COCAcon content includes educational breakouts, keynotes, a unique Mock trial and the COCAcademy!

Choose from 52 sessions and 53 speakers. Session topics include: Operations, Fundraising, Staff Development, Child Development, Programming!

Earn up to 12 medical CEU credits!

Special networking sessions and an optional visit to Kamp K.A.C.E.!

Networking is the #1 reason COCAcon participants say they attend conference each year. Meet new colleagues and participate in informal discussion groups!
DEAR CONFERENCE ATTENDEES,

Welcome to Fargo, North Dakota!! You may be surprised that there are so many things to see and do; take advantage of as many as you can during this short visit. Just be careful around any wood chippers that you may come across! On behalf of the COCA-I Board of Directors and Conference Committee, thank you for taking the time to join us. We’re sooo very happy you’re here!!!

It doesn’t seem like it’s been a year since we gathered together for the Baltimore meeting, hosted by our Camp Sunshine and Special Love friends. Marci Shea-Perry, Conference Committee Chair, has been working side by side with Kim Belgarde and the Camp KACE team to bring us what will truly be an action-packed non-stop thrill ride of learning, laughter, and FUN!!! We are so excited to have the COCAcademy track and the Mock Trial to add to our other educational offerings this year, as well as networking opportunities in many forms.

I want to give a huge shout out to the Conference Planning Committee and to the Camp KACE staff for their many hours of hard work and brainstorming, and to our amazing Executive Director, Don Golden, who is truly the talented man behind the curtain when it comes to juggling so many tasks.

I also want to recognize and thank our sponsors and exhibitors, as well as Care Camps, who help make this conference possible. Please take a moment to stop by, meet the folks, and give them a warm COCA THANK YOU!

Enjoy the 2018 COCA-I conference, and Happy Camping!!!

Dr. Mike

“Dr. Mike” Amylon
President, COCA-I
Dear COCA-I Family,

On behalf of all of us at Kamp KACE, welcome to Fargo and the 2018 COCA-I Conference! We hope your travels to The Frozen Tundra have been relaxing and stress free. We are so honored to have you all attending this weekend and look forward to sharing our Northern Hospitality with you!

While you are here, we hope you will have a chance to explore Downtown Fargo. Every corner has something different from trendy eateries to quirky boutiques. Sample the local flavors at the Drekker Brewing Company or nosh on a bread plate at Blackbird. Everything you need is within walking distance, but if you aspire to leave the Downtown area, you will encounter the nations friendliest Uber drivers. So, please do get out and experience our exciting, and diverse city.

Regardless of the location, the COCA-I conference is about the people. It’s a chance to hear new ideas and a chance to catch up with old friends. It’s an opportunity to come together, share, teach, learn, and celebrate the many ways in which we all serve children with cancer and their families throughout the year.

We are beyond honored to be hosting the conference and want you to know that we are here for you during your stay. Please don’t hesitate to call on us if you need anything as we strive to make this a great COCA-I conference experience.

We hope you enjoy your time here in Fargo, don’t cha know.

Warmly,

The Kamp KACE Family.
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# COCAcon Mini-Schedule

## Thursday November 8th
- **8:00 am – 6:30 pm** Conference Registration & Information Desk
- **10:30 am – 11:30 am** Not Another Boring Networking Event
- **1:00 pm – 2:00 pm** Opening Ceremonies
- **2:15 pm – 4:30 pm** Sessions
- **5:30 pm – 8:30 pm** President’s Reception
- **9:00 pm – 11:00 pm** Hospitality Suite

## Friday November 9th
- **7:00 am – 7:30 am** 1K Freeze Your Buns Fun Run
- **7:30 am – 8:15 am** Breakfast
- **8:30 am – 5:30 pm** Best of Show Showcase
- **8:30 am – 10:00 am** Keynote – Dr. Nathan Koberinsky
- **10:00 am – 3:30 pm** Exhibits Open
- **10:15 am – 12:30 pm** Sessions
- **12:30 pm – 1:30 pm** Regional Meetings & Lunch
- **2:00 pm – 4:15 pm** Sessions
- **4:30 pm – 5:30 pm** Annual Meeting
- **5:30 pm – 8:30 pm** Dinner on Your Own & Pub Crawl
- **9:00 pm – 11:00 pm** Hospitality Suite

## Saturday November 10th
- **7:00 am – 7:30 am** Polar Plunge
- **7:45 am – 8:30 am** Breakfast
- **8:30 am – 10:30 am** Mock Trial – Juan Carlos Garcia-Jimenez v. Camp Wikoti
- **10:45 am – 11:15 am** Mock Trial Verdict
- **11:30 am – 12:30 pm** Sessions
- **12:30 pm – 1:30 pm** Lunch
- **1:30 pm – 5:00 pm** Sessions
- **5:30 pm – 9:00 pm** Silent Auction & Photo Booth
- **5:30 pm – 9:00 pm** Awards Banquet & Entertainment

## Sunday November 11th
- **7:30 am – 11:45 am** Kamp K.A.C.E. Visit
CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Blind Joe - Entertainment

Blind Joe is a quick-witted, original country artist with an incredible story of perseverance. He shares his soul that is as infectious as a night of Jack Daniels and a few Hank Williams songs on the jukebox. No one, especially Joe, expected a blind, country musician from North Dakota/Minnesota area to rise to stardom. After multiple cross-country tours, playing to thousands of fans and a top 32 run on NBC’s The Voice on team Blake, Blind Joe is fast becoming a household name. Blind Joe combines his artistry, stage-presence, and journey into an incredible presentation.

Dr. Nathan Kobrinksy - Keynote

Dr. Nathan Kobrinsky is well known in the Fargo area and on the grounds of Kamp KACE as Dr. K. Currently the director of pediatric hematology and oncology at Fargo’s Sanford Children’s Hospital and the Roger Maris Cancer Center, he has treated hundreds of area children over the last 25 years. Dr. Kobrinsky gained national recognition in 2015 when he was presented the Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals Achievement Award for his commitment to children. “The human spirit, the spirit of these children is a miracle. They look ahead with very, very open and hopeful eyes to a future that will bring them back to their loved ones, their family and to life.”

Sponsored by Sanford Children’s Hospital

Mock Trial - Juan Carlos Garcia-Jimenez v. Camp Wikoti

The Mock trial involves a pediatric oncology patient who attends Camp Wikoti, an oncology summer camp. Inconsistent medical information may have been given to the camp by the camper’s regular doctor on the one hand, and his parents on the other. The entirety of this medical information may not have been made known to all relevant persons within the camp. Incidents, including medical incidents, ultimately occur at camp. Subsequently, the camper has a leg amputated.

The trial will proceed before a real (retired) judge and a jury selected from conference attendees. It will be as realistic as it can be in the time available. The parties to the litigation will be represented by practicing personal injury lawyers. Opening and closing submissions will be made by counsel, and several witnesses will be examined and cross-examined. After the judge instructs the jury, the jury (and in fact everyone in attendance) will deliberate and come to a decision on the case.

Sponsored by Northwestern Mutual Foundation

COCAcademy

Spend two days with three of the best, brightest and most innovative professionals in the camp industry! Jack Schott, Steve Maguire, and Dr. Chris Thurber will host COCAcademy, an immersive series of four double-length workshops.

COCAcademy syllabus includes: 1) Simulation Drills: Volunteer Leadership for the New Millennium, 2) Elevate Programming from Excellent to Unforgettable, 3) Look Before You Leap: Risk Management and Intelligent Failure, and 4) Core Stories: Uncovering the Value of Values Across the Lifespan

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Friday November 9th

7 am—“FREEZE YOUR BUNS OFF 1 K”/Registration Desk
Breakfast (Cityscape Ballroom)

Best of Show Showcase

Announcements (Cityscape Ballroom)

Keynote: Dr. Nathan K

Medical/CEU Eligible

COC Academy Simulation Drills 1
Staff Development

Medical/CEU Eligible
Planning for Medical Cannabis: One health system’s story

Cityscape Ballroom

COCA Initiation

Regional Meetings and Lunches (Ballroom)

Exhibits Open

COC Academy
Look Before You Leap 1
Operations/Risk Management

Medical/CEU Eligible
All in the Family: Needs of Moms, Dads, and Siblings of Children With Cancer

Fundraising

Programming

Child Development

COCA Initiatives

COC Academy
Look Before You Leap 2
Operations/Risk Management

Medical/CEU Eligible
Medical Research Review

Camp Directors Forum

Programming

Staff Development

Fundraising

Annual Meeting (Cityscape Ballroom) Native Dance and Dance Workshop/Craft Hour

Dinner On Your Own and Pub Crawl

Hospitality Suite
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### 10:30 am – 10:45 am
- **Break**

### 10:45 am – 11:15 am
- **Mock Trial Verdict**
  - Metropolitan Room: Operations
  - Cityscape Ballroom: Mock Trial Panel Discussion, Medical/CEU Eligible
  - The Loft Room: Child Development
  - Prairie Rose Room A: COCAcademy
  - Prairie Rose Room B: Elevate Programming 1 Programming
  - Bar Area: Staff Development

### 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
- **Mock Trial Panel Discussion**
  - Medical/CEU Eligible: Sibling Bereavement Support in the Camp Community
  - Cityscape Ballroom: Staff Development
  - The Loft Room: Child Development
  - Prairie Rose Room A: COCAcademy
  - Prairie Rose Room B: Elevate Programming 2 Programming
  - Bar Area: Operations

### 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
- **Break**

### 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
- **Medical/CEU Eligible**
  - Pediatric Oncology Bereavement Programming
  - Cityscape Ballroom: Operations
  - The Loft Room: Programming
  - Prairie Rose Room A: COCAcademy
  - Prairie Rose Room B: Core Stories 1 Child Development
  - Bar Area: Staff Development

### 2:30 pm – 2:45 pm
- **Break**

### 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm
- **Pediatric Oncology Bereavement Programming**
  - Cityscape Ballroom: Operations
  - The Loft Room: Programming
  - Prairie Rose Room A: COCAcademy
  - Prairie Rose Room B: Core Stories 2 Child Development
  - Bar Area: Staff Development

### 4:00-5:00 pm
- **Medical/CEU Eligible**
  - Medical Roundtable II
  - Cityscape Ballroom: Operations
  - The Loft Room: Programming
  - Prairie Rose Room A: COCAcademy
  - Prairie Rose Room B: Core Stories 2 Child Development
  - Bar Area: Staff Development

### 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm
- **Silent Auction and Photo Booth** (Cityscape Ballroom)
- **Entertainment by Blind Joe and Awards Banquet** (Cityscape Ballroom)

### 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm
- **Hospitality Suite**
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**NOTE** As weather back up plan to visiting camp, Camp SHOWCASE- each camp has 10 min. to “pitch” their programs for funders or clinic staff
Thursday November 8th

