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## SIERRA TUCSON ADDS 'POSITIVE POTENTIAL' WORKSHOP AT MIRAVAL

(August 7, 2001) [Sierra Tucson](#), Tucson, Arizona, 800.842.4487, "by popular demand" is adding another Quality of Life Workshop, 2001, entitled "Positive Potential", scheduled for September 16-20, 2001 at [Miraval](#). This workshop will focus on personal growth and creativity using Experiential Group Processes, Equine-Assisted Psychotherapy, and a Challenge Course, taking place at Miraval, featuring their healing environment, luxurious spa services and gourmet cuisine.

## NATWC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(August 8, 2001) Bebe Gaines, Board member of the National Association of Therapeutic Wilderness Camps (NATWC), with Woodside Trails, Smithville, Texas, 512.237.4602, [bebeg@gte.net](mailto:bebeg@gte.net), announced NATWC's 8th Annual Training Conference. Entitled "Best Practices: Holding Our Own," it will be at the Unicoi Lodge and Conference Center, Helen, Georgia, September 17-18, 2001. The conference plans over 30 workshops relating to youth in experiential settings.

## CORRECTION: Deborah Wright At NORTHFIELD MOUNT HERMON SCHOOL

(August 12, 2001) Woodbury Reports wishes to correct last month's misspelled announcement of Deborah Wright's appointment as the new Director of Admissions at Northfield Mount Hermon School, Northfield, MA, 413.498.3222. She can be reached at 413.498.3227.

## CONSULTANTS ASCEND 50FT CLIMBING TOWER AT ASCENT

(August 14, 2001) Julia Andrick, [JAndrick@cedu.com](mailto:JAndrick@cedu.com), [CEDU](#), Sandpoint, Idaho, 208.267.0607 reported that eight educational consultants, with the aid of ASCENT participants, ascended the 50-foot climbing tower. The consultants also witnessed an all-female group return from an eight-day backpacking adventure, and observed a dartboard workshop, "a therapeutic tool used by ASCENT to help children pinpoint core issues and identify new coping skills." The ASCENT therapeutic adventure program, 800.974.1999, in the Selkirk Mountains of Idaho provides a six-week, high-impact outdoor experience for adolescents ages 13 - 17. They welcome tours, with admissions counselors available 24-hours a day, and enrollment any day of the week.

## KRISTIN ALLEN JOINS CEDAR RIDGE AS GIRL'S HOME CASE MANAGER

(August 14, 2001) Geary Oakes, the Case Manager of the boys home at Cedar Ridge, Roosevelt, Utah, 435.353.4498, is pleased to announced that Kristin Allen has joined their staff to become girl's home Case manager. She has a B.S. degree in Psychology and school counseling. Both Kristin and Geary can be contacted at 435.353.4424.

## NATSAP HIRES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

(August 14, 2001) Kimball DeLaMare, President of the National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs (NATSAP), 801.773.0200, and John Reddan, outgoing Executive Director of NATSAP, 912.447.8404, announced the Board has hired Andy Anderson as the organization's new Executive Director effective September 1, 2001. For the last 13 years Anderson has been with Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc., a not-for-profit organization that has served children, youth and young adults, since 1968. His office will be

located in Clearwater, Florida. "NATSAP is a 501(C)(6) trade association of one hundred and ten (110) boarding schools, residential treatment centers, wilderness programs, and group homes in twenty-eight states."

### **CHARTER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SETTLES OVERCHARGE ALLEGATIONS**

(August 18, 2001) Associated Press reported "Charter Behavioral Health Systems LLC, once the nation's largest chain of private psychiatric facilities, agreed to pay the government \$7 million to settle allegations it overcharged Medicare and other federal programs" according to the Justice Department. "The company did not admit any liability in the agreement," and has filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the bankruptcy laws, according to the settlement agreement. "The government will receive the \$7 million in cash by the end of August or when Charter closes the sale of three psychiatric facilities." The agreement also allows the government to potentially collect an "additional \$8 million in compensatory damages for fraud, as administrative and unsecured claims in the bankruptcy court proceedings."

### **ANASAZI WILDERNESS FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING**

(August 20, 2001) Mike Merchant, [Anasazi](#) wilderness program, Mesa, Arizona, 602.892.7403, announced in order to intensify their already strong wilderness safety plans, they have brought Adam Such on full time staff, as CPR/First Aid, WildernessFirstResponder trainer. He will be in charge of safety to make sure all the Anasazi staff are fully trained for wilderness medical emergencies, and will ensure all the staff are fully capable of utilizing their knowledge in case of an emergency. Adam Such will also be available to conduct Wilderness First Responder classes for other members of the Outdoor Behavioral Healthcare Industry Council (OBHIC), an organization of private wilderness providers. Anasazi was one of the founders of that organization.

### **DANCING MOON EXPEDITIONS WILDERNESS COURSE UPDATE**

(August 20, 2001) [Dancing Moon Expeditions](#), Chinock, Montana, 406.357.3614 (ranch) or 406.357.4101 (office) provided their wilderness course update, stating the next available trip will be September 13, 2001 through October 7, 2001. Their website will be coming online mid September.

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