

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Challenge Course Conference & Expo

February 7-10, 2013  
Las Vegas, Nevada

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# Welcome to Parallel Lines™!

We are pleased to present our Members with this online user-friendly design and format. Our goal is to provide our Members with an easy to read periodical that reflects the more modern world in which we live.

In this special Conference edition of Parallel Lines we will be sharing information about the upcoming 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual International ACCT Conference & Exposition. We will also be celebrating ACCT's 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday! All the planning is coming together and we are looking forward to getting this exciting event under way.

We encourage you to share Parallel Lines with your colleagues in your community. Remember you can view the publication on our website at [www.acctinfo.org](http://www.acctinfo.org). As always if you have a program, member or topic that should be included, let us know! We can be reached at [membership@acctinfo.org](mailto:membership@acctinfo.org).

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# January

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Late registration begins for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual ACCT Conference & Expo.

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ACCT sleeping room discount expires at the Red Rock Resort & Spa. All conference attendees booking a room after this date will not be guaranteed the group rate discount.

17  
Voting ends for the Board position elected by the Associate and Institutional Membership.

ACCT Board of Directors Meeting

21  
The ACCT office will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

# February

4  
ACCT Board of Directors Meeting in Nevada. All Conference Attendees Welcomed to Attend.

5-6  
OSHA Certification (Feb. 5-6) & ACCT ICE Prep Course (Feb. 6) offered at the ACCT Conference.

7-10  
23<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Conference & Expo Begins at Red Rock Resort & Spa.

12  
ACCT Board of Directors Meeting in Las Vegas, NV. This Meeting Will Provide an Orientation to Newly Elected Board Members. All Conference Attendees Welcome to Attend.

## About ACCT

The Association for Challenge Course Technology, (ACCT) is a recognized standards developer by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and was responsible for the development of the first Challenge Course Technology standards originally published in 1994. These internationally recognized standards are currently being maintained by ACCT through our accredited ANSI public comment process.

ACCT serves as the leading trade association for the Challenge Course and Aerial Adventure Course industries. ACCT has 41 accredited Professional Vendor Members (PVM's) and more than 2600 members globally (including the United States, Europe, Asia, the Caribbean, Canada, Japan, Korea and Central America).

### What is a Canopy Tour?

A guided aerial exploration or transit of the forest canopy, most commonly by means of a series of zip lines or aerial walkways with platforms.

### What is a Challenge Course?

A facility or facilities consisting of one or more elements that challenge participants as part of a supervised educational, recreational, or therapeutic curriculum.

### What is a Zip Line?

A lifeline (typically sloped) suspended between support structures that enable the participant attached to a pulley to traverse from one point to another.

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## Dr. Donald Perry, Keynote Speaker



### A Journey Through the Trees: Inspire, Initiate, Innovate!

Dr. Donald Perry has given presentations around the world and has made the first photographic archive of the "arboreal continent." He received his doctorate in biology from UCLA in 1983 and won the prestigious Rolex Award for Enterprise in 1984. The feature film *Medicine Man*, starring Sean Connery, was based upon his canopy zipline and book *Life Above the Jungle Floor*.

Recently Perry has completed a prototype research/bird watching cableway called Ecotram. Articles about Perry's pioneering rain forest explorations have been published worldwide in periodicals such as *Newsweek*, *Life*, *Star*, *Smithsonian*, *Geo* of Germany, *Paris Match*, *Quick* of Germany, and *The New York Times Sunday Magazine*. His television appearances include *Good Morning America*, *Nova*, and *National Geographic Explorer* just to name a few. Don't miss Dr. Perry's amazing story to be presented directly after the Opening Ceremony, Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 4:30pm.



# The Power of Connection

by Michelle Hepler  
ACCT Board Chair

It is hard to imagine that ACCT is turning 20 years old in 2013. It is even harder to imagine that the conference at Red Rock Resort & Spa in Nevada will be the 23<sup>rd</sup> time that some truly amazing people will be gathering, yet again to connect, share stories about their passions, learn, give, play, and laugh with old friends.

Those same amazing people will also meet and get to know at least one new, truly amazing person at this same gathering. Certainly you are sitting there reading this thinking...I want to meet some truly amazing people!!! Well then, Nevada in February is the place to be! I attended my first ACCT conference in Orlando, Florida, in 2000. While I had been in the industry for a few years, I was a relatively new ACCT member at that time. I can remember vividly the sense of information overload, but most importantly the energy and enthusiasm, that I experienced those few days. I returned to work overflowing with information, stories, and a host of new friends who I learned had the same trouble explaining to a stranger what we do for a living. To connect and

learn that you share passions with so many amazing people is priceless. Since Orlando in 2000, I must say that I've only missed two other ACCT conferences – Albuquerque, New Mexico and one of the years in Portland, Oregon. Making this event annually has become a priority for me. Unfortunately, at times, as an Institutional Member from the Parks and Recreation sector, travel and training and development funding has been frozen and conference attendance has been restricted. I have creatively found ways to make it work by getting involved, by volunteering in a number of ways; it's as simple as that. By volunteering, I met more people, I found more ways to share travel costs, and most importantly, found ways to continue to give the energy I had to give. If you know me well, you know

