

# Badger Tracks – June 2002

## A Special Word of Thanks

For many years, Patricia Bodette has been an active member of the Wisconsin Section. She has decided to retire from visiting after many years of working with camps. Happily, she plans to remain active in the section! Thank you, Pat!!

## Executive Search Continues

We are in the final stages of the Section Executive employment process. A special announcement will be made to the section when the process is complete.

## Section Service Fees

We are pleased to announce that both the National and Section portion of the 2003 camp/service fees will remain the same as in 2002.

## For Sale

Camp Nicolet has a ski boat and trailer. A 16 ft. Ventura model California V-hull; 90 hp Yamaha outboard engine; removable midboat ski pylon- equipped with a Barefoot International teaching boom. Perfect for youth instrumental program or family ski boat. \$3000.

Also, four 14 ft. aluminum canoes, \$150 each.

## Roster Changes

On the Board Roster, Jack Czarnik-Neimeyer's fax number is 366-2236. Correction: Camp Wapogasset is the parent organization (Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp) consisting of four sites. 1) The main headquarters at Camp Wapogasset; 2) Ox Lake Site; 3) Luther Dell Site; 4) Wilderness Canoe Base. (Ed. Sorry for misreading the information.)

## Here's a Deal for You!!

Gateway is donating computers that were used during the Olympics to schools and agencies that assist underserved people and communities. Pass this information along to those you think would be interested. Deadline is July 31, 2002.

## Fall Workshop News

This year's workshop will be held at Camp Wonderland on October 3, 2002. The Keynote Presenter will be Laurie Frank, in the morning, discussing Camp Community and Leadership. In the afternoon, she will lead a session on Leadership, while there will be additional break out sessions addressing varying camp needs related to community and leadership. The Illinois Section is hosting this year's Workshop. Look for more details in the mail.

## Are You Aware of This?

A state law was passed effective January 1, 2002, and to be implemented January 1, 2003 for all tax exempt property for Scouting organizations, Salvation Army, Boys and Girls Clubs, and Ys after the first 40 acres to be assessed by local tax assessors and taxed at fair market value. You may access this on the internet at [www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/stats.html](http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/stats.html) and the section is 70.11.12.a.

The details do not appear to allow for ways to get around this per the law. You may want to contact your state legislators. They are probably not aware of its implications for non-profits. Some properties may well be assessed at \$2000 or more.

## Memorial Gift for Jack

President Anne Derber received the following from the Keystone

Regional Section.

The Keystone Regional Section of the American Camping Association gratefully acknowledges a contribution to the Kriebel Campership Foundation in memory of Jack Weiner, and donated by Robert H. Miner.

## Mid-States Presenters Needed

We had a great time at Mid-States in April. Now that it is over, we need to start thinking ahead to next year. The dates are April 10-12, 2003. For more information, contact Kim Shafer via e-mail-- [kims@girlscoutsofblackhawk.org](mailto:kims@girlscoutsofblackhawk.org). The deadline for applying is October, 2002.

## Standards News

Karen Peck Katz, our Standards Chair, announces that Leslie Cripe and Rob Bodart are two new visitors in the Wisconsin Section, completing their Associate Visitor course at Mid-States.

All camps to be visited this year have been assigned their team of visitors, and should have been contacted by this time. Please contact Karen for any standards issues: Karen Peck Katz, 414-351-5235 or e-mail her at [honchokatz@aol.com](mailto:honchokatz@aol.com).

## Second Annual Camp Property Conference

October 8-10, 2002  
Are you looking for a professional development opportunity for your camp ranger? Site Manager? Property Director? Property Staff Supervisor? We're building on the clearly successful 1st annual conference! Again, we promise to offer a variety of subjects and presenters of interest to all camp property professionals-- including program directors and executive directors.

The conference will be held at Camp Silverbrook in West Bend, WI. We're pleased to announce Dennis Block, Director of Properties, Girl Scouts of Milwaukee Area, and member, ACA-WI Board of Directors, will again be facilitating the conference. The conference is organized as three 1-day sessions that can be taken individually or collectively.

