

BLACKWATER HIRES AMY ERNEST

(December 15, 2005) [Craig Taylor](#), Program Director, [Blackwater Outdoor Experiences](#), Midlothian, VA, 804-378-9006, announced that Amy Ernest is the new Program Coordinator for the program.

NAWA RESCUE TRAINING

(December 18, 2005) [NAWA](#) Rescue, French Gulch, CA, 800-658-6292, announced the 18th annual Spring Rescue Training course is set for April 8-13, 2006.

GILLESPIE NEW CLINICAL DIRECTOR

(December 19, 2005) [Candace Bynum](#), B.S., Referral Relations Representative, [Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc.](#) (EYA), Huntsville, AL, 800-914-3937, announced that Richard D. Gillespie, Jr. is the new Director of Clinical Services for the E-Sun-Alee program in Deer Lodge, TN.

NEXT STEP OFFERS TELECLASSES

(December 19, 2005) [Bill and Penelope Valentine](#), Founders, [Next Step For Success](#), Bend, OR, 541-504-5224, announced the company is teaming up with [The NorthStar Center](#), Bend, OR, [email](#), to facilitate a teleclass series for parents of NorthStar students. This five-session series, *"Parenting The Young Adult: Loving, Leading and Letting Go,"* is designed to help educate parents about their crucial role in the young adult transition process.

DRAGONFLY RELOCATES

(December 19, 2005) [Mona J Treadway](#), Admissions Director/Owner, [Dragonfly Adventures](#), Klamath Falls, OR, 541-850-0841, announced that Dragonfly Adventures has relocated to a new administrative office located at: 1151 Pine Street, Klamath Falls, OR, 541-850-0841, Fax 541-850-2131.

UHS ACQUIRES CENTER FOR CHANGE...

OSTEEN PROMOTED

(December 20, 2005) [Universal Health Services](#), Inc., King Of Prussia, PA, announced the company's acquisition of Center for Change, Orem, UT and Wyoming Behavioral Institute, Casper, WY. UHS further announced that Debra K. Osteen, President of the UHS Behavioral Health division, was elected by the Board of Directors as a Senior VP for the company. [More...](#)

TERE SNODGRASS JOINS PROVO CANYON

December 21, 2005) [Kelly Corey](#), M.S.W., Regional Director of Business Development, [Provo Canyon School](#), Orem, UT, 951-699-5295, announced that [Tere Snodgrass](#), 770-947-5444, is the new Southeast Regional Director of Business Development. Formerly with Three Springs, Tere provides over 15 years of experience in admissions and marketing.

CONG. MILLER CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION

(December 22, 2005) A story in the [Salt Lake Tribune](#) reported that California Rep. George Miller is asking for a congressional investigation of teen boot camps, citing alleged child abuse and fraud at the facilities in the United States and abroad. In 2003, Miller asked then-Attorney General John Ashcroft to investigate allegations of child abuse, human rights violations and fraud at schools affiliated with the Utah-based World Wide Association of Specialty Programs WWASPS, but no action has been taken.

COOLEY PRESENTS AT JCAHO CONFERENCE

(December 23, 2005) [Julia Andrick](#), Marketing Director, [Catherine Freer Wilderness Program](#), Bend, OR, 208-265-8355, announced that Executive Director Rob Cooley, PhD, presented at the second annual Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) Behavioral Health Care Conference held in Chicago. The conference focused on bridging the gap between scientific theory and practice by incorporating outcome research and results into an organization's systems. [More...](#)

FIVE STUDENTS AT ALAN RANCH

(December 24, 2005) [Paul and Kathy Lithgow](#), Founders, [Alan Ranch](#), Queen Creek, AZ, 480-688-5003, announced they now have five boys in their program. Alan Ranch is a one-year residential program for boys that opened on September 26, 2005.

CKC TOURS 2006 SCHEDULE

(December 27, 2005) [Kay C. Ford](#), Owner, [CKC Consultant Tour Services](#), Crozier, VA, 804-784-3037, announced the company is in the process of setting up school and program tours in Texas, Utah, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Connecticut, Maine and Vermont. CKC Tours are available to members only. To join visit their website.

DECEMBER POLL RESULTS

We thank those who participated in last December's poll question where we asked your opinion on the recent ruling from the federal 9th Circuit Court of Appeals that ruled parents can not "prevent a public school from providing its students with whatever information it wishes." With 96 responses, the results showed that participants overwhelmingly disagreed with the Court's opinion.

Please visit www.strugglingteens.com/news/pollresults/pollresults060105.html to read the entire article.