
What's Happening in Trenton?



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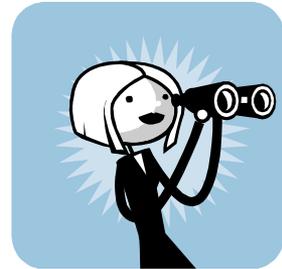
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Legislative and Regulatory Monitoring

- NJCGAP monitors state legislation and regulations on a daily basis, ensuring early warning of issues that could favorably or negatively impact camps.
- NJCGAP provides testimony at legislative committee hearings and submits written public comments to regulatory proposals.



Getting front and center with Trenton policymakers

NJCGAP continues to raise awareness of the youth camp industry in Trenton.

- Meeting with policymakers, legislators and staff on priority issues
- Bringing state officials to camps every summer
- Educating Trenton on how their policies impact NJ's camps.



Beating back the Red Tape



- NJC-GAP continues to work closely with Executive Branch Departments with regulatory oversight over camps through regular personal contact and participation on task forces, work groups and commissions to educate and enlighten them on the impact of laws and regulations on New Jersey's camps.
 - Without your "camp" voice in Trenton, they simply wouldn't know.
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So . . . What's New?

- Minimum Wage and Overtime in NJ
 - Epi-Pen Legislation
 - Administration of Medications at Camp
 - Unemployment Claims for Seasonal Workers
 - Certificate of Convenience – NJ Motor Vehicles Commission
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Recap of “old business”

■ AMUSEMENTS



- Maintain Rock Wall Exemption and Gravity Propelled Amusement Exemption for camps
- Attend Quarterly Amusement Advisory Board Meetings
- Lobbied for and participating on Amusement-Camp Working Group - issue specific group.

And . . .

■ LABOR ISSUES:



- Established relationships with Commissioner and Staff
 - Labor Commissioner Wirths Visits Oak Crest
 - Well versed in minimum wage/OT impact on camps – politically not the right time.
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- NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

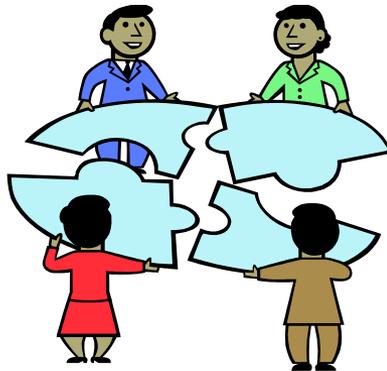


- Readoption of the NJ Public Recreational Bathing regulations
- Working with Loel and local health departments' recognition of ACA NJ inspection exemptions

Ongoing Efforts

- **WORKING WITH MEMBER CAMPS**

- We continue to work with member camps putting them in touch with state officials, legislators and staff when issues arise.



Reminders - Certificate of Approval and ACA Exemption



- Renewal applications for Certificates of Approval submission deadline is May 1 of each year.
- ACA Accredited camps are exempt from state and local health authority inspections related to the enforcement of the NJYCSA
- To effectuate the exemption ACA Accredited camps must submit their most recent ACA Certificate of Accreditation with their state renewal application or no later than June 1 of each year.
- You can fax your ACA certificate to 609-588-4621 to Loel Muetter if you did not submit it with your renewal application

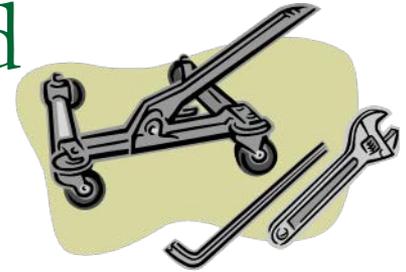
Reminders – NJ's CampStaff Screening



- Prior employment checks for each new staff.
 - 3 character reference checks for each new staff.
 - Criminal background checks for all new adult staff
 - Annual sex offender registry checks for all staff.
 - Signed Affidavit for returning adult staff certifying no changes in previous season's criminal background check. Sample form available on www.njcgap.org
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Reminder -

Amusements: Recognized Certified Mechanical Technician



- RCMT is required for camps with “amusements”
- RCMT must be certified by the state (NJ DCA) or by a recognized 3rd party (NARSO, AIMS . . .etc.).
- RCMT certified by the state must have 32 hours of continuing education over a 2 year period to maintain certification. Approved courses are listed on state’s website.
- RCMT certified by a 3rd party must follow that organization’s certification renewal and continuing education requirements.



Reminder - ADA Pool Entry Requirements



- On May 21, 2012, the U.S. Department of Justice, for the second time, extended the date for compliance the ADA Standards for Accessible Design as it relates to the provision of accessible entry and exit to existing swimming pools, wading pools, and spas. The new compliance date is January 31, 2013.
- Regarding pools: The ADA new requirements are for newly constructed or altered pools. If you have an existing pool, then the ADA requires businesses to make existing pools accessible when it is "readily achievable" to do so. The 2010 Standards provide the benchmark, or goal, for accessibility in existing pools.

ADA Pool Entry Requirements

What should we have done already?

- ADA compliant pool entry in place for existing pools or “have a plan” to do so when “readily achievable.”
 - The Department of Justice recommends you develop an implementation plan designed to achieve compliance with the ADA’s barrier removal requirements. Such a plan, if appropriately designed and executed, could serve as evidence of a good faith effort to comply with the ADA’s barrier removal requirements.
 - To learn more: <http://www.acacamps.org/publicpolicy/ada-revisions>
 - Have questions? Need clarification? Call the ADA Information Line at 800-514-0301 (Voice) and 800-514-0383 (TTY) to speak with an ADA Specialist. All calls are confidential.
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ADA Pool Entry Requirements – Federal Tax Incentives Available

- To assist businesses with complying with the ADA, the IRS Code allows a tax credit for small businesses and allows a tax deduction for all businesses.
- Section 44 of IRS Code
Tax credit: maximum credit is \$5,000
The “small business” tax credit is available to businesses that have total revenues of \$1,000,000 or less in the previous tax year or 30 or fewer full-time employees.
- Section 190 of IRS Code
Tax deduction: maximum is \$15,000
- For more information: www.ada.gov/taxincent.htm



So, what's going on outside of Trenton?

Q & A



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