



Building Camp Communities through Diversity



March 8 - 10, 2012 — Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, Illinois

Interest/Networking Groups

Jump into one of these interesting and fantastic Interest/Networking Groups! Formally known as Kindred Groups, these Interest/Networking Groups offer conference participants an opportunity to meet and share experiences. Anyone is welcome at any one of these groups. Can't pick one? Come and go to as many as you wish. Have an idea for group not listed? Email Colette at MidstatesProgramChair@gmail.com with a group title, short description and your name and email!

All groups will take place on Friday, March 9, 2012 at 9:00PM

Camps Courting Accreditation

Location: TBA

For camps who are new to the American Camp Association or who are seeking to become members, the "Camps Courting Accreditation" network group provides a round table where questions can be answered and newly-learned advice can be shared. Whether your camp has never been accredited and you are interested in beginning the process, or your camp has just recently been accredited, please join us for a frank discussion on the process and requirements.

Hosted by: Shoshana Jackson

Email: shoshanajackson@jccfed.org

Equestrian Programs

Location: TBA

This networking/interest group is for Equestrian Directors or camps with horse programs to get together and discuss the unique challenges of working with kids and horses. Be ready to share your successes of the past year and plans for next year.

Hosted by: Sarah Oviatt, Camp Odessonk

Email: stables@odessonk.com

LGBTQ

Location: TBA

Are you an LGBTQ professional in the camp, recreation or nonprofit industry? This networking group is a relationship-building and professional development opportunity to help create connections between LGBTQ professionals and allies in a non-threatening and inclusive environment.

Hosted By Shena Willbrandt, Howard Brown Health Center

Email: shenaw@howardbrown.org

Mid States Speakers: Past, Present & Future

Location: TBA

Mid States wouldn't be Mid States without its speakers! Join other speakers from the conference, past and present for some evening snacks and networking. Develop new ideas, share successes, and get to know other speakers at our fantastic conference. Thinking of speaking at Mid States in the future, come and network with current and past speakers.

Hosted By Colette Marquardt, Mid States Program Chair

Email: MidstatesProgramChair@gmail.com

Music Jam

Location: TBA

We will meet for a round of music. I'll bring my guitar and a list of songs. Some will be campfire songs, some will be folk songs. Feel free to join the group. You are welcome to join in with the singing, lead a song, or just listen if you prefer.

Hosted by: Len Muni

Email: lmuni@berea.k12.oh.us

Year Round Program Staff

Location: TBA

From scrubbing outhouses to leading hikes with school groups, the life of a year round program staff member is full of new surprises. Come and meet other year round outdoor educators and discuss the many interesting challenges of your job.

Hosted by: Ellen Schmidt, Allison Vartanian and Jamie Rice, Camp Ondessonk

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