2:15:PM - 3:15:PM
FREE Donuts- Townhall meeting for Oncology Camps
Executive Director’s Forum I
Why our Kamp is Different: Setting Counselors up for a Successful Week of Kamp.
Money Makes Money and The Money That Money Makes, Makes More Money

3:30:PM - 4:30:PM
New Conference Attendees/COCA-I Orientation
Executive Director’s Forum II
Pediatric Oncology Camp Healthcare Provider Round Table I
Let There Always Be a Song
Mo’ Money, Mo’ Problems - The Never Ending Grind of Fundraising

Friday November 9th

9:00:AM - 10:00:AM
Treating The Child So Their Inner Child Can Come Out

10:15:AM - 11:15:AM
Gold Ribbon Camp Visit - How to Prepare for a Gold Ribbon Visit part 1
Simulation Drills: Volunteer Leadership for the New Millennium, Part 1 of 2
Planning for Medical Cannabis: One Health System’s Story
Crisis Management Case Study
Child Development 101, 201, 301...
Chalk n’ Around the Camp Fire

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Prevention and Management of Infectious Diseases in Summer Camps
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Turning Teen Camp Into a Year Round Program

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Saturday November 10th

8:30:AM - 10:30:AM
Mock Trial - Juan Carlos Garcia-Jimenez v. Camp Wikiti
SERIOUSLY! This Stuff Really Happens!
Elevate Programming from Excellent to Unforgettable, Part 1 of 2
Making more than Memories: Cultivating Growth and Resiliency through Kamp Programming

11:30:AM - 12:30:PM
Supporting Support Staff
Panel Discussion Mock Trial - Juan Carlos Garcia Jimenez v. Camp Wikoti
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1:30:PM - 2:30:PM
New Directors Forum
Battling Entitlement with Donors and Volunteers
Sibling Bereavement Support in the Camp Community
Elevate Programming from Excellent to Unforgettable, Part 2 of 2
Breaking Borders for Young Adults

2:45:PM - 3:45:PM
Taking Social Media to the Next Level
Pediatric Oncology Bereavement Programming
Core Stories: Uncovering the Value of Values Across the Lifespan, Part 1 of 2 (Activity developed by Sarah Kurtz Mckinnon)
Camp Games
SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

4:00:PM - 5:00:PM

- Pediatric Oncology Camp Healthcare Provider Round
- Core Stories: Uncovering the Value of Values Across the Lifespan, Part 2 of 2
- Coffee Klatsch: Executive Director’s "Hot Topics" Discussion
**COCAtcon Special Events**

**Thursday November 8th**  
5:30 pm Presidents Reception  

**Free Screening of Fargo**  
Starring: Frances McDormand, Steve Buscemi, William H. Macy  
Roger Ebert ★★★★★

“Fargo” begins with an absolutely dead-on familiarity with smalltown life in the frigid winter landscape of Minnesota and North Dakota.

Then it rotates its story through satire, comedy, suspense and violence, until it emerges as one of the best films I've ever seen. To watch it is to experience steadily mounting delight, as you realize the filmmakers have taken enormous risks, gotten away with them and made a movie that is completely original, and as familiar as an old shoe - or a rubbersoled hunting boot from Land's End, more likely.

**Friday November 9th**  
7:00 am  

**Freeze Your Buns 1K Run**  
Join us for the 1st Annual Freeze Your Buns 1K at 7:00 am Friday, Nov 9th. This is a great way to start your day. Walk or run a 1K route through beautiful downtown Fargo, get a tee shirt, hot coffee and some great conversation for only $10.

**Friday November 9th**  
5:30 pm  

**Fargo Pub Crawl**  
Pub crawls are a Fargo tradition. So Grab your friends and join us for the Pub Crawl in Downtown Fargo!

Take a tour with Kamp K.A.C.E. through some of the most interesting and fun pubs in Fargo.

Please be responsible. Call Sober Drive to get you and your car home safely at 701.793.4321

**Saturday November 10th**  
7:00 am  

**Polar Plunge**  
Join us for the COCA exclusive Polar Plunge Saturday, Nov 10th at 7AM. A polar plunge is an experience unique to the north, so don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

The $10 entry gets you a towel and bragging rights with your friends back home. Don't forget your swimming suit.

Challenge a friend! Challenge another camp! Get in the swim of things early Saturday morning.
Program at a Glance

**Child Development**
- Making more than Memories: Cultivating Growth and Resiliency through Kamp Programming - Jessica M. Hotchkiss, MS, CCLS, NCC
- Breaking Borders for Young Adults - Brendan Turner
- Survivorship - Melanie Chihak, D.O.
- Child Development 101, 201, 301... - Dr. Brandon Briery

**COCA Development**
- Gold Ribbon Camp Visit - How to Prepare for a Gold Ribbon Visit part 2 - Brian Crater, Jennifer Amundsen, Patty Harris
- Discussion of COCA Initiatives, Staff Exchange, Mentor Program - COCA Leadership
- New Conference Attendees/COCA-I Orientation - COCA Executive Committee and Board Members
- Gold Ribbon Camp Visit - How to Prepare for a Gold Ribbon Visit part 1 - Brian Crater, Jennifer Amundsen, Patty Harris

**COCAcademy**
- Elevate Programming from Excellent to Unforgettable, Part 1 of 2 - Dr. Chris Thurber, Steve Maguire and Jack Schott
- Simulation Drills: Volunteer Leadership for the New Millennium, Part 1 of 2 - Dr. Chris Thurber, Steve Maguire and Jack Schott
- Simulation Drills: Volunteer Leadership for the New Millennium, Part 2 of 2 - Dr. Chris Thurber, Steve Maguire and Jack Schott
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**Fundraising**
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- If You Don't Ask...You Don't Get - Allen Brockman
- Money Makes Money and The Money That Money Makes, Makes More Money - Neil Van Dam, CLU, ChFC, CFP
- Mo' Money, Mo' Problems - The Never Ending Grind of Fundraising - Eddie Bobbitt
- Great Fundraising Events- 2018 Best of Show Nominations - Becky Felak - The Goodtimes Project, Roz Dorsett - Camp Rap A Hope, Kim Belgarde- Kamp K.A.C.E., Hattie Johnson- Camp Ta Kum Ta

**Medical/CEU Eligible**
- Medical Research Review - Dr. Michael Amylon
- Pediatric Oncology Camp Healthcare Provider Round Table I - Dr. Kaye Wagner and Heather Fleming, RN
- Pediatric Oncology Camp Healthcare Provider Round Table II - Dr. Kaye Wagner and Heather Fleming, RN
- Planning for Medical Cannabis: One Health System’s Story - Allison Blake, Executive Director, Legal, Health Services Division, Sanford Health & Cindy Baldwin Senior Executive Director Risk and Regulatory Services, Sanford Health
- Pediatric Oncology Bereavement Programming - Caitlin Sullivan, LMSW
- Sibling Bereavement Support in the Camp Community - Dr. Michael Amylon
- Prevention and Management of Infectious Diseases in Summer Camps - Clifford T. Mauriello, MD, FAAP
- All in the Family: Responding to the Psychological Needs of Moms, Dads, and Siblings of Children With Cancer - Dr. Carol Anderson
- Treating The Child So Their Inner Child Can Come Out - Dr. Nathan Kobrinsky, MD Professor of Pediatrics Faculty of Medicine University of North Dakota (1991 to present)
- Panel Discussion Mock Trial - Juan Carlos Garcia Jimenez v. Camp Wikoti - Mary Ellen McKnight, Tracey Gaslin, Brian Edmonds, Esqs., Craig Campbell Esqs.

**Operations**
- Camp Directors Forum - Melissa McNichol and Tom Prader
- Crisis Management Case Study - Christina Beckwith
- Executive Director’s Forum I - Hattie Johnson and Melissa McNichol
- SERIOUSLY! This Stuff Really Happens! - Rhonda Mickelson
- Taking Social Media to the Next Level - Justin Swanson
- Been There, Done That, Got 120 Camp Shirts to Prove It... Now What?: Staff Transition Discussion for Executives - Mark Slocum and Dave Smith
- Executive Director’s Forum II - Hattie Johnson and Melissa McNichol
- Coffee Klatsch: Executive Director’s "Hot Topics" Discussion - Bruce Hooper and Mark Slocum
- FREE Donuts- Townhall meeting for Oncology Camps - Tami Johnson and Lindsay Johnson
- New Directors Forum - Gretchen Loose and Matt Ruttler

**Programming**
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Turning Teen Camp Into a Year Round Program - Benton Smith
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SUPPORT OUR CONFERENCE EXHIBITORS

Come and see the latest products, programs, and services companies that know, understand, and support pediatric oncology camping.

Exhibitor Hours

Friday, November 9th 10:00 am – 3:30 pm

Thank You to the COCAcon 2018 Exhibitors! Their support allows us to provide the content, variety and quality of programs to help with your professional development. Make time to stop and greet them.
Offering beautiful rooms with unbelievable city views in downtown Fargo, ND, Radisson Hotel Fargo is an ideal place to stay for events and business conferences. With the Fargo Civic Center across the street and the Fargodome less than three miles away, our location couldn’t be better. If you’re flying into the area, Hector International Airport (FAR) is only four miles away, and the hotel has a free airport shuttle service. In the area for vacation? Learn about Norwegian heritage at the Hjemkomst Center, or see regional artists at the Plains Art Museum.

More Info
To help you feel great and look your best, Radisson Hotel Fargo offers perks like 3-Hour Express Laundry, same-day valet dry cleaning and a fitness center. Additional amenities and services include:

On-site restaurant and lounge

- Free Wi-Fi
- Conference center
- Free airport shuttle
- Business center
- Sauna
- Secure parking for $6 per night

ADDRESS:
201 Fifth Street North
Fargo, ND 58102
FREE Donuts- Townhall meeting for Oncology Camps
Tami Johnson and Lindsay Johnson

Summary
The townhall will be an opportunity for attendees to connect and review critical issues. We will create an open space to engage in conversation about past, present or future issues. Motivate participants to help their organization succeed. Discuss issues that are vital to your camp. Prepare attendees to take action in confidence in a difficult situation.

Executive Director's Forum I
Hattie Johnson and Melissa McNichol

Summary
The perfect time to ask "those" questions..."How to get more out of your Board of Directors," How to plan for a DNR/Hospice Camper AT Camp", "How to plan for a sabbatical", "What order is best to add paid staff to grow our Camp from week-long to year round". "Those" questions that are specific to Executive Directors. These topics and more chosen by you at the beginning of this session. Sharing ideas and knowledge with seasoned and new ED’s, by ED’s, for ED’s.
Why our Kamp is Different: Setting Counselors up for a Successful Week of Kamp.
Melissa Schmautz

Summary
We know children's oncology camps are different than "regular" camps, but are our counselors equipped with the right tools for a successful week? This presentation will focus on important staff training techniques that dive into child development, psychosocial issues, and medical information that counselors should be aware of to help provide a safe and rewarding experience for both the campers and the counselors.
- Explain psychosocial concerns of oncology patients and their siblings
- Discuss how normal child development can be affected while undergoing treatment
- Describe medical terminology and information counselors should be aware of

Money Makes Money and The Money That Money Makes, Makes More Money
Neil Van Dam  CLU, ChFC, CFP

Summary
You worked hard to get the donations. Here are some strategies to have the donations work to attract more donations. If you don’t need to use the money immediately, where should you invest it?

