadia Mountain Guides Climbing School
June 5-7  PCA Top Rope Climbing Instructor Course, Acadia National Park; $395
June 5-8  PCA Single Pitch; $495
June 10  PCA Top Rope & Single Pitch Climbing Instructor Course, Acadia National Park; $150
June 14  PCA Climbing Site Belayer Course, Orono; $110
June 15-17  High/low Ropes training with climbing tower; $465 w/lodging
FMI and Registration: mailbox@campmanitou.com, (800) 326-1916

Camp Manitou- Oakland, ME
June 1-20  Low Ropes Facilitator-$335
June 1-20  Challenge Course Combined-$695
FMI and Registration: http://wyonegonic.com/contact-us/certification-trainings/, (207) 452-2051

Ropes

Camp Wyonegonic-Denmark, ME
June 4-6  High Ropes Facilitator-$495
June 7-10  Challenge Course Combined-$695
FMI and Registration: http://wyonegonic.com/contact-us/certification-trainings/, (207) 452-2051

Life guarding and Water Safety

*ARC=American Red Cross
*FIT=Fundamentals of Instructor Training
*ACA=American Canoe Association

Camp Nashoba North-Raymond, ME
June 13  Stand Up Paddleboard-Instructor Training; $70
FMI and Registration: nashobastaff@gmail.com or ask for Stacey at (978) 486-8236 (until May 20) or (207) 655-7170

Camp Winona-Bridgton, ME
June 9-10  US Sailing Counselor $150; $170 w/lodging
June 11-12  Safe Power Boating-NASBLA approved; $175/$195 w/ lodging
June 14-15  Small Craft Safety Basic/Instructor- Canoe, Row, Kayak, Sailing with FIT; $150/$190 w/lodging
Register:http://winonacamps.com/pdf/14_Training_Clinic.pdf (207) 647-3721

YMCAs-Winthrop, ME
June 15-16  Basic Wilderness First Aid; $160 w/lodging
FMI and registration: info@maineycamp.org, (207) 395-4200

*ARC=American Red Cross
*FIT=Fundamentals of Instructor Training

Pilgrim Lodge, West Gardiner, ME
June 8-10  ARC Lifeguard Training; $395
FMI and registration: mailbox@campmanitou.com, (800) 326-1916

City of Portland Recreation-Portland, ME
May 4 OR  June 18  ARC Lifeguard Training. Sundays. $200/Portland resident; $215 non-resident. + $90 materials
May 12-22,  June 16-19  ARC Water Safety Instructor Training
Course is one day only; various days and times. $302/ Portland resident; $332/non-resident. +$85 materials.
FMI and Registration: cleepage@portlandmaine.gov, (207) 874-8456

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## Spring Trainings

### Camp Winona-Bridgton, ME
- **June 1-5**  
  ARC Water Safety Instructor; $315/$390 w/lodging  
- **June 1-6**  
  ARC Lifeguard Instructor; $315/$415 w/lodging  
- **June 11-15**  
  ARC Lifeguard Training w/waterfront module (First Aid, CPR, AED for Prof. Rescuer); $275/$350 w/lodging  
- **June 16-17**  
  ARC Lifeguard w/waterfront module review/update; $130 w/lodging  

(207) 647-3721

### Camp Wyonegonic-Denmark, ME
- **June 7-8 OR June 17-18**  
  Waterfront Lifeguarding Review; $130  
- **June 7-11**  
  ARC Water Safety Instructor w/FIT; $290  
- **June 8-11 OR June 13-16**  
  ARC Lifeguard Training w/waterfront module (1st Aid, CPR, AED for Prof Rescuer); $350  
- **June 16-20**  
  ARC Water Safety Instructor$300 Y members; $320 non-members  

Register and information: www.ywcamaine.org or (207) 795-4050

### Girl Scouts of Maine-Bridgton, ME
- **June 9-10 OR June 16-17**  
  ARC Waterfront Lifeguard; $290 w/lodging  
- **June 9-12 OR June 15-18**  
  FMI and Registration http://www.girlscoutsofmaine.org/camps/certification-clinics.html or info@gsmaine.org, (888) 922-4763

### Camp Manitou – Oakland, ME
- **June 14-17**  
  ARC Water Safety Instructor; $370 w/lodging  
  FMI and Registration: mailbox@campmanitou.com, (800) 326-1916

