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Early Bird Registration Rate for the 2012 SUMMIT! For the first time, the Nonprofit Risk Management Center is pleased to offer an early pre-program registration rate for the Center's annual educational conference, "The Risk Management and Finance SUMMIT for Nonprofits." The conference will be held in Chicago, IL during August 26-28, 2012. Attendees who register on or before the announcement of the SUMMIT program in late-May will enjoy a discounted registration price of \$375, which reflects a \$175 savings off the regular registration fee. Described as an "...awesome conference...from start to finish" by a first time attendee at last year's event, the 2012 event is limited in capacity and is expected to sell out. If you plan to attend, please register by 5/31 to take advantage of this special discount. Learn more and register [HERE](#).

Preventing Child Abuse takes ongoing efforts. There is no "Silver Bullet" for preventing abuse. Efforts must be consistent and ongoing. An effective [abuse prevention program](#) includes having policies in place, screening practices, effective training, strong supervision and regular communication with youth, staff and the community. The Reading YMCA in Pennsylvania recently utilized their electronic newsletter as an opportunity to communicate a little more about their efforts to protect youth from harm. This is just one example how organizations can include families and the community in their ongoing efforts for preventing abuse. Read more [HERE](#).

Tick season is coming. Because of a mild winter, ticks may be out in greater numbers and also earlier this spring. Normal tick season is from May through August, but with the 70+ degree temperatures in some places, the ticks may get a jump on the season. The ticks that are already out are the visible adult, sesame-sized ones, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)). A greater concern for humans is the soon-to-be hatched nymphs (about the size of the period at the end of this sentence) that can cause infections to occur. Because they are essentially invisible, preying on a host can easily go undetected. In most cases, the tick must be attached for 36-48 hours or more before an illness such as Lyme disease can be transmitted. Infections from ticks, such as Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever are on the rise. The good news is that you can take steps to reduce your risk of being bitten by an infected tick. Read more [HERE](#) for prevention information. Other resources include this [curriculum for educating youth](#) and handouts such as [these](#).

2012 Webinars for Risk Management help. The Nonprofit Risk Management Center ([NRMC](#)) offers two series of Webinars for helping you learn more about effective risk management. The [First Wednesdays](#) program is a 12-part series of 60-minute live and recorded webinars covering a wide range of risk-inspired topics; read more [HERE](#). The [Third Thursdays](#) program is a four-part series of 90-minute live and recorded webinars on human resource risk. The next program in this series: *He Said, She Said: Managing Workplace Disputes* will be offered on Thursday, April 19, 2012; read more [HERE](#).

The water in pools can spread germs that cause illnesses known as recreational water illnesses (RWIs). The germs that cause RWIs are spread when people swallow, breathe in the mists from, or have contact with contaminated water from pools, water parks, hot tubs, lakes, oceans, and any other type of water used for recreation. Since the mid-1980s, the number of reported RWI outbreaks has increased substantially, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)). The most common recreational water illness is diarrhea, which is often caused by the germs *Cryptosporidium* ("Crypto") and *Giardia*. Other common RWIs include skin, ear, respiratory, eye, neurologic, and wound infections. The best way to prevent illness when swimming is to stop the germs from getting into the water and to make sure that recreational water facilities properly filter and disinfect the water. Read more [HERE](#).

Best Practices Workbook for Boating, Fishing and Aquatic Resources Stewardship is a downloadable resource specially geared to making trainers and their programs more effective and safe. Created in 2000 for state fish and wildlife agency aquatic educators, *Best Practices* represents the best knowledge available for program planning, development and implementation, professional development, program evaluation and educational program research about teaching boating, fishing and stewardship of aquatic resources. The resource is filled with step-by-step guidance and easy-to-use tools for teaching and inspiring kids and program safety. Download this free resource [HERE](#).

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