

Camp Maintenance Conference Presentations

- 1. Keynote – Understanding Our Different Styles – Why We Drive Each Other Crazy! – Bruce Tamlyn**, Chaplain, Silver Bay and Owner, Leadership for Life, LLC.
This is an insightful and humorous look at our unique personality styles and how our styles affect everything about our relationship with others. In this keynote each participant will receive a copy of the Human Wholeness Model which will help determine one's style and approach to life.
Once we assess our style much of the presentation will focus on how we can better understand ourselves, those we love and those we work with. Practical examples and real life situations are used to illustrate how our styles can make or break our capacity to work with others. The goal of the keynote is to increase our emotional intelligence capacity and to facilitate better and more effective relationships. Humor is an important component in the keynote, for when we can laugh at ourselves with others, our minds and hearts are open for learning and growth
- 2. Keynote – Camp Capital Study – Greg Copeland**, Landscape Architect, Domokur Architects
During four intense months of research from April – July 2014, Domokur Architects was commissioned by the YMCA of the USA to conduct a Resident Camp Capital Improvement Study to address the 2014 Capital Improvement needs of all 224 resident camps across the United States. This study also helped to determine the economic benefits of Best Management and Sustainable (Green) Practices carried out by the resident camps over the course of the year.
Greg Copeland will be discussing findings in the study which may apply to all camps such as the methodology used to conduct the study, some of the key findings, best management practices as well as sustainable practices.
- 3. Common Little Problems (You Don't Know You Have)! – Gary Forster**, Camp Consultant
At many camps the same problems appear over and over again; invisible to camp staff, but a real pain to campers, guests, and counselors. You might call this a "Punch List" of maintenance and hospitality. Knock out a few of these, and you'll be a hero.
- 4. Small Engine Troubleshooting and Repair – Tom Ogle**, Master Mechanic at Ace Hardware
A back to basics approach to understanding the principles of operation of small engines with an emphasis on diagnosis and repair of the most common problems.
- 5. "Green" Your Machines with Eco-Friendly Products – Glenn C. Johnson**, Owner, AutoBeGreen
Eco-friendly, practical and affordable products for your camp vehicles, trucks, tractors, equipment, small engines and more. ALL products meet manufacturer's specifications. Products include: Eco-friendly motor oil, greases, lubricants, penetrants, car wash and more.
- 6. Technology at Camp – Make the Most of it! – Chris Wentworth**, Operations and Trip Coordinator, Wyonegonic Camps
Technology is great when it works! Learn how to add open and secure Wi-Fi to your camp property with easy-to-use equipment. Also, learn how to increase your cordless phone's range and add to existing phone wire.
- 7. The Test – How Does Your Camp Facility Score? – George Painter**, Executive Director, Camp Speers YMCA
Want to grow program and revenues and your camp reputation? Impossible, unless you pass the test. Are you working on the right priorities? The test will tell. Many camp property and program staff don't address the issues that will make your business a success. Let the test put you on track to higher grades.
- 8. Dining Hall Acoustics – Gary Forster**, Camp Consultant
The most important thing that happens during meals isn't the eating, it's the conversation. If the acoustics are bad then no one can make new friends or share stories. Gary shows examples of the good and the bad; the science behind preventing or fixing it; and lots of examples of how to make your dining room work better, or your next one the best.
- 9. Float Type Carburetor Overhaul and Repair – Tom Ogle**, Master Mechanic at Ace Hardware
Fuel contamination from water or debris is the single most common problem seen in small engine repair shops. This session will discuss the principles of operation and repair of the type of carburetor used on mowers, snow blowers, tills, etc.
- 10. The Sustainable Camps Movement – Chris Wentworth**, Operations and Trip Coordinator, Wyonegonic Camps
Implementing sustainable initiatives in your camp programs and facilities will result in three outcomes: reduce the environmental impact, provide an educational opportunity for your guests and save money. We will review case studies of sustainable initiatives and discuss small and large scale ways to apply these practices.
- 11. Open Shop Time – Engine Maintenance Shop, Boat Repair Shop, Woodworking Shop**
Bring your questions and make your plans. Open forums on engine diagnostics, woodworking, and boat repair. Take a look at a portable generator tune-up, log splitter, and tools and shop designs.

