

# SECTION PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING



## January 2016 | Volume 6, Number 1 Your CCCA Northwest Section Newsletter

Our 2016 Sectional is coming up next month at Cannon Beach Conference center and space is starting to fill up. So don't delay in signing up as you don't want to miss being encouraged, challenged, a chance to learn and teach new skills & worship with other camping staff and have a great time renewing and making new friends. I did mention it is at the beach right?

See you February 29th-March 2nd!

Sign up and get more information at [cccanw.org](http://cccanw.org)

James Richey  
CCCA NW President

## PRACTICAL TIP



### Youth Leaders and Camp

While many youth pastors see camp as an invaluable part of their ministries, others strapped by budget and leadership constraints might need some convincing. So how can you help youth pastors visualize the amazing ways your camp can enhance their ministry? Start by focusing on communicating well on these five C's that are at the top of every youth leader's camp consideration list:

1. Cost: Will this camp be affordable for our students?
2. Care: How well will students be cared for by the staff and leaders?
3. Closeness: Is the distance feasible for our budget?
4. Content: What is being spiritually taught? Will the focus be on Jesus? Who is speaking?
5. Crazy Activities: What will draw our students? Do they have a pool, lake, large field or team games?

*By Pastor Dru Treves, the Rock Church (Point Loma, Calif.). Adapted from the original. You can read more in the December/January issue of InSite magazine and then watch for The Power of Camp's youth worker stories on social media and in other CCCA publications this spring.*

## FRESH IDEA



### Resolution Solutions

A whopping 45 percent of Americans usually make New Year's resolutions. But only 8 percent are successful at keeping them, according to statisticbrain.com. So what's the solution? Should we just give up on making

resolutions? Well, that ensures you won't fail, but you're not likely to get anywhere either. Despite the low success rate, explicitly setting resolutions still makes you 10 times more likely to attain a goal (Source: [statisticbrain.com/new-years-resolution-statistics](http://www.statisticbrain.com/new-years-resolution-statistics)). Instead, apply principles that will help those resolutions stick: start small, talk with others about your goals and avoid the need for perfection. These are all ways you can help ensure you'll see progress toward change by the time next New Year's Eve rolls around.

For more tips on making resolutions stick, check out [this post](#) from the American Psychological Association.

# FAITH STORY

## Amazing Grace

Grace was an orphan in the foster care system. Through the Baker family, she was able to receive a scholarship to attend camp at Pine Cove. Her counselor showed her the love of Christ, and Grace met her heavenly father. And, through much prayer, the Baker family decided to adopt Grace and make her a permanent addition to their family. Watch [a video](#) about Grace's story.

# FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE

# EXCELLENCE TRAINING

## January EIT—H3 Leadership: Be Humble. Stay Hungry. Always Hustle.

Based on his new book of the same name, Brad will share insights from more than two decades of work alongside thought-leaders such as Jim Collins and Malcolm Gladwell, Fortune 500 CEOs and start-up entrepreneurs. He categorizes essential leadership habits into three distinct filters he calls 'the 3 Hs':

Humble—Who am I?

Hungry—Where do I want to go?

Hustle—How will I get there?

These powerful words describe the leader who is willing to work hard, get it done and make sure it's not about him or her; the leader who knows that influence is about developing the right habits for success.

January 19, 2016

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9 a.m. Pacific

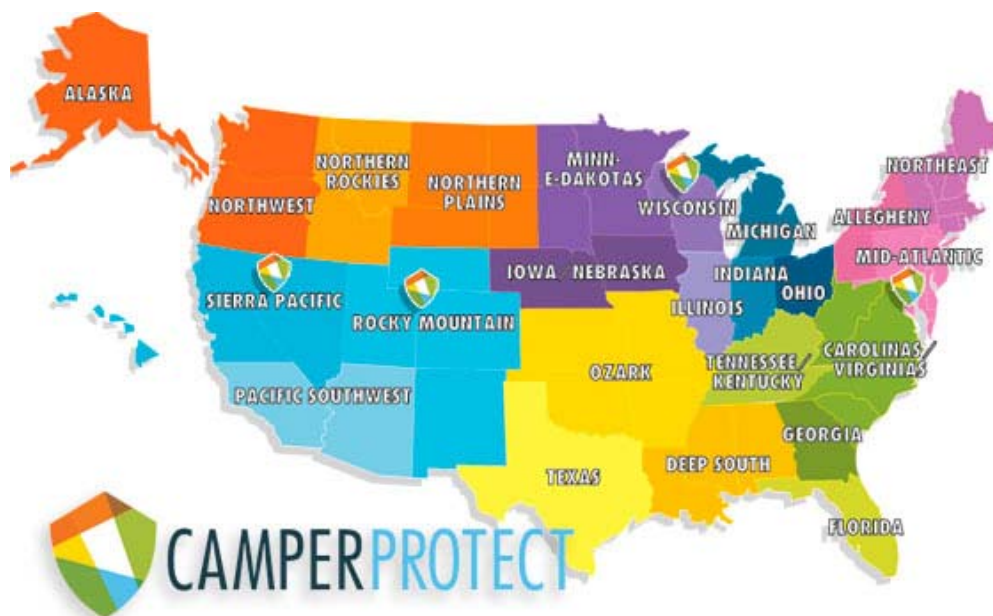
Brad Lomenick, best-selling author and leadership consultant




REGISTER NOW

Join the call! We'll be giving away copies of Brad's new book to a couple of participants.