Donor advised funds, why with the new tax code this may be a strategic way to have your large donors give a large chunk now, save some taxes, and have their charitable gift last for decades.
Teach a basic level of financial concepts to encourage discussion about other creative strategies so that camps can worry more about fun than finance.
New Conference Attendees/COCA-I Orientation
COCA Executive Committee and Board Members

**Summary**
Meet and Greet new COCA members and first time conference attendees

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Executive Director's Forum II
Hattie Johnson and Melissa McNichol

**Summary**
Part II

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Pediatric Oncology Camp Healthcare Provider Round Table I
Dr. Kaye Wagner and Heather Fleming, RN

**Summary**
As a result of this program the learner will be able to:
1. Identify concerns common to all pediatric oncology camping programs
2. Discuss ideas for providing medical care for campers, staff and volunteers across a range of pediatric oncology camping settings
3. Describe options for staffing models that can be applied across a range of pediatric oncology camping settings
4. Recognize the important contributions of the medical team to reach the overall goal of providing safe and effective pediatric oncology camping programs
Let There Always Be a Song
Dave Smith

**Summary**
Singing is a great way to build rapport, get folks in a playful mood, set the tone for camp, and other benefits. Enjoy an hour of uplifting, energizing camp songs that you can use all week long at camp. Nearly every camp has its favorites, so come prepared to share yours!
Participants will learn (and SHARE) songs for every occasion – ice breaking, group cohesion, confidence-building, and mood setting.

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Mo' Money, Mo' Problems - The Never Ending Grind of Fundraising
Eddie Bobbitt

**Summary**
Participants in this session will learn new and practical fundraising ideas for their camp. We will specifically discuss ways to establish a sponsorship program, ways to collaborate with local high schools and the do’s and don’ts of a Poker Run. Open dialogue will be encouraged. Therefore, those attending the session should be prepared to be active participants throughout the session.
Fundraising Ideas
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Treating The Child So Their Inner Child Can Come Out
Dr. Nathan Kobrinsky, MD Professor of Pediatrics Faculty of Medicine University of North Dakota (1991 to present)

Summary
As a result of this program the learner will be able to:
• State factors that put oncology patients "at risk" for normal social development.
• Identify impact of social development in behavior and growth and mental wellness.
• Identify interventions to support and encourage friendships and connections amongst oncology patients.
• Verbalize the impact of the camp "experience" for oncology patients.

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM

Gold Ribbon Camp Visit - How to Prepare for a Gold Ribbon Visit part 1
Brian Crater, Jennifer Amundsen, Patty Harris

Summary
**Simulation Drills: Volunteer Leadership for the New Millennium, Part 1 of 2**
Dr. Chris Thurber, Steve Maguire and Jack Schott

**Summary**
Many camps have the unique privilege and challenge of staffing with volunteers, some of whom are experienced professionals in another field. Although they bring a strong sense of community and commitment, they sometimes behave in entitled, resistant ways. With a ton of information to deliver in a short period of time, how can any director endow their diverse staff with the requisite skills? The answer lies in teaching them how to think, not simply what to think.

**Learning Outcomes:**
- Design simulation drills embedded with critical thinking and practical leadership.
- Acquire first-hand experience performing both basic and advanced simulation drills.
- Manage the group process of offering praise and criticism to nurture staff performance and build a culture of continuous professional development.

**Planning for Medical Cannabis: One Health System’s Story**
Allison Blake, Executive Director, Legal, Health Services Division, Sanford Health & Cindy Baldwin Senior Executive Director Risk and Regulatory Services, Sanford Health

**Summary**
Many health systems or clinic practices have not had to consider cannabis as a part of treatment because it was illegal.

Discuss the steps for planning to (1) incorporate certifying conditions for medical cannabis into a medical professionals’ practice and (2) allow use of medical cannabis in an organization’s facility.

Recognize the risks to an organization associated with incorporating medical cannabis as a treatment modality.
**Crisis Management Case Study**
Christina Beckwith

**Summary**
We’ll present how we managed a difficult and fairly public situation that arose with a camp staff member. Will discuss our approach, lessons we learned from it, and how we are moving on.
Attendees will be able to:
* Develop a protocol for your camp for crisis communications.
* Identify possible preventive measures your camp can take.
* Determine your key specific audience for communications in a given crisis situation.
* Identify 3 essential actions to take in a crisis situation.

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**Child Development 101, 201, 301...**
Dr. Brandon Briery

**Summary**
This session will review the basic background in child development that any of us should know when planning to work with any kids (101). We’ll then delve into the next level of special considerations we need to make when working with children who have cancer (201). Finally, we will examine those characteristics important to bear in mind when including siblings of children with cancer in our programs.
**Chalk n' Around the Camp Fire**

Jeana Olson

**Summary**

A new fun and exciting craft that kids love and ask for. Great for all ages. To bring color and creativity your camp with reusable Chalk Transfers are an adhesive silkscreen that can be used on chalkboards, windows, mirrors, tile, whiteboards, appliances, painted furniture, apparel, pillows, and so much more.

How Chalk Couture can improve your campers experience

Fun easy craft for all ages

easy to learn/teach/clean up

no skills needed/don’t need to be crafty

How to get Craft Couture into your camp

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**Gold Ribbon Camp Visit - How to Prepare for a Gold Ribbon Visit part 2**

Brian Crater, Jennifer Amundsen, Patty Harris

**Summary**

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**Simulation Drills: Volunteer Leadership for the New Millennium, Part 2 of 2**

Dr. Chris Thurber, Steve Maguire and Jack Schott

**Summary**

Continuation of 10:15--11:15 session.

Attendance at both sessions is highly recommended.
**Prevention and Management of Infectious Diseases in Summer Camps**
Clifford T. Mauriello, MD, FAAP

**Summary**
As a result of this program the learner will be able to:
1. Become familiar with infectious diseases easily acquired or spread at hematology/oncology summer camps
2. Learn how to identify and initially manage infectious diseases that might be acquired at a hematology/oncology summer camp
3. Learn how to prevent infectious disease that might be acquired at a hematology/oncology summer camp

**Been There, Done That, Got 120 Camp Shirts to Prove It... Now What?: Staff Transition Discussion for Executives**
Mark Slocum and Dave Smith

**Summary**
There are a few of us that our reaching the end of our careers as we know them to be. In this facilitated session we will talk about recognizing that we only have a few years remaining and how we can help our boards, staff, volunteers, donors, and families through this period with minimal anxiety.

Together we will discuss our fears in transitioning, what is a proper length of time for a transition, how do we start, and how it will unfold.

Hear from individuals that have started the process, those that are planning the process, and others who just want to know...when is it time to go?
**Great Fundraising Events- 2018 Best of Show Nominations**

Becky Felak - The Goodtimes Project, Roz Dorsett - Camp Rap A Hope, Kim Belgarde- Kamp K.A.C.E., Hattie Johnson- Camp Ta Kum Ta

**Summary**

Learn firsthand how your member camps designed and implemented terrific fundraising events this year. This will be a panel of camp reps who submitted nominations for Fundraising Best of Show events. Each will have 5-10 minutes to present their event, but most importantly you can ask questions.

This is a great interactive learning opportunity. Don’t miss this session!

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**Turning Teen Camp Into a Year Round Program**

Benton Smith

**Summary**

Most of us have tried offering support groups before - and why wouldn't you? Camp so perfectly captures the sense of community building, empowerment, and healing we all strive for our programs to achieve that offering year round programs is such a logical next step.

But unfortunately designing programs to bring all that magic to teen campers year round through support groups is hard and solutions often miss what sets camp apart in the first place.

Camp Rainbow Gold’s teen support group, Survivors Supporting Survivors, has featured several iterations and has grown into a successful program serving dozens of campers every month, but it required a long trial and error period to develop it into such.

Come learn how our program has transitioned its support program from dry sessions with the program manager and social worker into activities that better deliver those counseling sessions while approximating the sense of community and fun found at camp.

1) Understand what makes camp so powerful and why it is important to expand programs to reach pediatric cancer patients year round.

2) Highlight pitfalls to avoid with these programs such as making them too clinical and loosing what it is that makes camp special in the first place and understanding why its hard to start a successful support group.

3) Illustrate what Survivors Supporting Survivors is for Camp Rainbow Gold and what about the program works and what still needs to be improved upon.
**Discussion of COCA Initiatives, Staff Exchange, Mentor Program**

**COCA Leadership**

**Summary**
Meet the Leadership

An overview of the many programs COCA has for 2018 and plans for 2019

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**KOA Care Camps and How We Can Help**

Karen McAndrew

**Summary**
We will provide a brief history of the charity, let them know what fundraising efforts we are working on, discuss the grant application process, the need to be Gold Ribbon Certified and discuss Connect-A-Camp opportunities. Make sure all of the camps understand the benefits of Care Camps and how we can help.

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**Look Before You Leap: Risk Management and Intelligent Failure, Part 1 of 2**

Dr. Chris Thurber, Steve Maguire and Jack Schott

**Summary**
Here’s a sobering fact: Accidents are the leading cause of death among adolescents and young adults. But seven principles of awareness can instantly reverse that trend at your camp. Sure, teens and young staff can be impulsive, but their exuberance and creativity are unmatched. Participants in this fresh new workshop will learn mindful concepts that allow them to teach others to think differently about risks and consequences. Learn how to make common sense common and how to help young people embrace “Intelligent Failure” as a source of pride.

**Learning Outcomes:**

- Understand how failure is a natural process, integral to learning and necessary for strong character.
- Identify the emotional and cultural obstacles to unhealthy risk taking, and how to minimize accidents and injuries.
- Integrate failure experiences as an intentional and healthy component of common-sense programming and leadership.
**All in the Family: Responding to the Psychological Needs of Moms, Dads, and Siblings of Children With Cancer**

Dr. Carol Anderson

**Summary**
Childhood cancer clearly affects each member in a Family System. This session will explore the common and unique ways that cancer impacts various family members. Specific ideas for providing emotional and psychosocial support (at Camp and outside of Camp) will be discussed.
Explore the ways that cancer impacts ALL family members.

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**Survivorship**

Melanie Chihak, D.O.