12. **Free Planning Advice: Refreshingly Honest, Thoroughly Researched** – Gary Forster, Camp Consultant
(Though some might say “brutal and opinionated”), here’s a chance to get free consulting on your own camp master site plan or facility designs. Bring what you’ve got (blueprints or the back of a napkin), and you will get a perspective that has saved thousands of dollars for others, avoided pitfalls, and made camps more FUNctional. Even if you don’t have a plan, you can learn (painlessly!) by watching and helping your peers.
13. **Tour of Camp Chingachgook – General, Septic and Electric Tours**
Take a walk about our beautiful property and learn about what Chingachgook has to offer. Several tours will be offered at the same time, with opportunities to visit our program areas, get a tour of our septic system and electric system. Bring your questions as we discuss how Chingachgook runs and our recent facility improvements.
14. **5 Common Camp Incidents You May Not be Ready For** – Michael Gurtler, Manager & Senior Consultant, Safe-Wise Consulting
So you think you’ve seen it all and maybe you have. This session will discuss the 5 most common causes of safety incidents at Camps and how to prevent, respond and plan for them.
15. **The Eight Hallmarks of Great Camps** – Gary Forster, Camp Consultant
The “average” camp isn’t full. Of their first-year campers, almost 2/3 don’t return for even a second year. Comparing yourself to “average” isn’t very helpful. Instead, I compared camps with high camper return-rates. It’s time you put their secrets into practice. It’s not rocket science, and it’s NOT what most of us were taught. (Gary’s most popular session; presented to over 100 camp boards).
16. **The Psychology Behind Our Behavior** – Bruce Tamlyn, Chaplain, Silver Bay YMCA and Owner, Leadership for Life, LLC.
This workshop is a combination of presentation and interactive exercises designed to deepen our awareness of our behavior, our capacity for being an effective team member and our capacity to love/relate to others. Understanding our behavior helps us to improve our relationships and enhances our capacity to work with others. This workshop draws on the research of Carl Jung and Jim Collins.
17. **Chainsaw Maintenance and Sharpening** – Tom Ogle, Master Mechanic at Ace Hardware
Learn how to perform some of the most common repairs and techniques to keep your saws running at their best.
18. **Floor Maintenance and Equipment** – Brian Allen, Program Manager, Leland Paper Company
This will be a hands-on seminar, showing and handling a variety of floor care equipment from auto floor scrubbers, to mopping systems to maximize your time and manpower.
19. **Preparing for an Armed Intruder at Camp** – Michael Gurtler, Manager & Senior Consultant, Safe-Wise
Lockdown plans work in some instances but in most violent situations an options-based plan is more effective and may save lives. This session will help you evaluate your risk and plan for the possibility of violence at your Camp.
20. **Camp Showerhouse and Bathroom Design** – Gary Forster, Camp Consultant
Gary has built many and seen hundreds more. He will share the designs and materials that he has had the best luck with, for individual cabin bathrooms, large showerhouses, and more formal dining hall or office restrooms.
21. **Diaphragm Type Carburetor Overhaul and Repair** – Tom Ogle, Master Mechanic at Ace Hardware
This session will demonstrate the steps necessary to repair the damage caused by dirt, water, or stale gas in the most common type of carburetor used on two stroke equipment.
22. **Designing Camper Cabins** – Gary Forster, Camp Consultant
Designing and building cabins should be simple, right? But so much is riding on our good decisions: a strong first impression, a “clubhouse” where campers can bond with their counselors, efficient use of materials, energy savings, minimal housekeeping, and long-term maintenance. Gary has collected examples for you from dozens of successful camps (and failures, too!) You’ll see details you can use in your current cabins, while learning time-tested design and program concepts that will help your new cabins deliver great experiences without breaking the bank
23. **The Effect of Ethanol on Small Engines** – Tom Ogle, Master Mechanic at Ace Hardware
This session will help you to understand the different fuels available and show the detrimental effects of ethanol on small engines, along with remedies for these problems.
24. **Moving From Supervisor to Coach** – Bruce Tamlyn, Chaplain, Silver Bay YMCA and Owner, Leadership for Life, LLC.
This workshop is a highly interactive experience where the focus is on the skills of effective coaching. The move today from supervisor to coach is essential for effective organizations to maximize the ability of their employees.
25. **Fast Fixes and Timely Tips** – Tom Ogle, Master Mechanic at Ace Hardware
An assortment of techniques and ideas gathered from years of experience that will make small engine repairs easier. Topics will range from quick diagnostics to fast repairs to shop shortcuts.

26. **Tom's Toolbox – Tom Ogle, Master Mechanic at Ace Hardware**
Find out what Master mechanic Tom Ogle has in his toolbox and what he thinks every property manager should have on hand for small engine repair.
27. **Great Camp Buildings – Greg Copeland, Landscape Architect, Domokur Architects**
This is an interactive opportunity to share our common experiences with the design, development and operation of great camp buildings. We will share our 42 years of experience as camp planners and architects for over 450 camps. We welcome the participants of this workshop to share their own experiences.
28. **Renewable Energy for Your Camp Facilities – Mark Major, Director, International Sports Training Camp**
This session is designed to show you ways to reduce costs, increase efficiency and improve the facility with the use of renewable resources. See how International Sports Training Camp and Trout Lake has incorporated these techniques into their business model and how they have been able to save money, help the environment and reduce waste.
29. **Shop Talk with Tom Ogle – Tom Ogle, Master Mechanic at Ace Hardware**
Tom will be servicing Camp Chingachgook equipment. Stop by to watch, ask questions or just talk shop.
30. **Master Planning Basics – Greg Copeland, Landscape Architect, Domokur Architects**
Based on the new book authored by Gregory Copeland, on the Master Planning Process for Camps. An in-depth look at the steps, resources, and opportunities for Camp Professionals to plan the future of their camp sites.
31. **Electrical Troubleshooting Techniques & NEC 2014 Code Changes – Phoenix Group Contracting**
Discussion of common electrical troubleshooting techniques including using multimeters, amp probes and infrared imaging cameras. Review of the National Electric Code 2014 changes and how it affects facility maintenance.
32. **High Efficiency Condensing Boilers and Emerging Hydronic Technologies – Phoenix Group Contracting**
Discussion of High Efficiency Condensing Boilers Theory and application. Introduction to new technologies in the hydronic industry including ECM circulators, dirt and air hydraulic separators, and more.