## 2016 Sectionals



This winter and spring, Christian camping pros will gather across the U.S. for sectional conferences. Join others from your section for a time of encouragement, training and spiritual enrichment. Don't miss the sectional nearest you! Sectionals marked with  will include CamperProtect sexual abuse prevention training provided by CCCA and MinistrySafe.

**Jan. 25–27:** Pacific Southwest Sectional

**Jan. 26–28:** Mid-Atlantic Sectional 

**Feb. 1–3:** Minn-E-Dakotas Sectional

**Feb. 2–4:** Ozark Sectional

**Feb. 22–24:** Allegheny Sectional

**Feb. 22–24:** Florida Sectional

**Feb. 22–25:** Rocky Mountain Sectional 

**Feb. 22–24:** Texas Sectional

**Feb. 29–March 2:** Deep South Sectional

**Feb. 29–March 2:** Northwest Sectional

**Feb. 29–March 2:** Ohio/Indiana/Illinois/Tennessee/Kentucky Super Sectional

**Feb. 29–March 3:** Sierra Pacific Sectional 

**March 1–3:** Northern Rockies Sectional

**March 7–9:** Carolinas/Virginias Sectional

**March 7–9:** Michigan Sectional

**March 14–16:** Northeast Sectional

**March 14–17:** Wisconsin/Iowa/Nebraska Super Sectional 

**March 28–30:** Alaska Sectional

Go to [www.ccca.org/ccca/sections.asp](http://www.ccca.org/ccca/sections.asp) for more information about sectional locations and registration.

### **CamperProtect—Coming to CCCA Sectionals**

Although sexual abuse at camp is difficult to contemplate, it is our responsibility to implement safety measures that help to prevent it from happening on our watch. The stakes are high. Camps have a real obligation to do what they can to protect kids. Camper safety and the reputation of the Christian camping movement depend on it.

That's why CCCA has partnered with MinistrySafe to provide CamperProtect as a strategic initiative again in 2016 to help camps improve abuse-prevention policies. CamperProtect offers camp leaders an opportunity to reevaluate past efforts and to shake off any false sense of security.

### **CamperProtect Sectional Trainings: Abuse-prevention training for camps and conference centers**

CCCA and MinistrySafe are providing affordable training and tools at sectionals over the next two years. Here's what you can expect to walk away with:

- Practical resources created by attorneys who litigate sexual abuse cases
- MinistrySafe sample camp policies, tailored to most camp activities
- Documents to implement an effective camp screening process
- Offender characteristics gleaned from 30 years of offender studies
- Case studies of sexual abuse in camping context
- Information concerning "third party use" of camp facilities
- Access to functional tools tailored to camps and conference centers

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### **Christian Camping Resource Library—How You Can Help**

Would you be willing to help us with a special favor? Your expertise can help enhance CCCA's Resource Library, a digital information storehouse where members can access sample documents relevant to camping and ministry.

The library will be available in 2016, and we need your help collecting member content to fill the "virtual shelves." Please consider contributing two to three documents at your earliest convenience. Here are the most frequently requested items:



- Staff manuals
- Policies
- Best practices
- Form templates

Also, we'd love it if you could share:

- Games
- Outdoor education
- Summer staff training
- Camp store guidelines

If you have solutions to a common issue or an idea that helps your camp run more smoothly, would you be willing to pass those along? Please send all attachments to Leah Hill at [lhill@ccca.org](mailto:lhill@ccca.org).

*Disclaimer:* By submitting files I agree that the material I am uploading is original to me and/or that I have the authority and rights to upload it for my camp and conference center. The camp and/or conference center has the rights to display and distribute this material. The material and its submission is not in violation of any copyright laws. I also understand that I am giving permission to CCCA to share this information with any and all member camps and conferences.

Thank you for your contribution to help us fulfill our strategic initiative.

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### **Links We Love and Want to Share**

From [Christianity Today](#): "When Americans make New Year's resolutions, a better relationship with God

ranks almost as high as better health, Nashville-based LifeWay research found."

Have you had a chance to check out the December/January *InSite* magazine? For a peek at what's inside, check out these articles from the issue: [Rise of Generations](#), [What Keeps Youth Groups Coming to Camp](#), [Take 10 for the Team](#).

We love these short videos from the youth ministry blog *It's Just a Phase, So Don't Miss It*, in which leaders share what they love about various stages of youth ministry, from [elementary](#) to [middle school](#) to [high school](#).

What can you do when there is a particular goal you want to achieve but can never seem to get to? In [this article](#), Inc.com names three major causes of this type of failure and offers tips on overcoming the obstacles standing between you and your goal.

For the first time, daily marijuana use is more common than daily cigarette use among high school seniors, according to a just-released National Institute on Drug Abuse survey. Find out more in [this article](#) from *The Atlantic*.

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***Want to know more about CCCA and the resources it offers to members? Visit [www.ccca.org](http://www.ccca.org), and click on the "Maximize Ministry" graphic near the top of the page, or call our friendly membership staff at (719) 260-9400.***

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