

## Special Events

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### TUESDAY, MARCH 16

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**5:00 – 5:45 PM • Make the Most of Your CAMP Conference Experience: The “First-Timers” Orientation** • Join us for a brief introduction to Atlantic City and the Tri-State CAMP Conference, where you will discover the “must-attend” events that take place Wednesday through Friday. This multifaceted program will help you determine what goals are most important to you and your camp profession and then match up the key educational sessions and networking events you can't miss.

**6:00 – 8:30 PM • TICKETED DINNER: House of Blues** • Need a place to start your conference on a “high note”? Join us for some great food and fun with other conference participants at the House of Blues restaurant. The restaurant is located in the Showboat Hotel located on the famous Atlantic City Boardwalk. (You'll need to sign up using the registration form.)

**8:00 PM – MIDNIGHT • Social Evening Event sponsored by EPIC • “Camp Rocks!” at the House of Blues – Foundation Room** (at Showboat Atlantic City) • Come out wearing your Rock'n'Roll paraphernalia and network with other conference attendees, speakers and exhibitors for this opening social event to kick off this year's conference. Experience two special musical guests booked just for our conference participants: Jared Campbell and Naomi Less of Jewish Chicks Rock. • Come take in these exciting music acts while networking with fellow conference participants in a unique and unforgettable setting. This event is supported by the Foundation for Jewish Camp.

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### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17**

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**7:45 – 8:30 AM**

**Make the Most of Your CAMP Conference Experience: The “First-Timers” Orientation**

If you missed Tuesday's orientation, join us for this one. (See Tuesday's description for more information.)

**2:30 – 4:00 PM**

**GENERAL SESSION**

**Shawn Achor: Positive Psychology and Its Place in Camp – How to Inspire Campers, Parents, Staff and Even Yourself**

In our increasingly modern and luxurious world, there is an assumption that wealth and success translate into greater happiness. Harvard lecturer Shawn Achor challenges this assumption by sharing groundbreaking research about how the emerging field of positive psychology is proving otherwise. Through the empirical study of optimism, happiness, and resilience, researchers have learned how small changes to mind-set and activity can help people live longer, healthier, and happier lives. Specifically, Shawn will share new information on how important social connection, character building, mindfulness, physical activity, and an appreciation for the outdoors are to human thriving. Attendees will learn positive psychology skills that capitalize on these findings to improve individual well-being while also bringing them closer to the mission of their own organizations. • What is positive psychology? - Positive psychology is a new branch in academia that studies the traits and conditions that lead to optimal functioning. Its founding principle is that well-being is not merely the absence of distress but a whole host of conditions that allow us to grow, prosper and thrive. • The Tri-State award will also be presented.

**4:00 PM – 6:30 PM**

**THE EXHIBIT HALL IS OPEN**

This is your first chance to explore the many products and services that our supporting exhibitors bring to the show. Network with old friends, meet new ones, and get inspired by this year's Exhibit Hall, full of anything and everything for the Camp Industry. Our general session speaker Shawn Achor will also be doing a book signing at the ACA Bookstore at the front of the Hall.

**4:15 – 5:00 PM**

**Make the Most of Your CAMP Conference Experience: The “First-Timers” Orientation**

If you arrive at the conference later in the day on Wednesday, come join us. (See Tuesday's description for more information.)

**6:30 – 8:00 PM**

**ACA-New Jersey Section Networking Cocktail Reception (The Sheraton Atlantic City)**

Enjoy conversation with fellow NJ camp professionals. There will be complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

**7:00- 9:00 PM**

**TICKETED DINNER: Rainforest Café**

From the excitement of the Exhibit Hall to the wild of the jungle, the Rainforest Café offers a unique spot for dining and meeting other conference attendees, speakers, and exhibitors! An exotic locale surrounded by trees, animals, and music, the Rainforest Café combines delicious food with a tropical atmosphere for a true safari getaway! (You'll need to sign up using the registration form.)

**8:00 PM - MIDNIGHT**

**Social Evening Event sponsored by EPIC • Baggo – Trump Plaza**

By popular demand, the Baggo tournament has returned to the Tri-State CAMP Conference! The Trump Plaza's gilt-lined halls provide the perfect backdrop for a night of friendly competition. Newcomers and seasoned players alike will enjoy drinks, music and great company during an evening of adult games. You won't want to miss a minute of the fun, because as far as evening activities are concerned, this is the place to be!

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### **THURSDAY, MARCH 18**

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**7:30 – 8:15 AM**

#### **ACA-Keystone Section Breakfast**

Enjoy a hearty breakfast while networking with fellow Keystone Section members.

**9:45 – 10:45 AM**

#### **Religiously Affiliated Camps Gathering**

Join us for an informal gathering of leaders from faith-based camps. Meet and talk with other faith-based camp leaders, learn about the work of the RAC Council and the resources it provides to support you in your camp leadership and provide suggestions for future ways in which RAC can support your camp.

**9:45 – 10:45 AM**

#### **Coffee with the Exhibitors**

Come meet the exhibitors, grab a complimentary cup of coffee in the Exhibit Hall, and get geared up for a busy day at the conference.

