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ARCADIA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY THE NEW NAME

(April 29, 1999) Gene Nervo, founder and director of The Wilderness Leadership Academy, Buchanan, Virginia, 540-254-1146, announced they have changed their name to Arcadia Leadership Academy. He also announced his school has just been accredited by the National Private School Association Group. Arcadia is a motivational school for at-risk youth using experiential education and wilderness therapy concepts. They have a summer semester for "at-risk" males, ages 12 through 18 where boys can earn up to 4 credits.

NAWA ACCREDITED BY WASC

(April 30, 1999) Dr. Celia Hull, North American Academies (NAWA), French Gulch, California, 800-358-6292, announced the school is now accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), for the maximum term of six years. WASC is the standard regional accrediting body for all schools in California.

NATSAP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(April 30, 1999) John Reddan, Acting Director of The National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs (NATSAP), 805-687-5825, announced the organization's First Annual Conference will be held September 16-18, 1999 at The Westin-Innisbrook Resort in Tampa, Florida. Registration materials will be distributed in June. The notice includes a call for papers, especially in the areas of: Psychotropic Medications: The Latest Advances; The Dynamics of Self-Mutilation (Cutting), Successful Transitions from Our Programs to Theirs and Vice-Versa, Family Therapy from a Distance, Wilderness Therapy: Advantages and Limitations; The Ethics of Working with Educational Consultants; Quality Service to Parents, Its Common Attributes; Progressive Discipline: Consequences That Work; Adoption Issues; and When a Child Is Too Much: Healthy Transition Strategies. EQUINE ASSISTED PSYCHOTHERAPY (April 30, 1999) Greg Kersten, founder and President of Equine Services, Santaquin, Utah, 877-858-4600, announced they will be presenting a FREE Demonstration and Workshop on Equine Assisted Psychotherapy in cooperation with Wilderness Ranch near Big Bear Lake in California. For more information call 909-678- 1864.

TALISMAN OPEN BOAT ADVENTURES

(May 1, 1999) Sue Miller, Director of Public Relations for [Stone Mountain School and Talisman Summer Camp](#), Black Mountain, NC, 828-669-8639, TalismanSc@aol.com, announced a New Summer Program for 1999, the Talisman Open Boat Adventures (TOBA), which includes Rock Climbing, Flatwater Canoeing, and Whitewater Canoeing. Peter Weiss will be the Program Director. "Climbing allows participants the opportunity to risk letting down fronts and attitudes and expose fears within a supportive group. Tandem canoeing has provided us a medium in which nothing less than clear, effective, and supportive communication is a necessity."

CORRECTION ON SPRING RIDGE ACADEMY

(May 2, 1999) Woodbury Reports stands corrected. In the article "Emotional Growth vs. Therapeutic" in Issue #56, we stated Spring Ridge Academy, in Arizona, 520-632-4602, was state licensed as an "emotional growth" school. Actually, Spring Ridge Academy is accredited by North Central Association as a special needs school, and as such, no state licensing is required. Arizona law requires a juvenile facility to have either Behavioral Health licensing or accreditation as a school.

MADDEN - ALTERNATIVE CONNECTIONS, INC.

(May 3, 1999) Christine Madden M.Ed. NCSP, Wilmington, Delaware, 302-475-1141, doing business as Alternative Connections, Inc. is helping parents find the right school/program for their child through doing a psycho- educational evaluation, then helps the parents and child find the right match be it school, homeschool, unschool, internship, residential placement, etc.

CASCADE STAFF CHANGES

(May 4, 1999) Ron Kalin, with Cascade School, in Whitmore, California, 949-497-4115, announced they had 54 graduates in 1998. He also announced Alice Scharper, who has been their English Chair and holds a doctorate in English from the University of California, is the new Coordinator of Parent Programs, Suzanne Caswell, who received her M.A. (Summa Cum Laude) in English from Ohio University and has been Assistant Director of Studies, is promoted to Director of Studies, and Sunny Weir, who has been with Cascade since 1985 as a counselor, wilderness leader, teacher, and Admissions, has been appointed Director of Admissions.

NEW DIRECTOR AT FLYING H YOUTH RANCH

(May 5, 1999) Pete Smith was named the Director of Flying H Youth Ranch, Naches, Washington, 509-658-2990, last July. Flying H, in the eastern foothills of the Cascade Mountain Range, is a Christian school for 25 boys with problems making constructive decisions. Smith is the third director of the School which was founded in 1962, replacing Gregg Hires, the Director for many years. Smith took an early retirement from the Nalco Chemical Company, was a graduate of Portland State University with majors in biology and chemistry, continuing with graduate work there, and attended Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. Their school, called Hope Academy, has a traditional classroom format using Christian curriculum, but in recent years have also developed extensive vocational programs including auto mechanics, a machine shop course, culinary arts, drama and woodshop.

JANE STEWART MARRIES

(May 5, 1999) On April 2, 1999, Jane Stewart, the new Program Director for the NorthStar Center, in Bend, Oregon, 541-385-8657, married Steven Samuel, becoming Jane Stewart Samuel. She and her new husband spent two weeks honeymooning in Bali, and is now back at the helm at the NorthStar Center.

SECOND NATURE GOES TO SINGLE GENDER GROUPS

(May 5, 1999) Scott Canter, Marketing Director of Second Nature Wilderness Program, operating in Utah, 818-906-7611, announced the program is moving to single gender groups. "We have found there are many benefits to having single gender groups in a short-term clinical intervention, including: increased intimacy, reduced acting out behavior and the obvious benefit - -No Pregnancy."

S.O.A.R. RETREAT IN YELLOWSTONE PARK

(May 5, 1999) Jonathan Jones, Ex. Dir. Of S.O.A.R. (Success Oriented Achievement Realized), Balsam, NC, 828-456-3435, announced the February retreat in Yellowstone National Park was success, with the focus being a study of Stephen Covey's book First Things First.

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