For more information, contact Julia Andrick at 208-265-8355.

Monarch Center's Summer Expeditions
(May 16, 2009) The Monarch Center, Georgetown, CO, is offering three separate leadership expeditions this summer for teens ages 12-18: Hopi/Navajo Indian Reservations, June 8-21, 2009; Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, July 6-19, 2009; and To Be Announced, August 3-16, 2009. All trips will be 13 night-14 day, work/study projects that prove to be challenging, fun and productive. For more information call 303-569-0767.

Cherokee Creek Founder's Day Celebration/ Graduation
(May 16, 2009) Beth Venable, Cherokee Creek Boys School, Westminster, SC, 864-647-1885, announced the school hosted a weeklong celebration to honor their 6th anniversary with festivities that included a 3 day Family Trek, a family seminar and a spring graduation.

Utah Program House Parent Charged with Rape
(May 17, 2009) A former male employee of Alpine Academy, Erda, UT, has been charged with rape for allegedly having a sexual relationship with a 17 year old female student. He is being held in the Tooele County jail in lieu of $100,000 cash bail.

Second Nature's New Programs
(May 18, 2009) The admissions team at Second Nature Therapeutic Wilderness Programs, Duchesne, UT, announced the launch of two new programs: Second Nature Insights, a 28 day therapeutic wilderness intervention for adolescents and The Journey, a 21-day backpacking expedition designed specifically for siblings of children ages 13-17 who have participated in wilderness or residential treatment. They are offering two sessions: Boys Group - June 21 – July 11, 2009 and Girls Group - July 27 – August 16, 2009. Call 866-205-2500 for more information.

Goldberg and Dobson Receive Awards from ISPA
(May 18, 2009) At the Independent Small Programs Alliance (ISPA) Dinner Meeting in San Francisco on April 30, 2009, Andy Anderson, ISPA president, presented Leslie Goldberg, MEd, CEP, of The Goldberg Center for Educational Planning, the ISPA Distinguished Service Award, and Educational Consultant and IECA Member, Joseph P. (Jody) Dobson MA, of Philadelphia, PA, the prestigious "ISPA Gem Award", for excellence in professional service to Special Needs Families,

FFS Music Groups Compete in Hershey, PA
(May 20, 2009) The Family Foundation School, Hancock, NY, 845-887-5213, made its 15th annual appearance at the North American Music Festival in May, competing for the first time at the Festival's venue in Hershey, Pa. The Family Singers, under the direction of Paul Geer, performed in the categories of Men's, Women's and Mixed Chorus. Tom Kovaleski directed the school's show choir, which also competed. The students were awarded "Superior" in Men's Chorus and Show Choir, and "Excellent" in Women's and Mixed Chorus.

FFS Boy Scouts Pitch in on Mother's Day
(May 20, 2009) Boy Scouts Troop 174 of The Family Foundation School, Hancock, NY, contributed time and talents to a fundraiser pancake breakfast on Mothers' Day, assisting a Scout from neighboring Hancock (NY) Troop 74 in completing his Eagle Scout requirements. The breakfast was held at the Hancock Airport. Five FFS Scouts helped cook and serve the pancakes to more than 400 guests. For more information on FFS, contact Ann Kozak at 845-887-5213.

Two New Eagle Scouts at FFS
(May 20, 2009) Two students at The Family Foundation School, Hancock, NY, 845-887-5213, completed their Eagle Scout projects this month and passed the Board of Review. The two are members of FFS Boy Scout Troop 174. They will be recognized, along with a third FFS Eagle Scout, at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor as part of the FFS graduation festivities in June. To date, six FFS students have achieved the Eagle Scout rank while enrolled in the school.

Family School Student Art Featured
(May 20, 2009) More than 20 paintings, photographs and woodcarvings by both staff and students of The Family Foundation School, Hancock, NY, 845-887-5213, were among the items sold at a silent auction fundraiser for the IECA Foundation at the IECA spring conference in San Francisco. The project, which raised $6,000, was sponsored by the Northeast Regional chapter of NATSAP and included artwork from several NATSAP schools and programs. Half the proceeds were donated to the IECA Foundation and the other half went to the schools involved.

Shadow Mountain Academy Celebrated Two Years
(May 20, 2009) Trilby Hoover, Admissions Director for Shadow Mountain Academy, Taos, NM, 208-946-6453, announced Shadow Mountain is celebrating its 2nd year anniversary. Founded in 2007, Shadow Mountain Academy is a coed recovery school for young adults 17 and over who are impacted by substance abuse or addiction. For more information, contact Trilby Hoover.

GAO Statement on Restraint and Seclusion Deaths
(May 19, 2009) The GAO has issued a statement it prepared at the request of Congressman George Miller for use at a hearing on the use of Restraints and Seclusion at both public and private schools. It includes an overview of federal and state laws, cases of death and abuse related to the use of restraints and seclusions and case studies from current investigations. To view the report in its entirety, refer to the web link.

Video of Congressional Hearing on Seclusion and Restraint Deaths
(May 19, 2009) A video of Congressman Miller's hearing on seclusion and restraint deaths. This video is approximately 2 hours long.

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> ~ Albert Einstein