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SANTIAM CROSSING'S ADDITIONS

(October 3, 2008) Santiam Crossing's campus is expanding and improving with the addition of a new classroom yurt and a new basketball court. They have also added slack lines outside of each student cabin. Similar to a tightrope, but situated just a couple feet off the ground, the slack lines give students one more option for staying fit and active at their living quarters. In addition, they have purchased a fleet of mountain bikes and have built a new building to house them. For information about Santiam Crossing in Scio, OR, contact Julia Andrick, Marketing Communications Director, 800-390-3983.

HORSE SENSE HOSTS SEMINAR

(October 3, 2008) Horse Sense of the Carolinas conducted its first annual Business Building Intensive held in September in Marshall, NC. The seminar provided business basics to practitioners operating Equine Assisted Practice programs around the nation, including in-depth information for creating, operating, managing and marketing an equine-assisted business. For more information, contact Shannon Knapp at Horse Sense of the Carolinas in Hendersonville, NC, 828-683-7304.

ASPEN DONATES TO SAVING TEENS

(October 3, 2008) Aspen Education Group in Cerritos, CA, 562-467-5531, had such an abundance of gift baskets for the Fourth Annual Professional Development workshop that they used several of them for a silent auction to raise money for Saving Teens in Crisis Collaboration, in the spirit of giving and in memory of Michael Reuben who died last

month. Michael was the son of Chairman and Founder of Saving Teens in Crisis Collaborative, John D. Reuben.

KOHLSTAEDT TO PRESENT AT IECA

(October 3, 2008) Dr. Elizabeth Kohlstaedt PhD, Clinical Director at Intermountain Children's Home, Helena, MT, 406-457-4744, will be presenting at the upcoming IECA conference in Baltimore, MD. Dr. Kohlstaedt's presentation is titled "When All You Have is a Hammer, Everything Looks like a Nail," which explores a developmental approach to understanding and treating serious emotional disturbances in children.

FITZGERALD SURPRISED BY INTERMOUNTAIN

(October 3, 2008) Intermountain Board and staff held a surprise reception for Executive Director, Jim Fitzgerald, to celebrate his 30 years of service. For more information about Intermountain in Helena, MT, contact Sami Butler, RN, Professional Relations at 406-457-4744.

CURTIS HOSTS PRESENTATIONS

(October 5, 2008) Steven Curtis, PhD, NCSP, hosted two free bookstore presentations in October at Liberty Bay Books in Poulsbo, WA, and at Barnes and Noble in Silverdale, WA, for parents and teachers of a child with behavioral, social or learning challenges.

ECS PARTNERS WITH HOMEWARD BOUND

(October 5, 2008) Education Consulting Services (ECS) owned and founded by Dr. George Posner, and Homeward Bound, after care transition specialist, have partnered up to

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PEAK EXPERIENCE WELCOMES TURPIN

(October 6, 2008) Catherine Turpin, MS, joined the faculty at Peak Experience in Ashland, OR, as an instructor for the Clinical First Responder Training. Catherine earned her Master's in Adventure Therapy and previously worked in both wilderness therapy and residential treatment. For information on Peak Experience Training, contact Scott Bendoroff, PhD at 541-951-4329

CHEROKEE CREEK NEWS

(October 7, 2008) David LePere, Executive Director at Cherokee Creek Boys School, Westminster, SC, 864-647-1885, announced Cherokee Creek was recently licensed as a Group Care Facility by the State of South Carolina. In addition, Cherokee Creek is now a US Department of State-designated sponsor organization and authorized to issue Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS)-generated documents such as the I-20 visa for international students approved for enrollment. For more information, contact the admissions department.

HAPPENINGS AT MONARCH SCHOOL

(October 7, 2008) The new drama center at Monarch School in Heron, MT, is nearing completion. In addition, the Equestrian Program, currently held in Sandpoint, will be moved on campus with the arrival of five horses and an additional two more next year. An indoor arena, complete with indoor stalls, will accommodate the horses, making it

possible for the students to ride five days a week. For more information, contact Sarah Fausett or Bambi Marshall of the Admissions Team at 406-847-5095.