### Shooting Sports-Archery and Riflery

#### Camp Winona-Bridgton, ME
- **June 7-9**  
  Rifle Instructor-Civilian Marksmanship Program; $170/$195 w/lodging  

(207) 647-3721

#### Camp Wyonegonic-Denmark, ME
- **June 11-12 OR June 13-14**  
  Level 1 Archery NAA Certification.  
  Instructor Lucy Morris, NESAS; $180; $195 w/lodging  

Register: http://wyonegonic.com/contact-us/certification-trainings/, (207) 452-2051

#### Camp Cedar-Casco, ME
- **June 20**  
  Archery Clinic. Meets ACA standards for archery instruction with Steve Dunsmoor; $160 w/lunch  

FMI and Registration: jobs@campcedar.com or (617) 277-8080; after June 3 (207) 627-4266

#### Camp Cobbossee-Monmouth, ME
- **June 14-15**  
  Archery Training; $125/$150 w/lodging  

FMI and Registration: at josh@cobbossee.com

#### Girl Scouts of Maine-Bridgton, ME
- **June 10 OR June 14 OR June 18**  
  Level 1 Archery Instructor; Meets ACA standards; $160 w/lodging  

FMI and Registration: http://www.girlscoutsofmaine.org/camps/certification-clinics.html or info@gsmaine.org, (888) 922-4763

### Trip Leader

#### Camp Cedar-Casco, ME
- **June 17**  
  Maine Trip Leader Certification Course-Instructor Ron Furst; $65 (bring additional check for $20 for state trip leader permit)  

FMI and registration: jobs@campcedar.com or (617) 277-8080; after June 3 (207) 627-4266

#### Girls Scouts of Maine-Bridgton, ME
- **June 14 OR June 18**  
  State of Maine Trip Leader; $45 w/lodging  

or or  
- **June 14 OR June 19**  
  FMI and Registration: http://www.girlscoutsofmaine.org/camps/certification-clinics.html or info@gsmaine.org, (888) 922-4763

### Opening For the Season – Drinking Water Safety

Maine Rural Water Association (MRWA)-Richmond, ME  
Ensure that your water stays clean. Come into compliance with Maine’s Safe Drinking Water Rules. Various dates and locations in Maine.

May 28 Locations  
Calais - Calais High School  
Farmington - Univ. of Maine  
Presque Isle - Regional Career & Training  
Waterboro - Massabesic Center for Adult Learning  
$65 member/$80 non-member  
FMI and Registration: www.mainerwa.org, (207) 737-4092

### Pottery & Ceramics

#### Portland Pottery Studio – Portland, ME
- **June 21**  
  Pottery and ceramics counselor training $75/person w/lunch  

FMI and Registration: cooper@portlandpottery.com, (207) 772-4334

### Miscellaneous Camp Trainings

#### Girl Scouts of Maine-Bridgton, ME
- **June 9 OR June 13 OR June 18**  
  Camp Kitchen 101; $30 w/lodging  
  Camp Training (prep)  
  Camp Training (overnight) $25 w/lodging  

FMI and Registration http://www.girlscoutsofmaine.org/camps/certification-clinics.html or info@gsmaine.org, (888) 922-4763

#### Camp Nashoba North-Raymond, ME
- **June 13**  
  What All Horse Handlers Should Know; $70  

FMI and Registration: nashobastaff@gmail.com or ask for Stacey at 978-486-8236 (until May 20) or 207-655-7170
April 29, 2014: Spring Board Meeting at SYSCO Food Show

Calendar of Events

April 29, 2014, Tuesday
Board meeting only. SYSCO Food Show, Portland, ME.

June 6, 2014, Friday
MSC/MYCA Annual Meetings. Camp Mataponi, Naples, ME

July 8, 2014, Tuesday
Dr. Christopher Thurber Staff Trainings, Wawenock, Raymond

July 16, 2014, Wednesday
10th Annual Norway Savings/MSC Spelling Bee, Portland, ME

July 21-25, 2014, Monday - Friday
Junior Maine Guide Test Camp, Oquossoc, ME

September 17, 2014, Wednesday
Quarterly MSC Board Meeting. Location TBA

October 22, 2014, Wednesday
Rick Stryker workshop. Acadia Insurance, Westbrook, ME

Welcome

New Camp Member

Pine Grove School- A Touch of Montessori Summer at Pine Grove
Contact: Kristan Carroll, Education Program Director, 32 Foreside Rd., Falmouth, ME, 04105. Email: pinegcenter@maine.rr.com
(207) 781-3441