**Summary**
The goal of my talk will be to discuss pediatric oncology survivorship - review common types, their incidence and survival rates, long-term complications, review our local survivorship program and our new parent retreat here in Fargo that focuses on the parent survivorship.
Pediatric cancer overview: Types of cancer, AYA patients, Incidence and survival
Short and long term complications: High risk groups Psychosocial issues
Pediatric Survivorship: national resources, local program
Parent survivorship
Friday November 9th
Programming  The Loft Room

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Ideas to Action: Designing New Youth Programs
Astin Godwin

Summary
The presentation will focus on how to take a programmatic idea and put it into action. Using a outcome-focused framework, we will discuss what steps are needed in order to plan and execute a program.
1. Obtain a basic understanding of youth development principles
2. Develop programming that is engaging for youth
3. Attendees will have a basic framework of how to create new programming for youth

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

Camp Directors Forum
Melissa McNichol and Tom Prader

Summary
Open forum discussion of topics brought up by attendees. This is a great session to discuss similar challenges and work with your peers to share solutions.

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

Look Before You Leap: Risk Management and Intelligent Failure, Part 2 of 2
Dr. Chris Thurber, Steve Maguire and Jack Schott

Summary
Continuation of 10:15-11:15 session. Attendance at both sessions highly recommended.
**Medical Research Review**
Dr. Michael Amylon

**Summary**
As a result of this program the learner will be able to:
• Understanding of how research in the camp setting and the published results of that research can help COCA-I member camps and the organization itself to promote the importance and effectiveness of camp as an intervention to help children with cancer and all members of their families to heal from the psycho social and emotional trauma associated with the cancer experience
• Understanding how results of research in the camp setting can increase the ability of member camps to convince donors that their project is worthy of funding
• Understanding how results of research in the camp setting will help member camps to recruit volunteers

**We All Can Be Right: A Discussion on Generational Differences in the Workforce**
COCA YPL

**Summary**
With a reported FIVE generations in the current workforce, the presentation will focus on generational differences and how to adapt to those differences.
Attendees will develop a better understanding of generation differences in the workforce and how to adapt to those differences
**If You Don't Ask....You Don't Get**

Allen Brockman

**Summary**

Camp Rainbow finances and uses volunteers to support our camp...from grants, fundraisers, in-kind donations, meals, etc...for every dollar we spend, we get approximately 30% in donated goods and services.

We promote 'thinking outside of the box' to increase community awareness of camp financial and volunteer needs.

We believe in 'genuine engagement' with our sponsors, fundraisers, donors, volunteers and staff to build long term relationships.

Key objectives are to reduce camp cost, increase volunteer base, increase community awareness, and build long term relationships.

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**The "No Room Escape" Scavenger Hunt**

Rich Brundige and Tyler Olsen

**Summary**

Looking to do something new this summer at camp? Don't have a Room to do an Escape Challenge in at camp? Want to change up your scavenger hunt activity? Experience what Camp Magical Moments and Camp Kids Are Kids Chicago did this summer, then get some insights into how to design a "No Room Escape Scavenger Hunt" for your camp.

Guidelines to creating a “No Room Escape Scavenger Hunt” including planning, facilitating, and processing that can be done in a camp setting for various ages using various ‘multiple intelligences’ puzzles.
Saturday November 10th

8:30 AM - 10:30 Am

Mock Trial - Juan Carlos Garcia-Jimenez v. Camp Wikoti


Summary
The mock trial will proceed before a real (retired) judge and a jury (selected from conference attendees). It will be as realistic as it can be in the time available. The parties to the litigation will be represented by practicing personal injury lawyers. Several witnesses (actors) will be examined and cross-examined. Opening and closing submissions will be made by counsel. The judge will instruct the jury. The jury (and in fact everyone in attendance) will then be asked to deliberate and come to a decision on the case. At some point a presenter will also summarize the many pre-trial steps that take place during a law suit. The primary author of the fictional scenario underlying the case is both a nurse and a lawyer. The scenario involves a pediatric oncology patient who attends an oncology summer camp. Inconsistent medical information may have been given to the camp by the camper’s regular doctor on the one hand, and his parents on the other. The entirety of this medical information may not have been made known to all relevant persons within the camp. Incidents, including medical incidents, ultimately occur at camp. Subsequently, the camper has a leg amputated.

The scenario gives rise to issues such as the following:
(a) Did the camper’s regular doctor sufficiently communicate with the camper’s parents prior to camp, so that all of them could submit correct and consistent medical information to the camp? Should the camp have done more to facilitate this?

(b) Did the camp doctor receive medical information from the camper’s regular doctor and the parents, or only the former? If he did get information from each, were there conflicts in the information that should have led him to act differently? Should the camp have done more to ensure the camp doctor (and the rest of the camp’s medical staff) had all the medical information about the camper that was available to the camp? Should any of the camp’s medical staff have done more to ensure this?

(c) Did the camp doctor act appropriately in not attending camp and in conveying information to the camp’s NP? Did the camp’s NP act appropriately on the medical information she received from the camp doctor?

(d) Did the camp nurse act appropriately upon learning that the camper had fallen in the lake and needed medical attention? Did he do enough to ensure that attention was given in a timely fashion? Any many other questions to be asked!
Supporting Support Staff
Samantha Greenberg

Summary
A camp support staff can come in many different roles. This session will touch on the unique role that your kitchen, maintenance, cleaning, rental staff etc. has at camp, and why their overall well being matters. We'll work through real cases, and discuss ways to manage and ultimately prevent mental health concerns at camp. With early intervention and support, we can work towards a smooth, successful camp, without overworking your medical staff.

-Understand the basics of the young adult developmental stage, and why early support is important
-Examine various case scenarios and build ways to support support staff through mental health concerns
-Explore various ways to ensure support staff have some positive coping tools and support

Panel Discussion Mock Trial - Juan Carlos Garcia Jimenez v. Camp Wikoti
Mary Ellen McKnight, Tracey Gaslin, Brian Edmonds, Eqs., Craig Cambell Eqs.

Summary
**SERIOUSLY! This Stuff Really Happens!**
Rhonda Mickelson

**Summary**
When a crisis occurs, how will your staff respond? This session will share “lessons learned” from the analysis of the American Hotline reports and provide suggested steps and resources to assist in crisis management, staff training, and preparation of the unexpected. Through discussions of case studies, this session will share valuable information about health/medical issues, personnel issues, allegations of abuse, camper behavior issues, parent behavior, and special situations.
Participants will:
• Learn about trends in crisis calls received to the ACA Camp Crisis Hotline
• Hear about a few case studies and learn from the experiences of other programs
• Explore lessons learned and how you and your staff could be more prepared
• Learn about resources available to help you with training and procedures

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**Elevate Programming from Excellent to Unforgettable, Part 1 of 2**
Dr. Chris Thurber, Steve Maguire and Jack Schott

**Summary**
Traditions at camp are important—but innovation is also crucial. The best camps maintain mission-driven practices and strive to improve by shedding stale customs. This session will give you tons of new ideas that you can implement this summer, plus essential methods for crafting new and inspiring program activities. From whale wrestling to make your own backpack, let us inspire your creativity with ideas and prompts that your staff can run this summer mostly using supplies you already have. (Attendance at both sessions is highly recommended.)

Learning Outcomes:
• Acquire inexpensive, yet outrageous activities you can add to your program toolbox.
• Understand the value of outlandish, memorable activities to your mission and your bottom line.
• Explore several methods of training staff to generate and lead their own outrageous activities.
**Making more than Memories: Cultivating Growth and Resiliency through Kamp Programming**
Jessica M. Hotchkiss, MS, CCLS, NCC

**Summary**
The campers we serve come from a variety of backgrounds, age levels, and life experiences. Understanding important aspects of their development allows us to make purposeful interventions to create a fun, yet growth-fostering camp experience. This presentation will provide participants with information on ways to tailor programming to meet both the biological and emotional needs of their campers. Participants will gain knowledge through activities and case examples; leaving with strategies to help foster growth and resiliency.

*Identify developmental considerations of campers (school-age through young adult)*
*Discover how to use development to enhance camp programming*
*Explore new strategies to assist with personal growth of campers and staff*

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**1:30 PM - 2:30 PM**

**New Directors Forum**
Gretchen Loose and Matt Ruttler

**Summary**
This session is for new directors (5 years or less) to discuss challenges they've faced or may encounter during their camp week/season. We also share tips on how to lead through delegation, how to deal with difficult staff and how to have difficult management conversations.
**Battling Entitlement with Donors and Volunteers**

Joey Cavazos

**Summary**
Entitlement can become an issue for those camps with low turnover and sometimes repeat donors. However, COCA-I camps can face this monster from previous long term campers who now want to be volunteers.

Definition of Entitlement
Recognition of Entitlement
Reasons for Entitlement
Strategies on Battling Entitlement from Volunteers
Strategies on Battling Entitlement from Donors
Group Discussion

**Sibling Bereavement Support in the Camp Community**

Dr. Michael Amylon

**Summary**
This presentation will involve a general discussion of bereavement and grief in our society generally, and the specific needs of both parents and siblings of pediatric cancer patients who do not survive their illness, as well as a description of sibling and family bereavement programs that are provided by Camp Okizu for this group. We will discuss how the camp community, which can provide continuous support throughout the trajectory of illness for families impacted by pediatric cancer, is the perfect group to provide bereavement support for those families who face the death of their child/sibling from cancer. When a child with cancer dies, the family often loses both their child and their primary support community at the treatment center. This compounds their grief, and makes the healing process that much harder.

(1) Understanding bereavement and grief in the context of American modern cultural and societal norms.
(2) Understanding the needs and the challenges facing family members struggling with the death of a child in their family from cancer, and how these societal norms make it hard for them to grieve and to heal.
(3) Understanding how camp can be the perfect support community for these families, and how to meet the challenges inherent in bereavement programming in the context of camp.
(4) Discuss bereavement programs that attendees are familiar with in their communities, and at their own or other camps.
(5) Brainstorm ideas for new bereavement support services.
Elevate Programming from Excellent to Unforgettable, Part 2 of 2
Dr. Chris Thurber, Steve Maguire and Jack Schott

Summary
Continuation of 10:15--11:15 session.
Attendance at both sessions is highly recommended.

Breaking Borders for Young Adults
Brendan Turner

Summary
For the past 5 years, Camp Quality Canada has been developing, and refining a unique group adventure program designed specifically for young adult survivors. Working as a group over a period of 10 months, participants take the lead in planning and executing their own adventure experience. Together, they learn valuable job skills, social skills, and survivorship skills through a unique ongoing challenge experience.

In this session you’ll learn about the unique challenges of designing programs for young adults, as well as some ideas that can help you start, or build upon your existing adolescent and young adult programming.

Taking Social Media to the Next Level
Justin Swanson

Summary
Presentation will examine the best practices in using social media to get the maximum benefit for your camp. Leave attendees with tips and advice they can use to get more exposure for their camps on social media.

Teaching attendees how to leverage their brand to help create more media exposure, fundraising opportunities, and awareness for the mission of their camps.
**Pediatric Oncology Bereavement Programming**

Caitlin Sullivan, LMSW

**Summary**
As a result of this program the learner will be able to:
1. Recognize and understand the value of consistent bereavement care as recommended by the Psychosocial Standards of Care in Pediatric Oncology.
2. Identify and discuss the barriers that exist developing consistent bereavement care/programming.
3. Discuss a variety of approaches that camps/providers can take to developing their own bereavement programming in different camp settings.