Session I - Tuesday, October 8  
Property Management Systems and Solutions

Session II - Wednesday, October 9  
Managing Risks, Resources, and Recreation

Session III - Thursday, October 10  
Carpentry Basics for Rangers

The line-up of guest faculty being confirmed is exciting and will include: county park directors, land use planners, DNR officials, professors, and camp insurance associates. Also returning by popular demand - the Plant Facility and Maintenance Association (PFMA) has agreed to lead the session on carpentry basics for rangers. Registration materials will be available in July. Conference materials, continental breakfast and lunch are included. Session fees will likely run \$50-\$70 per day with discounts to ACA-WI and Girl Scout members. Capacity is 28 participants per day/session. A list of local hotels will be included with registration materials. Participants will need to make their own off-site lodging arrangements.

Contact Dennis Block, 262-334-9685; Fax 262-334-3530; or e-mail [dblock@girlscoutsmilwaukee.org](mailto:dblock@girlscoutsmilwaukee.org) for session descriptions and to be placed on the pre-registration contact list. All camps are welcome!!

### Take A Break From All This Exciting News

A few good puns you can use when you are in front of a group.....

A bicycle can't stand on its own - it's two-tired  
A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.  
When a clock is hungry it goes back for seconds.  
A lot of money is tainted... 'taint yours, and 'taint mine...  
A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.  
Those who jump off a Paris bridge are in Seine.

### Seeking a Camp Job

Former Director/Owner of a successful summer camp seeks administrative position. 20 years' experience in all aspects of running a camp. Please contact me for further details. Alexander Carsley, 845-256-1296, or e-mail [summercampfun@aol.com](mailto:summercampfun@aol.com)

### Mid-States 2002

#### Highlights

The conference, held at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL, is being billed as "The Best Mid-States Ever!"

The speakers, Peg Smith, Karl Rohnke, and Bob Ditter, delivered a lively and interactive program that expanded the program theme, "Mission...Possible."

Some highlights included:

- 1250 participants.
- More than 270 camps.
- Over 500 Thursday night participants created a new record for the Guinness Book of World Records, for the largest simultaneous "balloon-popping" event ever recorded.
- The exhibit hall featured 65 vendors, an indoor climbing tower, a HighBall Trampoline demonstration, and many other exciting and interactive exhibits.
- The Leadership Institute, featured workshops led by camping experts such as Michael Brandwein, Linda Erceg, Connie Coutellier, Cathy Scheder, and others!

Next year's conference will be April 10-12. Other dates are

April 15-17, 2004; and April 14-16, 2005. Keep up-to-date through the Mid-States web site at [www.acamidstates.org](http://www.acamidstates.org).

Our thanks to these generous sponsors of the 2002 conference: Advantage Emblem, Inc., Bourdon's Institutional Sales, Inc., Bunk1.com; Camp & School Store; eCamp Messaging Services, Inc.; K & K Insurance Group; Lamm Insurance Company; Larry Fox & Company; Midwest Association of Independent Camps (MAIC); Markel Insurance Company, and Schirick & Associates Insurance Brokers.

### Airline Transportation

With many campers arriving by air, some pointers to keep in mind include the following:

- Know and meet requirements for unaccompanied minors.
- Have positive identification of staff meeting and seeing campers off that matches a parent's itinerary filed with the airlines.
- Work with the airlines to allow staff to pass through security checkpoints to both meet and see campers off.
- Be aware of concerns of older campers who may be traveling as adults, but still need camp staff supervision.
- Work with airlines for a smooth check in and security screening of luggage.
- Investigate alternate ways of getting luggage to camp, such as shipping by other types of commercial carriers.
- Resolve issues of campers packing their luggage, and luggage being out of their personal possession from packing time to time of departure.
- Establish contact with airport Federal Security Manager.
- Coordinate communication with airlines.
- Establish procedures for camp staff receiving security passes.

- Investigate issues of camp chartered flight.
- Be aware of special concerns for international staff.

Directors should:

- Review your procedures and communicate with parents early. Monitor changes in security issues at local airports.
- Communicate with your section to see what efforts, if any, it may be coordinating with area airports. Be prepared to share your anticipated volume, dates, and special needs.
- Monitor the ACA national web site.
- Send information on airlines rules for unaccompanied minors and FAA Security Tips to parents. You'll find it on the ACA web site.
- Encourage parents of older campers to use the unaccompanied minor program even though there may be a fee, and the camper may object.
- Encourage parents to send luggage through other commercial carriers.
- Identify camp staff who will manage airport support, and develop ID for them, keeping that group as consistent as possible.
- Be timely with requested communication for airports realizing that deadlines may be different than yours.
- Maintain contact with other camps using your airport(s). Work together to problem solve. Introduce key camp staff to other camps so they can recognize and support each other.

