

# Explanation Letter from Yvonne Hall, VEYC President



Dear Fellow Elks,

I just wanted to write a short note to explain why the changes have been made for this year's camping forms. As many of you know, the current VEYC Board and our new Camp Director are working diligently to regain our accreditation with the ACA. We are hoping that this will be accomplished during this summer's camping season.

Last weekend the Board and Camp Director met with an ACA representative at the camp. This representative from the ACA has donated 10 hours of her time to the VEYC to help us in regaining accreditation. We met as a group and she went over last year's survey results, allowing us to ask questions about areas that were not clear. She also gave us a new copy of the ACA accreditation book. During review of last year's survey results and review of the accreditation standards we discovered that children attending camp are not required to obtain a physical by a medical professional. Hence, we decided to not use the "pink" form. Had we decided to continue using the "pink" form, all campers would have been required to have a physical annually, instead of biannually. Also, we learned that a permission slip for each camper to participate in activities is needed and we should have been obtaining this all along.

I apologize for the inconvenience regarding the forms for this camping season. However, since camper forms had already been distributed at Protocol in March we did not know of any other way to get this information out. In the future, the activity permission slip will be included with the camper form packets handed out at Protocol.

For anyone that has not visited the camp lately, you should make an effort to come out and visit this year. The construction in the camp dining hall, adding handicap accessible bathrooms, a conference room, a new storage area for recreation/sporting supplies, two flat-screen TV's, and a small deck is absolutely beautiful. The endless hours that volunteers have spent in completing all of these projects before the current camping season should be applauded. They have done a wonderful job. Kudos to everyone that has helped with any of these renovations. I am not going to mention names because I do not know all of them and I don't want to leave anyone out.

From the bottom of my heart and on behalf of the VEYC Board, I say THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It is because of volunteers like all of you that the VEYC is possible. May we have a fun-filled and busy camping season in 2013.

Sincerely yours,

Yvonne Hall

VEYC President

P.S.

Any lodge that sponsors a cabin at the VEYC, please make arrangements to clean and make any needed repairs before camp begins on June 23rd. Please let Mike Journell know when you will be coming to complete maintenance to your cabin.