**9:45 – 11:00 AM**

#### **Ben Appelbaum Forum**

Ben's legend lives on through the memory of his dedication to social action and his profound impact on camping professionals. Presented annually by Ben's friends and colleagues, the program is usually thought provoking, sometimes confrontational, but always memorable.

**9:45 AM – 5:30 PM**

#### **THE EXHIBIT HALL IS OPEN ALL DAY**

Find some time during the day to visit the Exhibit Hall and make sure you have the products and services you need to make your 2010 summer a success.

**12:30 – 1:30 PM**

#### **NJ Camps Governmental Affairs Project • What's Going On in Trenton and What Are We Doing About It?**

ACA-NJ lobbyist Claudine Leone along with Andy Pritikin of the New Jersey Camps Government Affairs Project (NJC-GAP) will outline hot topics relevant to 2010 and beyond: revisions to the NJ Youth Camp Safety Act and its impact on 2010 camp operations, health inspection exemptions for ACA-accredited camps, amusement regulations, labor issues, and more. This is your opportunity to hear what's going on, as well as bring to the table new issues and opinions impacting the operation of youth camps in New Jersey. This meeting also functions as the annual NJC-GAP membership meeting for all officers as well as current and prospective members.

**4:30 – 5:30 PM**

**Kindred Meeting: ACA-Chesapeake Section Meeting**

Join us for a brief meeting and refreshments. An update on spring training and educational events will be given. Meet section leadership and your fellow section camps. This will be the shortest commute you will ever make to a section meeting—don't miss out!

**5:30 – 7:30 PM**

**Annual Girl Scouts Gathering** (sponsored by Westex)

Please join Westex for its annual gathering. Relax, network with others, and enjoy!

**6:30 – 8:30 PM**

**TICKETED DINNER:**

**The Most Popular Event at the conference! “Italian Night” at Carmine’s** (the Quarter at The Tropicana)

Come mange (that's MON-jeh: “eat” in Italian) “camp-style” at the famous Carmine’s Restaurant. Share abundant portions of southern Italian cuisine with other conference attendees, exhibitors and speakers. (You’ll need to sign up using the registration form.)

**6:30 – 10:00 PM**

**The Annual Dinner to Benefit SCOPE** (Sheraton Atlantic City)

SCOPE Founders Award: Henry Winkler, Advocate for Youth Award Honoree: Joe Ehrmann. Honoring the 2009 Legends in Camping: Bruria Falik-Camp Huntington, Stan Goldberg-Trail’s End Camp, and Eleanor Minus-Camp Olmsted

To register please visit [www.scope-ny.org](http://www.scope-ny.org) or call Sarah Ross at (646) 278-4557.

**9:00 PM - MIDNIGHT**

**Social Evening Event – EPIC CARES**

Join us for some “Interactive Camp-u-tainment” while supporting SCOPE at The Shoe Bar (in the Atlantic City Sheraton – 2nd Floor, across from the Convention Center). Come join your colleagues and friends for some excitement during the last night of the conference at the Sheraton Atlantic City Shoe Bar. Drink specials, interactive entertainment and raffle prizes provided by SCOPE will be on hand for this great evening of fun.

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### **FRIDAY, MARCH 19**

#### **“CAMP SHIRT FRIDAY” (WEAR YOUR CAMP APPAREL!)**

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**10:45 – 11:15 AM**

##### **Coffee with the Exhibitors**

Come meet the exhibitors, grab a complimentary cup of coffee in the Exhibit Hall, and get ready for a fantastic General Session with Henry Winkler.

**10:45 – 11:15 AM**

##### **Out at Camp**

This confidential forum allows LGBT staff and administrators to openly share stories, discuss concerns and seek advice from others about being or not being “out” at camp.

**11:30 AM – 12:45 PM**

##### **GENERAL SESSION**

##### **Henry Winkler • Morning Line-Up with Henry**

Of course you know him best for his role as The Fonz. It was his role as Arthur Fonzarelli that both propelled him to fame and overshadows the amazing work he's done in the entertainment industry and for humanity. He will enlighten you with stories about his own exciting journey through life, stories that illustrate a journey tied to the idea of “If you will it, it's not a dream”—a powerful message Mr. Winkler has always lived by without realizing it until receiving that exact message on a card from a fan. All his stories will present a life that seems to have taken place as if by design and certainly too amazing to be a Hollywood movie. And yet, despite his fame, Mr. Winkler's life and work seem completely relatable — it will seem as if you are spending some time with a close friend. Mr. Winkler will illustrate how simple it is to make a positive difference in the world.

**12:45 – 2:00 PM**

##### **EXHIBIT HALL OPEN**

Enter the hall for the last time to catch up with our exhibitors and place your orders before the summer. Don't forget to purchase your arts and crafts supplies, order your staff shirts, and book some inflatable rides for “Carnival Day.” • Our General Session speaker Henry Winkler will also be doing a book signing at the ACA Bookstore at the front of the Hall.