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**Core Stories: Uncovering the Value of Values Across the Lifespan, Part 1 of 2 (Activity developed by Sarah Kurtz Mckinnon)**

Dr. Chris Thurber, Steve Maguire and Jack Schott

**Summary**
(Attendance at both sessions is highly recommended.)

The young people we serve and the staff we work with are complex, diverse, and beautiful individuals. At camp, it can be easy to assume that what we see is what we get. In this intensive workshop, participants will spend nearly two full hours connecting with a subset of friends and colleagues to experience for themselves the awesome value of protecting substantial time for sharing and listening to the stories that make us who we are.

“People are hard to hate close-up. Move in.” --Brené Brown

Learn about our unique humanity by sharing formative experiences that have shaped our character. Examine the connections between our lived experiences, others’ experiences, and the values we hold dear. Build a network of trusted individuals who are devoting time, energy, and resources to creating the best possible camps for young cancer survivors.
2:45 PM - 3:35 PM

Camp Games
Elisa Brundige and Dave Smith

Summary
Summary: Games are a great way to break the ice, learn names, and build group cohesion. Whether you’re looking to learn ‘em, SHARE ‘em, or just have some fun and meet some new people, this is your session!
Participants will learn (or relearn) favorite camp games, as well as when to use different types of games to achieve desired results. The session will include time to share/teach your OWN games, so “prepare to share!”

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Pediatric Oncology Camp Healthcare Provider Round Table II
Dr. Kaye Wagner and Heather Fleming, RN

Summary
1. Identify concerns common to all pediatric oncology camping programs
2. Discuss ideas for providing medical care for campers, staff and volunteers across a range of pediatric oncology camping settings
3. Describe options for staffing models that can be applied across a range of pediatric oncology camping settings
4. Recognize the important contributions of the medical team to reach the overall goal of providing safe and effective pediatric oncology camping programs

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Core Stories: Uncovering the Value of Values Across the Lifespan, Part 2 of 2
Dr. Chris Thurber, Steve Maguire and Jack Schott

Summary
Continuation of 2:45 – 3:45 session.
Attendance at both sessions is highly recommended.
Coffee Klatsch: Executive Director's "Hot Topics" Discussion
Bruce Hooper and Mark Slocum

Summary
Explore the questions that keep you up at night. Staff issues, budgets, aging out campers... The topics are endless. In this brief session, we will attempt to identify two or three hot topics and have a group discussion about them. This session is open format and gently guided. Bring your Hot Topics and open minds. Let’s help each other be our best!
As seasoned camping and non-profit professionals we see it all and are often called upon to act as the final word. Our jobs are not easy, but we can find comfort in knowing that we are not alone and that there are many out there willing to share there experiences to help us find an answer.

Our goal is to list as many hot topics as possible and then focus our time on a deeper dive into the top 2 - 3. Will you walk away with a solution? Probably not. But you will leave with the names of people you can reach out to after COCACon to help you find the answers you seek.
Jennifer Amundsen

Session(s):
Gold Ribbon Camp Visit - How to Prepare for a Gold Ribbon Visit part 1
Gold Ribbon Camp Visit - How to Prepare for a Gold Ribbon Visit part 2

Jennifer has a degree in Family and Child Development and began her non-profit career working with another pediatric cancer program. After moving back to Alabama, Jennifer joined the Smile-A-Mile staff as the Administrative Assistant and several years later moved into the role she’s had for almost 20 years.

Responsible for directing Youth Camp, Jr/Sr Camp, Teen Camp and the “Beyond Camp” program which includes the Young Adult Retreat. Other key duties include developing programs at Smile-A-Mile Place and interviewing, selecting and training volunteer staff.

Dr. Michael Amylon

Session(s):
Medical Research Review
Sibling Bereavement Support in the Camp Community

Emeritus Professor of Pediatrics (Hematology/Oncology/Stem Cell Transplantation)

Thirty-four years of experience with Camp Okizu, providing peer support, respite, mentoring and recreational programs to children with cancer and their family members. Medical Director of the programs, and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the organization.

President of Children’s Oncology Camping Association – International, and a Board member for many years.

Thirty-five years of experience in caring for children with cancer and their families at Stanford University and Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford.

Dr. Carol Anderson

Session(s):
All in the Family: Responding to the Psychological Needs of Moms, Dads, and Siblings of Children With Cancer

Dr. Carol Anderson received her Doctoral Degree (Ph.D. Psychology) from Brigham Young University in 1996 and completed a Post-Doctoral Fellowship at Yale University in 1997. She currently works in private practice, with offices in Idaho Falls, Idaho and Salt Lake City, Utah. In her role as a Board-Certified Clinical Neuropsychologist, Dr. Anderson offers comprehensive clinical and forensic evaluations for various neurocognitive, behavioral, and psychological conditions.

She has been the Volunteer Camp Psychologist with Camp Magical Moments (Swan Valley, Idaho) for 8 years.
Cindy Baldwin Senior Executive Director Risk and Regulatory Services, Sanford Health

Session(s):
Planning for Medical Cannabis: One Health System’s Story

Ms. Baldwin graduated from Augustana University in 1988 with a BA in nursing. She began her career at Sioux Valley Hospital, now known as Sanford Hospital USD Medical Center, in Sioux Falls, SD in the adult critical care department.

After several years she transferred to the Emergency Department and became the Trauma Program Manager. During her tenure at the medical center while serving in this position the hospital became the became the first Level II pediatric hospital in the state of SD as well as successfully completing reverification of the status of a Level II adult hospital four times. During this time Sanford (aka Sioux Valley) successfully lobbied with other state healthcare agencies to develop and pass legislation for the SD state trauma system.

In 2007, Ms. Baldwin received her MS in Science from South Dakota State University with a certification as a Family Nurse Practitioner.

Since 2010, she has been working extensively with Sanford in their clinical risk and safety program. Her current responsibilities include oversight for all clinical risk activities, patient relations, public safety and security in all Sanford locations in the USA.

Ms. Baldwin lives in Sioux Falls, SD. She has 2 grown children and one grandchild. She likes to spend her time reading, cooking, traveling, gardening, and being active in golf, biking, kayaking, and hiking.

Christina Beckwith

Session(s):
Crisis Management Case Study

Christina Beckwith (aka Wapiti Mama) is the Executive Director of Camp Hobé and has been involved with camping for most of her life! She attended Girl Scout camps as a child, then became a camp volunteer as a teenager. She volunteered at camps for children with muscular dystrophy and asthma, before finding her happy place at Camp Hobé.

Prior to becoming Executive Director in 2003, Christina served as Camp Hobé Program Director from 1995 to 2002.

In addition to her work in oncology camping, she is employed full-time at University of Utah Health as a Drug Information pharmacist. She is married with a grown daughter and 2 toy poodles. Her personal favorite non-camp activities are hiking in the mountains, watching Orphan Black reruns, and listening to live music.
Kim Belgarde- Kamp K.A.C.E.

Session(s):
Great Fundraising Events- 2018 Best of Show Nominations

Allison Blake, Executive Director, Legal, Health Services Division, Sanford Health

Session(s):
Planning for Medical Cannabis: One Health System’s Story

Allison has been employed by Sanford Health since 2014. She has responsibility for Health Services Division legal issues across Sanford Health’s enterprise, as well as Research, IT, and Commercialization legal issues. At Sanford, she has had involvement in policy development, healthcare transactions, medical staff and licensure matters, regulatory interpretation, and legal issue spotting as it pertains to organizational strategy.

Ms. Blake graduated from the University of Iowa College of Law. Her legal studies focused on health law and innovation, and she received the Innovation in Business and Law Excellence Award. Prior to attending law school, she received a B.S. in Engineering from the University of Iowa. Ms. Blake lives in Sioux Falls, SD with her husband. She enjoys bicycling, running, reading, hiking, traveling, and spending time with her family.

Eddie Bobbitt

Session(s):
Mo’ Money, Mo’ Problems - The Never Ending Grind of Fundraising

Eddie is the Executive Director of Camp Quality Kentuckiana. He has been a part of Camp Quality for 13 years, but this is his fifth year in charge of fundraising efforts. He has developed a very successful sponsorship program that could be duplicated at most other camps.

When he is not eating s’mores at camp, he serves as an Academic Counselor at the University of Louisville and as an adjunct professor at Indiana University Southeast.
Dr. Brandon Briery

Session(s):
*Child Development 101, 201, 301*

Dr. Brandon Briery is a Clinical Child and Pediatric Psychologist by education and training, and a special needs camp professional by addiction compulsion passion avocation (insert some word that sounds professional and appropriate here).

In all seriousness, Dr. Briery believes he has the best job in the world, helping to make camp happen for kids who otherwise might never get to ride a horse, paddle a canoe, or go down a slide. He knows there are thousands of dedicated staff and volunteers out there in COCA camps who share his devotion (could that be the right word?) to helping make the world better through camps.

He is thrilled to share some of his knowledge and experience gained in 27 years of working in camps for children with cancer - and their siblings - with you today.

Allen Brockman

Session(s):
*If You Don't Ask....You Don't Get*

Allen Brockman, Marketing & Development Special Appointee, has been working with children with cancer and blood-related diseases since 1982. He started volunteering at St. Louis Children’s Hospital and Cardinal Glennon Children Hospital working on the oncology floor, and still volunteers there. He served as the Chairman of the St. Louis Metro Dream Factory, an organization that fulfills dreams for seriously ill children, for 3 years. In 1988, he and his wife Ronnie became the Founders of Camp Rainbow. The Camp Rainbow Foundation currently provides 7 camping programs and serves more than 800 campers each year. He is also a founding board member and past President of Friends of Kids with Cancer, an organization that provides educational, emotional, and recreational programs for children with cancer. Allen has served on the COCA-I Board for 7 years; he was the recipient of the 2015 Spirit of COCA-I award.

Allen holds a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Banking and Finance. He has over 35 years of sales and marketing experience, including over 20 years serving as Vice President of Sales and Marketing for 4 companies. Allen has extensive strategic planning and branding experience.

Allen, and his wife Ronnie, were honored in recognition of our lifetime of service President’s Lifetime Achievement Award in 2017 by President Donald Trump.

Elisa Brundige

Session(s):
*Camp Games*
Rich Brundige

Session(s):

The "No Room Escape" Scavenger Hunt

Rich has been involved with Pediatric Oncology camps since 1997 and has been attending COCA-Con since 2000.

Rich has volunteered at a multiple of COCA Member Camps - Camp Ta-Kum-Ta, Camp Can Do, Camp CAMP, Camp Bring It On, Camp GoodTimes - and is also the Camp Director at Camp Kids Are Kids Chicago (CKAKC) and Camp H-Town.