EXCEL ACADEMY CLOSES

(October 8, 2008) Aspen Education Group consolidated the services of Excel Academy in Conroe, TX, with Sunhawk Academy in St. George, UT, and other addiction-based Aspen programs. This consolidation discontinued the services at the Texas program.

FOUR CIRCLES CARF ACCREDITED

(October 8, 2008) Four Circles Recovery in Horse Shoe, NC, achieved accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) for a period of three years. Contact Jack Kline, Executive Director for more information, 877-893-2221.

GLENHOLME SCHOOL NEWS

(October 9, 2008) The Glenholme School's international enrollment increased this year, with students from Bermuda, Canada, Mexico, Panama and Switzerland. In addition, the school started a new robotics program, FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) which completed its FIRST Technical Challenge with a crew of ten high school students in September. Team competitions begin in January 2009, and will culminate in June under the Georgia Dome. Contact David Tuttle, Marketing Director for the Glenholme School, Washington, CT, 860-868-7377.

NEW HORIZONS FOR YOUNG WOMEN CLOSED

(October 10, 2008) New Horizons for Young Women in Orrington, ME, will no longer serve adolescent girls and their families as of October 10, 2008, with their last student discharged on October 9. Jacqueline Danforth, Founder, wishes to thank both colleagues and staff for the support they have received in the last seven years. For more information, contact Audrey Peavey at 207-992-2424.

TELOS NEWS

(October 10, 2008) The construction of a new addition to Telos Residential Treatment Center in Orem, UT, is nearly complete. The 20,000 square foot addition consists of living quarters, dining room, fitness center, theatre, game room, classrooms, art rooms and woodshop. In addition, Telos now has a full time crew of teachers, replacing its outsourced education program, which offers the students extensive tutoring and organizational coaching. For information, contact Kristen Williams, Admissions Director, at 801-426-8800.

SILVERADO OPENS BUILDING

(October 11, 2008) The new academic center at Silverado Boys Ranch in Panguitch, UT, is now complete. It features nine classrooms, including state of the art science and computer labs with interactive whiteboards. In addition, Brett Haderlie joined the academic team and has a teaching certificate in Physical Education, Spanish and Psychology. Contact Denise Westman, Director of Admissions, 435-676-8482, for more information.

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TIMBER RIDGE – SEVEN YEARS!

(October 13, 2008) Virginia Short, Director of Admissions at Timber Ridge Preparatory School for Girls, Clark Fork, ID, 208-777-1615, announced Timber Ridge is celebrating its seven-year anniversary. They would like to thank the families, educational consultants and everyone else who supported them through the years.

JOHNSON JOINS SUNHAWK

(October 13, 2008) Ben Harris, Executive Director at SunHawk Academy, St. George, UT, 800-214-3878, announced SunHawk Academy, a program of Aspen Education Group, appointed Jeff Johnson as Director of Admissions. Jeff worked as Director of Marketing and Admissions for several Aspen Education programs, including Mount Bachelor Academy, SUWS of Idaho, Adirondack Leadership Expeditions and as Director of Special Projects for the Outdoor Division. Most recently, Jeff served as Executive Director of AMATS, the Association of Mediation and Transportation Services.

NATWC CONFERENCE EXPANDS FOCUS

(October 13, 2008) The National Association of Therapeutic Wilderness Camping (NATWC) hosted its 15th Annual Training Conference on Jekyll Island, GA, in September. In addition to the training sessions designed for front line wilderness staff, a symposium on broader issues facing outdoor programming was addressed by a panel consisting of Sharon Laney, Rosemary Tippet, Rob Meltzer, Lon Woodbury, Len Buccellato, Judge Hirsch and “Tick” McClintock.

CENTER FOR CHANGE LAS VEGAS

(October 13, 2008) Center for Change, a treatment program for eating disorders, opened a new program in Las Vegas called Center for Change Las Vegas. They are now accepting patients. An open house to celebrate the new center was held October 22, 2008, at the Longford Medical Center in Las Vegas. For information contact Tamara Noyes, Business Development Director, 801-224-8255.

