Tatsapaugh of the Talisman Programs in North Carolina; Vice Chair, Reginald Jackson of Timber Ridge Treatment Center in North Carolina; Secretary, Deb Hibbard of New Horizons for Young Women in Maine; Treasurer, Shep Young, corporate member from Dry Box in Florida; Mike Angstadt of Twin Cedars Youth Services, Corporate Sponsor and liaison to the Council on Accreditation; Jason Brode of Diakon Youth Center in Pennsylvania; Steve Cockerham at East Tennessee State University and the editor of *The Journal of Therapeutic Wilderness Camping;* Emily Darnell, corporate member from Diamond Brand in North Carolina; Holly Hunter, corporate member from SafePassage Adolescent Services in Georgia; Meghan McIntosh of Three Springs in Alabama; Eric Morlino of Stone Mountain School in North Carolina; and Angie Senic of Eckerd Youth Alternatives in West Virginia.

NOTE: Several NATWC board seats still are open due to recent retirements.

The NATWC name changed in 2006 to The National Association of Therapeutic Wilderness Camping to dispel the perception that only a camp could be a member. Many organizations with an array of services to special needs groups, but using some element of outdoor programming, have voiced their support for a national organization that has kept membership and conference costs affordable and prioritizes the training, recognition and celebration of the direct care Wilderness Teacher Counselor.

Get acquainted with current NATWC priorities including: the 15th annual conference at Jekyll Island, GA, September 21-23, 2008; the christening of the new website at www.natwc.org; the impact of the *Journal of Therapeutic Wilderness Camping*; the value of personal credentialing through the National Board Certification in Wilderness Counseling; perspectives on Representative George Miller's Committee on Education and Labor hearings on Residential Child Care and more industry news in upcoming publications.

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Struggles are not meant to break us, they are meant to make us.

~ Anonymous

NEWS & VIEWS...

SHOCK TREATMENT FOR PRANK CALL
(December 18, 2007) WCBV TV, Boston, MA, reported State officials are investigating complaints that staff at the Judge Rotenberg Education Center gave three people, including two teens, unnecessary electric shock treatments after receiving a prank phone call from someone pretending to be from the office of the school's founder.

UK FORCING GENDER NEUTRALITY
(December 27, 2007) The Telegraph, a UK publication, reported British schools must enforce gender neutrality through teaching boys traditionally female subjects such as netball, drama and dance, while encouraging more girls to study traditional male subjects like math and science. This is a part of a government campaign against "gender stereotyping."

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES IN TAX POLICY
(December 25, 2007) The New York Times Business section reported professor Susan Pace Hamill of the University of Alabama Law School researched into the moral basis of tax and spend policies and how the taxing policies of the various states conform to biblical principles.

COLLEGE PROFESSORS INTIMIDATED
(January 5, 2008) The Washington Times reported there is an article in the Chronicle of Higher Education in which professors report they are being "physically intimidated by their students."

BRITISH OVER-PRESCRIBING DRUGS?
(January 5, 2008) ABC News reported the British Federal Health Minister, Nicola Roxon, says there are indications ADHD drugs are being over prescribed so there need to be clearer rules governing the use and prescription of drugs that treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in children.

HELICOPTER PARENTS LAND IN ENGLAND
(January 3, 2008) Education Guardian.co.uk reported "helicopter parents," so-called because they hover over their children, interfering and directing their lives, a phenomenon already established in the US, has struck British universities, particularly at career fairs.

ORGANIZATION TUTORS INCREASING
(January 1, 2008) The New York Times reported high priced tutors and college counselors have jumped into the ring by charging as much as $100 an hour and up to assist boys with their organizational skills since boys generally seem to have more difficulty getting organized and multitasking than girls do.

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