Rich also is an avid "Room Escaper" with 24 Room Escapes attended and created. And if anyone is still reading this, Rich would like you to know he finds it's strange writing about himself in third-person.
Craig Cambell Esq.

Session(s):

Panel Discussion Mock Trial - Juan Carlos Garcia Jimenez v. Camp Wikoti
Mock Trial - Juan Carlos Garcia-Jimenez v. Camp Wikoti

Craig is the Chief Administrative Officer of WPS Health Solutions in Madison, Wisconsin. He joined WPS in 2013. Craig was elected to The EPIC Life Insurance Company Board of Directors in 2015 and to the WPS Charitable Foundation Board of Trustees in 2013. In March 2018, Craig was given additional responsibility as Chief Operating Officer of EPIC Specialty Benefits.

Prior to joining WPS, Craig worked for Noridian Administrative Services (NAS), a Medicare Administrative Contractor, beginning in 2005. He was its interim president, CEO and CAO. Craig was instrumental in NAS being awarded significant government contracts.

While at NAS, Craig was part of the Enterprise Executive Team responsible for development of corporate strategy to respond to the changing health care financing environment resulting from the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

In 2008, Craig was appointed a loaned executive of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association (BCBSA) China brand development initiative. The team of seven executives implemented cooperation agreements with China’s Central Party School and the Counselor’s Office of the State Counsel, to compare and contrast health care financing and delivery in the United States with China’s and to develop strategies for China’s aggressive national health care and health insurance reform.

After serving BCBSA, Craig developed a strategy leading to the first-of-its-kind contract with the Chinese government to implement a pilot project administering the Chinese government’s health insurance claims system experimenting with U.S.-style private administration of government services. He served as the group chairman and chief executive of the Chinese Wholly Owned Foreign Entity, implementing and operating under the contract from April 2009 through December 2012.

Craig has extensive experience in human resources, internal audit, enterprise risk management (ERM), compliance, and project and portfolio management. He reorganized the HR department at WPS and led the creation of the first ERM function, process and department.

Prior to his work as an insurance executive, Craig was part of the management committee of a regional law firm. He litigated major corporate, construction, employment and product liability cases for 24 years. Craig has been a frequent presenter and adjunct college professor in Civil Engineering, Construction Management and business law.

Craig has also served as a member of the COCA-I Board of Directors.
Joey Cavazos

Session(s):

*Battling Entitlement with Donors and Volunteers*

Joey Cavazos, Executive Director, VISIONWORKS, LLC

Joel “Joey” Cavazos is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry and Criminal Justice. His career with the Juvenile Justice Department in San Antonio, Texas lasted 25 years before he retired as a supervisor in 2010. He is the owner of Elements of Change, LLC, a company that provides outdoor experiential programming to various organizations.

Longer than his law enforcement career, Joey has been involved with Camp Discovery since its inception. He has held a variety of roles at camp through the years and is currently one of the Co-Directors along with Zeff Gomes. Joey is also the current Board Chairman of the YMCA Camp Flaming Arrow.

Melanie Chihak, D.O.

Session(s):

*Survivorship*

I grew up in Faribault, MN. Attended the University of MN Duluth for a Bachelor of Science in Biology, then received a Bachelor of Applied Science in Radiation Therapy at University of MN Minneapolis. After working as a radiation therapist at Brigham & Women’s Hospital/Dana-Farber Cancer Institute/Boston Children’s Hospital I attended Touro University in Vallejo, CA and received my doctorate in Osteopathic Medicine.

Following medical school I did Pediatric Residency at Adovcate Children’s Hospital in Park Ridge, IL outside of Chicago and then my Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Fellowship at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.

I joined the Sanford team over two years ago as a Pediatric Hematologist/Oncologist and Clinical Assistant Professor at UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences. Last year I became the Director of Pediatric Oncology Survivorship Program, and recently the Medical Director for Kamp KACE.

I live in Moorhead, MN with my husband and almost 2 year old son.
Brian Crater

Session(s):
Gold Ribbon Camp Visit - How to Prepare for a Gold Ribbon Visit part 1
Gold Ribbon Camp Visit - How to Prepare for a Gold Ribbon Visit part 2

Brian Crater, Associate Executive Director, camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times

Brian joined camp in 1988 as Camp Director. Brian currently oversees facility development & operations and works closely with the Camp program team. In addition to his CRM responsibilities, Brian has been a standing faculty lecturer at California State University, Long Beach, Department of Recreational and Leisure Services in the fields of outdoor recreation and organized camp management. In addition, Brian currently serves on the National Board of the American Camp Association (ACA), a Standards Visitor for ACA, chair of the National Council of Leaders Steering Committee; is the past-president and a current board member of Children’s Oncology Camp Association International (COCA-I) strengthening over 120 international camps serving over 35,000 pediatric oncology campers and their families. Brian’s passion for research has led to co-authoring papers on the Psychological Impacts of a Camp Experience for Children with Cancer and the Camp Awareness Project, a multi-facility study assessing the value of a camp experience with healthcare professionals and unserved patient families. Brian is married to wife and best friend, Corrie, has three grown daughters and is known for his love of Diet Coke.

Roz Dorsett - Camp Rap A Hope

Session(s):
Great Fundraising Events- 2018 Best of Show Nominations
**Brian Edmonds, Esq.**

Session(s):

*Panel Discussion Mock Trial - Juan Carlos Garcia Jimenez v. Camp Wikoti*

*Mock Trial - Juan Carlos Garcia-Jimenez v. Camp Wikoti*

Brian is a lawyer and risk manager with extensive experience in the field of outdoor programs for youth. He currently operates a risk management consultancy headquartered in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Until recently, Brian served as the first Director, Legal Affairs & Risk Management at Camp Oochigeas – a Canadian registered charity that delivers overnight camp, day camp, in-hospital and urban recreational experiences for children affected by cancer. Brian moved to that position after serving as Ooch’s Director of Operations for three years, and in other senior Operations positions prior to that.

Brian sits on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Association of Pediatric Oncology Camps (CAPOC). Previously he was a member of the Board of The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award, Ontario Division. He served as Chair of its Governance Committee and a member of its Operations Committee.

During his eight years on the Standards Committee of the Ontario Camps Association, including three as Chair, Brian visited numerous camps and reviewed the operations of many more. He has also done accreditation visits for CAPOC.

Brian’s experience as a volunteer includes 12 years with Ooch, 10 years with Scouts Canada and 5 years as a Duke of Ed youth group leader.

Brian was called to the Bar in Ontario in 1981. Prior to his time at Ooch, he was a partner, and held leadership positions, in a major national law firm. He practised dispute management, litigation and resolution. Brian received his law degree from the University of Western Ontario. He holds certificates in risk management and advanced dispute resolution, and has been accorded the Canadian Risk Management (CRM) designation.

Brian has qualifications in first aid, radio operation, navigation, canoeing and sailing. He has, until recently, held qualifications in lifeguarding, wilderness first response and swift water rescue.

Brian is married to Helen and they have four children. All six of them were campers and camp staff members in their younger years. Brian’s other passions include canoe-tripping and singing – often at the same time.

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**Becky Felak - The Goodtimes Project**

Session(s):

*Great Fundraising Events- 2018 Best of Show Nominations*
Heather Fleming, RN

Session(s):
*Pediatric Oncology Camp Healthcare Provider Round Table I*
*Pediatric Oncology Camp Healthcare Provider Round Table II*

Heather has worked as a RN in pediatric oncology since 2007 in hospitals throughout North America and through the SickKids Global Health program. She is currently on the Bone Marrow Transplant floor at SickKids in Toronto.

Her work at oncology camps began in 2003 at Camp Trillium in Ontario, Canada and since then has been a counselor and RN at many camps in North America including Serious Fun Camps, Trillium and Camp Ooch.

For the past 4 years she has been working as the Medical Adviser for the Canadian Association of Pediatric Oncology Camps and been to visit all of the camps in Canada!

Most recently, Heather has been involved on the COCA board and Gold Ribbon Committee to help in the development of standards, mentorship program, and as a medical visitor for accreditation. She is very passionate about ensuring safe and fun oncology camping and looks forward to visiting more camps next summer!

Oh, and she is having a baby in January!

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Tracey Gaslin

Session(s):
*Panel Discussion Mock Trial - Juan Carlos Garcia Jimenez v. Camp Wikoti*

Tracy Gaslin has been a camp nurse for over 17+ years and serves as the President of Association of Camp Nurses. She is an educator about camp healthcare for a variety of audiences. She has previous presentations and publications on the topic of mild traumatic brain injury (MTBI), also known as concussions and she has worked with CDC to conduct webinars on this topic for camps across the country.

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Astin Godwin

Session(s):
*Ideas to Action: Designing New Youth Programs*

Astin is responsible for family camps, sibling camps, and school age programs for Camp Sunshine in Georgia. He visits the Aflac Cancer Center at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta weekly to connect with newly diagnosed and hospitalized children. Astin was a volunteer with Camp Sunshine for several years prior to joining our professional staff. He served in the United States Peace Corps and previously worked in volunteer management in the non-profit sector.
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Samantha Greenberg

Session(s):
Supporting Support Staff

Samantha currently works as Nursing Manager for Camp Trillium and has been involved with Camp Trillium since 2009. She has graduated from the University of Ottawa in 2013 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Since graduating, Samantha has worked in inpatient child and youth mental health and crisis.

Patty Harris

Session(s):
Gold Ribbon Camp Visit - How to Prepare for a Gold Ribbon Visit part 1
Gold Ribbon Camp Visit - How to Prepare for a Gold Ribbon Visit part 2

Patty has been with Camp Quality for 15 years. In her role as CEO, Patty oversees the Executive Directors of 16 Camp Quality US locations. She served on the COCA-I Board for 4 years, and on the Gold Ribbon Committee for 3 years.

Patty has been both a visitor for Gold Ribbon, and have had a camp visited by a Gold Ribbon team. Prior to her time with Camp Quality, Patty was a Product Manager at Progressive Insurance.
Bruce Hooper

Bruce is the Executive Director of Smile-A-Mile (SAM) in Birmingham, Alabama. Bruce is a CPA who began his involvement with SAM when he joined its Board of Directors in 2006. During his five-year board term, he served as Treasurer, Board President (2008) and Executive Committee Member while also being involved on various standing committees of the organization. As a board member, Bruce developed a deep understanding, perspective and passion for the mission of Smile-A-Mile.

After more than 25 years in the corporate world, including eight years with an international accounting firm and 15 years as Chief Financial Officer of a large general contractor, Bruce joined Smile-A-Mile (then known as Camp Smile-A-Mile) in 2011 as its Executive Director. Bruce has a strong commitment and daily focus to “Dream Big” for children and their families across the state of Alabama and beyond who are going through the childhood cancer journey.

