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The Camp Maintenance Conference is scheduled for March 22 – 24, 2011.

More than 2,000 camping professionals throughout North America have benefited from this annual training and networking symposium endorsed by ACA, the YMCA, and the Girl Scouts. Culinary and property management workshops focus on safety, technology, equipment use, long-range planning, codes, regulations, and problem-solving for the camping industry. This year's conference is all about saving money, time, energy, the planet, and your Camp. Join your colleagues! Learn more [HERE](#).

Protecting the backs of your staff is an important accident prevention issue.

One out of every five workers in this country who is hurt and off the job for a day or more has a back problem. One out of every five workers who becomes disabled because of a work-related injury is the victim of a problem back. Nonprofits are not immune to these realities. Because of this, it's important for us to discuss how to keep your back healthy and strong. Back injury prevention should be part of your initial [Staff Safety Orientation](#) and the followed by position specific training on [Proper Lifting](#). Read more [HERE](#).

Quick, effective planning tools are available online. The [Nonprofit Risk Management Center](#) hosts several free tutorials on their Website that can help you develop basic risk management outlines for several key areas of nonprofit management. Topics include [Business Continuity Planning](#), [Accident Response Preparations](#) and [Workplace Safety](#).

YMCA of the USA recently posted a draft of the revised YMCA USA Aquatic Safety Guidelines for public review and comment. Public comment will be available through March 22, 2011, which is a 30-day period following initial posting to [YMCAexchange](#). The public comment period provides an opportunity for aquatic safety stakeholders within the YMCA movement to review the draft guidelines and provide comments for consideration to the final document. Once the public comment period is closed and appropriate modifications are made, the final document will be published. Go [HERE](#) to review the draft Aquatic Safety Guidelines.

Consider evaluating the trees on your property as spring approaches. Trees are valuable assets for many organizations. They are also a long-term investment that requires careful decisions and the occasional advice and service of a professional. In the world of trees, arborists form the cadre of specialists who can safeguard your trees and save you from the long-term consequences of their neglect or the wrong decision. Selecting the right arborist for your organization's needs can be challenging. Community resources and colleges can be of great assistance. Read more [HERE](#).

A sample of Facility Use Agreement & Guidelines has been posted in the [Online Library](#). The document is intended for use by organizations in developing their practices for use and rental of facilities.

Join the Nonprofit Risk Management Center for a series of risk management Webinars. The series features twelve, 60-minute programs on topical risk issues. Each program is packed with information and offers time for interaction with the presenter around your toughest risk management challenges. The series of twelve topics is ideal for in-service training, risk-management skills polishing and orienting staff, managers and board members to critical aspects of understanding and managing risk in your nonprofit organization. Get more info [HERE](#).

This Month's Topics:

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Back Injury Prevention
Planning Tools Online
New Y-USA Aquatic Guidelines
Maintaining Your Trees
Facility Use Agreement
Risk Management Webinars