HUNT AT SWIFT RIVER

(October 13, 2008) Lisa Hunt joined the admissions team at Academy at Swift River as an admissions counselor. She previously worked as a Senior Trainer and Consultant with Project Adventure, Inc. for ten years. Contact her at 800-258-1770 for information.

MIGDEN/OXBOW TO HOST PRESENTATION

(October 14, 2008) Stephen Migden, Director of Stephen Migden, PhD, ABPP and Associates, Roslyn Heights, NY, 516-625-0824, organized a presentation, hosted by Oxbow Academy, Wales, UT, 435-590-7198 on “New Directions in Treating Teens with Sexual Behavior Problems.” The meeting for New York area mental health professionals who deal with sexually inappropriate youth was held at the Melville Marriott in Melville, NY, October 20, 2008. Shawn Brooks, Executive Director of Oxbow Academy, and Heather Green, LCSW, clinical director of Oxbow, led the presentation.

FALCON RIDGE HORSE AUCTION

(October 14, 2008) The students and staff from Falcon Ridge Ranch in Virgin, UT, hosted their first annual horse auction,

complete with craft consignment booths, a Dutch oven dinner, a silent auction and entertainment. The students washed and groomed over 100 horses for auction that they had raised and trained for over a year. Over three hundred guests enjoyed the auctions and festivities and almost all the horses consigned were sold, with a percentage of the revenue from consignment fees going toward a nonprofit scholarship. Contact Mariah Pogue for information, 435-635-5260.

POSNER ANNOUNCES INTENSIVE EARLY CARE

(October 14, 2008) Dr. George Posner, IECA, CEP, founder of Educational Consulting Services, Ithaca, NY, 607-273-5400, offers a new service intended to help struggling families called Intensive Early Care, an innovative intervention service. It provides in-home coaching, 24/7 access to a family specialist, increased coordination and communication among all professionals and family members, a teen or young adult library, drug testing, a parenting library and parenting seminars. Families can modify practices, address underlying issues and help their children overcome difficulties. For more information, visit the firm’s website.

CHERRY GULCH THANKS SUPPORTERS

(October 15, 2008) Andrew Sapp, PhD, Founder and Clinical Director of Cherry Gulch, Emmett, ID, 208-365-3437, announced Cherry Gulch recently celebrated its two-year anniversary. Cherry Gulch thanks every educational consultant, program, professional and parent that helped make the program a success.

FAMILY FIRST NOT FOR TROUBLED TEENS

(October 15, 2008) Lisa Noonan, Director of Admissions at Family First Academy, Erie, PA, 814-860-9660, wrote a letter explaining Family First is not a school for troubled teens. She wrote, “FFA is a traditional, college prep school and does not have the programming to help a troubled student. We are capable of helping students who need a little extra focus on their academics and focus on helping students move on to college.”

HOMEWARD BOUND CREATES FAMILY FRONT

(October 15, 2008) Homeward Bound in Lehi, UT – which has offered in-home aftercare services for four years – has expanded services by creating Family Front, “a wholly owned subsidiary of Homeward Bound.” The stated purpose of Family Front is “to support families earlier in the process... [to provide] an effective alternative to a much more costly and disruptive out-of-home placement.” Contact Tim Thayne PhD CEO/Founder at 801-768-1441 for more information.

SAVING TEENS® FUNDS THIRD CHILD

(October 15, 2008) Patricia R. Abreu, Executive Director at Saving Teens in Crisis Collaborative (STICC), Sudbury, MA, 617-699-8245, announced STICC has funded its third teen, from Columbus, OH. The Foundation thanks their Collaborative Partners: Tamara Ancona and Denni David for pro bono educational consulting services, and Building Bridges for providing a program scholarship.

CHRISTENSEN CLINICAL DIRECTOR AT OUTBACK

(October 16, 2008) Outback Therapeutic Expeditions’ new Clinical Director is Dr. Neal Christensen. Neal originally