One big dream was fulfilled in early 2017 with the opening of Smile-A-Mile Place. Smile-A-Mile Place is a 13,000 square foot programming facility located just three blocks from Children’s Hospital of Alabama. Among the goals for SAM Place is to be a safe haven and place of respite for children and families in which Smile-A-Mile can continue expanding its mission by providing year-round programming tailored for age, stage of treatment, etc. while focusing on the unique needs of patients, survivors, parents and siblings.

In his spare time (which his wife Beth would say is far too infrequent), Bruce enjoys traveling with Beth, hanging with their kids and being the best Papa to the joys of his life—his four grandsons (Landon, Jackson, Wesley and Carson).

Jessica M. Hotchkiss, MS, CCLS, NCC

Jessica Hotchkiss, MS, CCLS, NCC is a Certified Child Life Specialist at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, TN.

Jessica started her child life career in 2012 at Sanford Children’s Hospital in Fargo, ND. She is currently working toward her Ph.D. in Counseling from North Dakota State University, and holds a Master’s degree in Counseling and a Bachelor’s degree in Human Development and Family Science.

As both a Nationally Certified Counselor and Certified Child Life Specialist, she is focusing her research on children and families affected by hospitalization, chronic and terminal illness, and grief and trauma.
Hattie Johnson

Session(s):
- Executive Director's Forum I
- Executive Director's Forum II
- Great Fundraising Events- 2018 Best of Show Nominations

Prior to becoming the Executive Director of Camp-Ta-Kum-Ta in 2015, Hattie served as the Director of Development for Camp Ta-Kum-Ta where she worked with individuals, organizations, event organizers and civic groups to successfully raise funds for camp programs and an ambitious capital campaign. She brings ten years of non-profit expertise and experience to the organization. Prior to Camp Ta-Kum-Ta, Hattie was with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Vermont and the Ronald McDonald House of Burlington, VT.

Hattie is a graduate of Saint Michael's College where she achieved a Bachelor’s Degree in Business & Psychology and later a Masters of Science & Administration Degree. Hattie also holds a Certificate in Non-Profit Management.

Lindsay Johnson

Session(s):
- FREE Donuts- Townhall meeting for Oncology Camps

Lindsay "Sarg" is a graduate of Minnesota State University, Moorhead with a BA in psychology. She is a cancer survivor of Non Hodgkin’s lymphoma for 29 years.

Lindsay attended oncology camp, as a camper for 10 years. She has attended camp for the past 6 years as staff and has served on the Kamp KACE board for the past 4 years.

Lindsay works at Discovery Benefits, most recently in the training department.

Tami Johnson

Session(s):
- FREE Donuts- Townhall meeting for Oncology Camps

Tami graduated from University of WI- Milwaukee with a BS in nursing. She has been working as a pediatric oncology nurse for over 13 years. Tami has been a Kamp KACE nurse for the past 7 years.
Karen Klein, LLC, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Retired

Session(s):
Mock Trial - Juan Carlos Garcia-Jimenez v. Camp Wikoti


As Magistrate Judge, Judge Klein served as trial judge and pretrial case manager. She also established mediation as part of the federal district court's case management program and became one of the first legal professionals in North Dakota to mediate civil disputes. Judge Klein successfully mediated thousands of disputes as a judge, and has become well known regionally, nationally and internationally as a settlement expert.

After retiring from the bench, Judge Klein established a fulltime alternative dispute resolution practice, which serves the legal community throughout the state of North Dakota. Her mediation experience includes cases in the following fields: personal injury, medical malpractice, insurance coverage, employment/labor, contracts/business disputes and product liability. Judge Klein has published numerous articles on mediation and has taught extensively in that field, including as:

- Lead faculty member for Federal Judicial Center Mediation Skills Workshop for Federal Judges (1999-present)
- Faculty member for settlement segment of Federal Judicial Center Orientation Programs for Newly Appointed Magistrate Judges (1998-present)
- Faculty for mediation skills programs for Judges and lawyers in Poland (Eastern EU Judges), Egypt, Jordan, United Arab Emirates, India and Malaysia (2003-2016).

In 2014, Judge Klein was awarded the Federal Magistrate Judges Association Founders Award and the University of North Dakota Law Women's Caucus Professionalism Award. Her many professional activities include:

- Member, National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals
- Former President, Federal Magistrate Judges Association
- Former Member, U.S. Judicial Conference Committee on Information and Technology (appointed by Chief Justice, U.S. Supreme Court)
- Former Member, North Dakota Judiciary Standards Committee (appointed by Chief Justice, N.D. Supreme Court)

Judge Klein obtained her J.D. from the University of North Dakota in 1977 (Order of the Coif) and her B.S. from Minot (N.D.) State College in 1971.
Dr. Nathan Kobrinsky

Session(s):
*Treating The Child So Their Inner Child Can Come Out*

Dr. Nathan Kobrinsky is well known in the Fargo area and on the grounds of Kamp KACE as Dr. K. Currently the director of pediatric hematology and oncology at Fargo’s Sanford Children’s Hospital and the Roger Maris Cancer Center, he has treated hundreds of area children over the last 25 years.

Dr. Kobrinsky gained national recognition in 2015 when he was presented the Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals Achievement Award for his commitment to children.

Dr. Kobrinsky is passionate like others in this challenging profession, but stands out in the way he communicates directly with children. He speaks to the parents through the child. He wants his patients to know he is personally speaking to them, not behind their backs, not around them. Honesty and talking personally are the most important things. “The human spirit, the spirit of these children is a miracle. They look ahead with very, very open and hopeful eyes to a future that will bring them back to their loved ones, their family and to life.”

Steven F. Lamb

Session(s):
*Mock Trial - Juan Carlos Garcia-Jimenez v. Camp Wikoti*

Steve Lamb is an attorney in the Fargo office of the Vogel Law Firm. For the past 30 years, Steve has been a trial and appellate litigation lawyer - initially with the North Dakota Highway Department as an Assistant Attorney General (5 years), then in private practice and as a part time tribal prosecutor with Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Court (4 years), and then with the American Family Mutual Insurance Company (21 years).

Steve has litigated and negotiated legal proceedings of many types, including: personal injury, professional negligence, insurance coverage/defense/subrogation, property damage, products liability, highway contracts, eminent domain, administrative hearings, criminal matters and appeals. His practice includes the pre-trial steps of pleadings, discovery, depositions, motions, mediation and trial preparation. Steven has tried over 50 jury trials. He has briefed and argued 23 appeals in the: Eighth Circuit Court of Appeal, Northern Plains Intertribal Court of Appeals, Minnesota Appellate Court and North Dakota Supreme Court.

Steve graduated from the University of North Dakota School of Law and has completed advanced NITA (National Institute of Trial Advocacy) and IADC (International Association of Defense Counsel) trial academies. He practices in all state and federal courts of North Dakota and Minnesota, and has appeared in several of the states’ tribal courts.

Steve is married to Arlene Correia. He has one daughter, Molly, and a stepson, Kailash - with all of whom he loves to travel and to engage in dialogue and debate. He enjoys cooking, especially game from local hunting outings and fish from lake fishing, and Alaskan deep sea and river fly-fishing. He claims a 22 handicap in golf, and recreational hockey experience (but beware). Given the time he can turn out marketable pottery items for use and display.

Monday, October 22, 2018
COCAcon 2018 Speakers

**COCA Leadership**

Session(s):
*Discussion of COCA Initiatives, Staff Exchange, Mentor Program*

**Gretchen Loose**

Session(s):
*New Directors Forum*

**Steve Maguire**

Session(s):
*Simulation Drills: Volunteer Leadership for the New Millennium, Part 1 of 2*
*Simulation Drills: Volunteer Leadership for the New Millennium, Part 2 of 2*
*Look Before You Leap: Risk Management and Intelligent Failure, Part 1 of 2*

Steve Maguire is a professional speaker, teacher, author and dad. He has presented to tens of thousands youth development professionals over the last 14 years.

Steve's mission as a professional speaker is to provide fun, professional and inspiring presentations for all clients. Speaking and training in the primary fields of schools and summer camps, Steve's audiences range from summer camp staff and administrators to school faculty, students, athletes and parents.

In 2004 Steve started his own professional speaking business because he saw a need for dynamic, fun and educational programs in both the academic and camp setting. Since then, over 800 schools and summer camps across the United States have brought him in to work with their faculty and staff.

**Clifford T. Mauriello, MD, FAAP**

Session(s):
*Prevention and Management of Infectious Diseases in Summer Camps*

Dr. Clifford T. Mauriello, MD, FAAP is the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Physician with Sanford Clinic Children’s Broadway and the Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Northwest Campus.
Karen McAndrew

Session(s):
KOA Care Camps and How We Can Help

Karen McAndrew:  
As the Executive Director KOA Care Camps and owner of the Cardinal KOA in Canada has spent most of her career in the non-profit environment working with sponsors and donors to help improve society. She has two children and three grandchildren and enjoys time with her dogs.

Mary Ellen McKnight

Session(s):
Panel Discussion Mock Trial - Juan Carlos Garcia Jimenez v. Camp Wikoti

Mary Ellen McKnight is an oncology RN from Bear Delaware. She earned her BSN from Immaculata University, her MSN from Capella University and currently pursuing her DNP. She holds nursing certification in oncology.

She is a nurse educator on the faculty of Delaware Technical and Community College. Mary Ellen is one of the co-founders of Kay’s Kamp where she is the Medical Coordination Director, and serves on the Kaylyn Elaine Warren Foundation board of directors. However, she is most proud of her two daughters, Sarah and Grace, who still reside at home.

Melissa McNichol

Session(s):
Executive Director’s Forum I  
Executive Director’s Forum II

Melissa has had the privilege of working with countless children and their families through their journey with childhood cancer. She also has had the incredible opportunity to work with innumerable volunteers, donors, and staff that make Camp Rap-A-Hope a 32+ year success story for families.

From grant writing, fundraising events, Board of Directors meetings, planning for events that are attended by hundreds of people as well as smaller events, hospital visits for newly diagnosed children, sadly funeral attendances...the list is long and humbling. She is Executive Director of Camp Rap-A-Hope.
Rhonda Mickelson

Session(s):
SERIOUSLY! This Stuff Really Happens!

Rhonda Mickelson has worked in the field of camping for over thirty years starting as a summer camp counselor and has served as Program Director and Camp Director for day, resident, private, and not-for-profit camps.

She has a M.Ed. in outdoor education and has served as the Director of Accreditation for ACA, Inc. since 2007. Rhonda resides in Estes Park, CO.

Jeana Olson

Session(s):
Chalk n' Around the Camp Fire

My name is Jeana Olson.

I am a Wife, Mom, Nana, Pediatric Nurse, and Crafter. I’ve been married to my hubby, David, for 21 yrs and have 3 children and 2 grandchildren. We moved from a suburb of Denver, Co to husbands family farm west of Fargo, ND.

I love to do crafts and be creative. I started crafting more last spring when my youngest graduated from high school. My free time now is spent being making beautiful crafts out of chalk and some with vinyl. I love going to craft shows. I love helping my grand kids be creative and make crafts.