### **We're Happy To Welcome These New Members**

- Katherine Mace, 3217 Sandwood Way, Madison, WI 53713

- David Tasner, Kawaga for Boys, 1100 W. Cornelia 104, Chicago, IL 60657
- Molly Middel, 836 Shagbark Lane 302, N. Aurora, IL 60542
- Peter Hatlestad, Covenant Harbor Bible Camp, 1724 W. Main, Lake Geneva, WI 53147
- Walter Lenckos, P.O. Box 210, Williams Bay, WI 53191
- Gerald Stoddard, Army Lake Camp, N8726 Army Lake Road, East Troy, WI 53120
- Ellen Mallonee, Roganunda, 1001 South 3d St., Yakima, WA 98901
- Ben Davis, 500 W. Hampton, #114, Milwaukee, WI 53217

Please communicate any roster changes or corrections to Jerry Carman [jcarman@execpc.com](mailto:jcarman@execpc.com)

### **Section Calendar**

Tuesday, September 24 - Board Meeting, Timber-lee Christian Center  
 Thursday, October 3 IL-WI Fall Workshop, Camp Wonderland  
 Thursday, November 18 Annual Meeting, Bethel Church  
 Wednesday, December 11 Board Retreat, Place to be announced  
 Feb. 19-22, 2003 Natl. Convention, Denver  
 Feb. 25-28, 2004 Natl. Convention, Orlando  
 April 10-12, 2003 Mid-States Conference  
 April 15-17, 2004 Mid-States Conference

### **Looking Back**

Looking back on the historical milestones of our association.

1941, Wisconsin Section pioneered the weekend Spring Institute which served as a training program. The first one was held in 1941. It was geared to the entire membership...director/owners, staff, camp boards, and anyone interested in the field of camping.

1942, Wisconsin Section was the first state to have its own Camp Directory, financed by the Milwaukee Journal as a service to the Wisconsin Section. The first Directory was a mimeographed booklet prepared in Ray Bassett's office.

1945-1946, Barbara Ellen Joy of Wisconsin Section was president of the National ACA.

1946-1947, Wisconsin Section had 184 members with a total income in dues of \$1,221.50. The next year, membership jumped to 201, with an income of \$1,819.

### **Educational Opportunities**

To have your events included in Badger Tracks or on the web site, send them to Val Wright, phone/fax: 414-329-7585, e-mail: [hitw@execpc.com](mailto:hitw@execpc.com).

### **Did You Hear the One About...**

the snail who bought a car and had the dealer paint a Superman "S" logo on the door. He wanted people to notice him when he drove by and say, "Look at that S car go!"

### **Reminders of the Work We Do**

*by President Anne Derber*

If your office is anything like ours, the pace continues to increase, the phone is ringing (a lot), and staff are arriving for pre-season work. It is exciting and hard to believe that the summer season is upon us again--where does the time go?! While it seems that we are never ready--we really are.

Here are some reminders of the work we do...

"Last year I did so many things, and had so much fun, that I will be looking forward to this year, so thaaaaaanks!!!"

"At camp, I learned many new things. I learned to shoot an arrow and learned that nature is a sacred thing, something I had not realized before. Camp has allowed me to set and achieve new goals. It has allowed me to grow as a person and I hope I can pass that on to others."

"Thank you for making everything possible at camp. I have learned so much. I've really learned to respect the wilderness and I've made some wonderful friends. I had two fantastic counselors and I can't wait to come back next year!"

At the end of the day, this is what it is all about. The influence of our programs on our campers and our staff, and the influence that they have on others when they return home.

Have a wonderful, fun, and safe summer. While we work hard at serving others, remember to take some time for yourselves and your families, too!

### **Sending Information for Badger Tracks?**

To have material included in Badger Tracks, please fax it to Jerry Carman at 920-994-8100, mail to 535 Lake Drive, Random Lake, WI 53075, or e-mail to [icarman@execpc.com](mailto:icarman@execpc.com). If you e-mail, please make it a part of the e-mail, do not send as an attachment.

Your stories of camp, special poems, articles of general interest, etc., are welcome.