Tyler Olsen

Session(s):
The "No Room Escape" Scavenger Hunt

Tyler has been involved with Camp Magical Moments since 2010. He has worn many hats at camp from cabin counselor to IT director. With the help of his wife Heather, mostly Heather, they have put together 2 “escape rooms” at camp and this year have ran one at a haunted house. Although Tyler has not been to as many escape rooms as Rich, he has been to his fare share.
Tom Prader

Session(s):
Camp Directors Forum

Tom first came to Camp Can Do as a camper in 1984. Camp had such a powerful and positive effect on Tom that he knew it would be a part of him forever. In 1984 he could never have guessed how much he would also be a part of Camp Can Do. Over the years Tom has been a counselor, assistant director, handled many assists for the medical team and once, JUST ONCE, served a full day as the Craft Lady!

Matt Ruttler

Session(s):
New Directors Forum

Matt has dedicated his life to working with children every day. As a Special Education Teacher working with children with multiple and severe special needs, Matt has implemented many camp songs and activities in the classroom.

Outside the classroom Matt has spent many hours, days and weeks planning and implementing programs for not just one camp, but three camps in Region 2.

Matt has been a counselor and the current Assistant Camp Director at Camp Happy Times for 15 years. During his tenure, Matt has been instrumental in program and theme development and implementation, staff training and recognition as well as camper recruitment and all camp logistics prior to, during and after the camp week.

In addition to CHT, Matt has been a counselor and current LIT Director for Kay’s Kamp in Delaware.

Matt is President-Elect of COCA-I.

Melissa Schmautz

Session(s):
Why our Kamp is Different: Setting Counselors up for a Successful Week of Kamp.

Melissa has a BS and MS from North Dakota State University. She has been a Certified Child Life Specialist at Sanford Children’s Hospital, Fargo for 16 years.

She has been a member of the Adjunct Staff at Minnesota State University, Mankato for 5 years and a staff member at Kamp KACE for 16 years and board member for 7 years.
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Jack Schott

Session(s):
*Simulation Drills: Volunteer Leadership for the New Millennium, Part 1 of 2*
*Simulation Drills: Volunteer Leadership for the New Millennium, Part 2 of 2*
*Look Before You Leap: Risk Management and Intelligent Failure, Part 1 of 2*

Jack struggles with rules, hearing no, and sitting still, in all the best and worst ways.

He and Laura Kriegel are the founders of Camping Coast to Coast, where they spent 2½ years traveling the country. They visited more than 200 summer camps, searching for ways to bring more kids to better camps.

Passionate about creating a place where play could thrive, Jack and Laura put these ideas into action, founding Stomping Ground, an overnight camp dedicated to radical empathy, self-direction, and reimagining a world where more is possible.

He is a Directors’ Camp facilitator and co-founder of The Summer Camp Society.

Jack has a degree in industrial engineering from the University of Pittsburgh and has studied web design and digital marketing for X years.

He is an entrepreneur, an ideas-generator, and a creative yet systematic problem-solver.

Mark Slocum

Session(s):
*Coffee Klatsch: Executive Director’s "Hot Topics" Discussion*
*Been There, Done That, Got 120 Camp Shirts to Prove It... Now What?: Staff Transition Discussion for Executives*

Mark has been in the non-profit business for 35 years and at Children’s Cancer Connection for the past 26. He serves as Executive Director and Visionary of the organization and has done nearly every job both in the organization and at camp (the attorney for the organization still won't let him serve as camp doctor - risk management).

Benton Smith

Session(s):
*Turning Teen Camp Into a Year Round Program*

Benton Smith is the volunteer coordinator at Camp Rainbow Gold in Boise, Idaho and helps to manage the organizations programs which include five annual camps, a scholarship program, and a monthly teen support group.
Dave Smith

Session(s):

*Let There Always Be a Song*

*Been There, Done That, Got 120 Camp Shirts to Prove It... Now What?: Staff Transition Discussion for Executives*

*Camp Games*

Since 1987, Dave Smith has been the CEO of Special Love, Inc., a community of support for children and young adults with cancer and their families in the Mid-Atlantic region.

He also spent a 2-year stint as the President of COCA-I and holds degrees in Creative Writing, Technical Writing, Political Science, and Strategic Leadership.

In addition to his work supporting cancer patients, Dave is an avid musician and has written original recordings for camp, including “No Mo Chemo” and “I’m a Survivor,” which debuted on YouTube as an animated music video in 2012.

He lives near Winchester, VA, in a house run by his three sons and a Black Lab named Molly.

Caitlin Sullivan, LMSW

Session(s):

*Pediatric Oncology Bereavement Programming*

Caitlin is the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Social Worker at Palmetto Health Richland Children’s Hospital in Columbia, SC. Originally from Elmira, NY, Caitlin earned her Bachelor’s Degree in Community Health at the State University of New York at Cortland in 2011. She continued her education at the graduate level at The University of South Carolina where she obtained her Master’s Degree in Social Work in 2014.

After falling in love with the pediatric hem/onc community in her graduate level internship, Caitlin was hired in January 2015 as the full-time Social Worker. January 2019 will mark 4 years in Caitlin’s journey as part of the Palmetto Health and Camp KEMO Programs family.
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Justin Swanson

Session(s):
Taking Social Media to the Next Level

Justin Swanson is a director of development for the NDSU Foundation and Alumni Association. He's been in this role since April after spending the previous 12 years working in college athletics administration. Swanson came back to his alma mater to serve as assistant athletic director of marketing and fan engagement at NDSU in 2012. During his time with the Bison, Swanson was responsible for the development and execution of the overall department marketing plan for NDSU’s 16 sports. He managed creative efforts involving television, print, website and radio advertising, and coordinated game day promotional activities and video board content at Bison Football and Basketball.

He was the content manager for the NDSU athletic department’s official Facebook page that captured more than 60,000 new followers during a run of five football national championships and two NCAA men’s basketball tournament appearances.

The NDSU marketing office earned the 2014-15 “Best of Interactive/Social Media” Gold Award from the National Association of Collegiate Marketing Administrators for the Bison Pride Flag Project, which placed custom flags in more than 300 cities statewide, all 50 states, and locations worldwide. Overall, the athletics marketing office earned five NACMA “Best Of” awards under Swanson’s leadership.

Prior to NDSU, Swanson spent four years as an assistant athletic director at South Dakota State, where the marketing office won three “Best Of” awards from NACMA, including a Gold Award for best interactive/social media program in 2011-12. He also spent one year at Maine as the assistant director of marketing and promotions.

Dr. Chris Thurber

Session(s):
Simulation Drills: Volunteer Leadership for the New Millennium, Part 1 of 2
Simulation Drills: Volunteer Leadership for the New Millennium, Part 2 of 2
Look Before You Leap: Risk Management and Intelligent Failure, Part 1 of 2

Dr. Christopher Thurber is devoted to educating leaders using innovative content that stirs thinking and compels action. A graduate of Harvard University, Chris has served as a psychologist and instructor at Phillips Exeter Academy since 1999. He is the co-founder of ExpertOnlineTraining.com, a website that hosts a library of original educational videos for youth leaders. He has been invited to deliver keynotes, contribute articles, and lead workshops on five continents. Chris is the proud father of two boys—Danilo, born 2002, and Sava, born 2004. Both play violin for the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra (BYSOweb.org). He and his wife Simonida, a chemist and musician who grew up in Belgrade, Serbia, live in New Hampshire, in the northeast United States. You can learn more about Chris and access all of his articles, book chapters, and podcast on DrChrisThurber.com.
Brendan Turner

Brendan Turner is the Executive Director of Camp Quality Canada. A childhood cancer survivor himself, Brendan loves creating unique and meaningful experiences for others. With 25 summers working for camps, he thinks he should probably take it seriously at this point.

Neil Van Dam  CLU, ChFC, CFP

Session(s):
**Breaking Borders for Young Adults**

It is my belief that every person deserves a financial plan. Our team and network is equipped to help with the more complicated estate planning scenarios as well as the person just wondering where to start.

Working together, we can help you identify your financial goals and objectives to help you prepare for the future and help protect you if life takes an unexpected turn. Keeping pace with life's changes is important. Let me help you achieve a secure financial future.

My Mission

My mission is to help as many people as possible in this community. Everybody wants to be on the right track financially but most people don’t know where to start and may be embarrassed to ask. We want to make the planning process simple and as stress free as possible. While having a nice lifestyle for myself and family is important, I feel that a true measure of success is that you helped make a positive impact on the people in your life.

Dr. Kaye Wagner

Session(s):
**Pediatric Oncology Camp Healthcare Provider Round Table I**  
**Pediatric Oncology Camp Healthcare Provider Round Table II**

Dr. KayeLyn J Wagner, MD, MME, Sanford USD Medical Center. Dr. Wagner is a pediatric hematologist-oncologist in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and is affiliated with Sanford USD Medical Center.

She received her medical degree from University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences and has been in practice between 11-20 years. She is part of the only multi-disciplinary team providing specialized Pediatric Hematology/Oncology care in South Dakota.

Dr. Kaye serves as both the camp physician and medical director for Camp Bring It On and is certified by American Board of Pediatrics, and American Board of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology.
H. Pat Weir Jr

Session(s):
Mock Trial - Juan Carlos Garcia-Jimenez v. Camp Wikoti

Pat Weir is a managing partner of the Vogel Law Firm, which has over 50 attorneys in five locations in North Dakota and Minnesota. The firm traces its roots back to 1880 when it was founded in Fargo. It is a full-service firm, assisting its clients in over 20 different legal fields.

Pat also leads the firm’s wrongful death and personal injury practice group. For more than 25 years, he has represented only those individuals and families who have suffered serious or fatal injuries as a result of another’s conduct. In the course of his career, Pat has secured millions of dollars in verdicts and out-of-court settlements for his clients’ personal injury, wrongful death, and product liability claims.

While Pat’s practice is primarily focused in North Dakota and Minnesota, he has also represented clients in other states, such as South Dakota, Montana, Nebraska, Illinois, Arizona and North Carolina. Pat is also a frequent participant in mediations and arbitrations throughout the country.

Pat received his undergraduate degree in 1985 from the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota, and is a 1989 graduate of the University of Denver, College of Law. He is a past adjunct professor of litigation at Minnesota State University in Moorhead, Minnesota, and currently mentors pre-law students at St. Scholastica.

Pat and his wife have four grown children and to the extent he is able, Pat continues to enjoy his ever diminishing ability to play hockey and golf, and to downhill ski. Family and faith are important parts of Pat’s life.

COCA YPL

Session(s):
We All Can Be Right: A Discussion on Generational Differences in the Workforce

The COCA-I Young Professional Leaders mission is to connect, develop, and empower young professionals in oncology camping by creating a community of ambitious and diverse professionals that connect, network, and interact with one another through programming that fulfills the need for personal and professional growth.
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