I remember things, people and events well. If you ask me to pick a favorite ACCT conference, I probably would have difficulty picking just one. I can however, recall some of the most meaningful and informative presentations, recount a ton of memories, and share a number of stories and events. As you make your plans to join us in Nevada, whether it is your 23<sup>rd</sup> gathering or your 1<sup>st</sup> – make sure you come prepared. Prepared for the energy, the enthusiasm, the professionalism, and most of all, the truly amazing people you will spend a few days with, learning, laughing, giving, and sharing. If you get the opportunity to join us, find me and I'll be more than happy to share a memory, a story, and plenty of energy!

## ORDER THE ACCT STANDARDS

The Eighth Edition of the ACCT Challenge Course & Canopy/Zip Line Tour Standards are now available from the ACCT Membership Office. Individual copies are \$60 U.S., plus shipping for non-members and \$50 U.S., plus shipping for members. Discounts are available for multiple copies. Order online or use the order form posted online and available from the ACCT Membership Office. Please contact the ACCT Membership office to order more than 4 copies. Checks, Money Orders, Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Purchase Orders (U.S. Only) are accepted.

## Updated 2013 Conference Schedule

### Tuesday 2/5/2013

8:30-5:00 OSHA Certification

### Wednesday 2/6/2013

8:00-5:00 OSHA Certification  
 8:00-5:00 ACCT ICE Prep Course  
 12:00-5:00 Exhibit Hall Move In  
 2:00-4:00 Service Crew Training  
 4:30-7:00 Registration Opens  
 5:00-7:00 Early Arrivals Reception; All Welcome  
 evening Leadership Meeting

### Thursday 2/7/2013

7:30-7:00 Registration and Information  
 8:30-3:00 Pre-Conference  
 8:00-2:00 Exhibit Hall Move In  
 3:00-4:00 Annual General Meeting  
 4:00-5:30 Opening Ceremony/Keynote Speaker  
 5:30-9:00 Exhibit Hall Open  
 6:00-8:00 Reception/Booth Crawl

### Friday 2/8/2013

7:30-5:30 Registration and Information  
 8:30-2:45 Workshop Sessions  
 10:00-4:45 Exhibit Hall Open  
 2:45-4:15 Builder's Olympics (All welcome)  
 4:30-6:00 Workshop Sessions  
 6:00-10:00 Exhibit Hall Open  
 6:00-8:00 Reception/Celebrity Night/Silent Auction  
 8:30-10:00 Live Auction in Exhibit Hall

### Saturday 2/9/2013

7:30-5:00 Registration & Information  
 8:30-6:15 Workshop Sessions  
 10:00-3:00 Exhibit Hall Open  
 3:00-5:30 Exhibit Hall Dismantle  
 7:00-8:00 Closing Dinner  
 8:00 Awards Ceremony/Birthday Party/  
 Closing Reception

### Sunday 2/10/2013

8:30-12:00 ACCT ICE Exam  
 1:00-5:00 Post-Conference Workshop

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**INSURANCE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

**Eligible Risk Included:**

- ◆ Ropes Challenge Courses
- ◆ Zip Line/Canopy Tours
- ◆ Aerial Adventure Parks
- ◆ Builders/Construction Risk
- ◆ Industry Product Vendors

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## Join Us At Red Rock!

by Cynthia Paris

Conference Committee Chair

A new year, new inspiration! This year our annual conference theme is: Inspire, Initiate, Innovate! Find plenty of this to help you reach new heights as a practitioner or in your business. Our keynote speaker, Dr. Donald Perry has tales to tell from some of the earliest photos of the rainforest canopy to some creative ways to view these breathtaking sights.

There is still time to sign up for our annual conference. This year our International Conference and Expo will be held at the sprawling Red Rock Resort & Spa, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Close to gorgeous hiking and climbing in the Red Rock canyons, this is not your typical Vegas location. The dynamic property does have a casino, of course, yet outside are views of the Red Rock cliffs. Head to the conference center, with its sweeping verandas overlooking the pool and you will feel like you are somewhere else altogether.

Join us for ACCT's 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Saturday night! Yes, it has been a time of growth and ever changing practices for our industry. Meet and talk to both longstanding members as well as members new to the association. Our Networking Meal Plans are designed with this in mind. Grab some food while you discuss hot trends or past history. Face to face conversations can give meaning to some of your questions or give flight to some of your ideas.

This year eight pre-conference workshops kick off the conference on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Spend time with the experts during in-depth presentations on personal protective gear, canopy and zip line hot topics, fun stuff games, processing tools for transforming drama, open forum for course managers and camp personnel, rescue systems, tree biology and visual inspection, and social media marketing. All attendees are encouraged to come to the Annual General Meeting (AGM), Thursday afternoon at 3:00pm. ACCT Executive Director, James Borishade, along with our ACCT Board of Directors, will share information on our industry's latest business. Each committee will provide updates and a brief opportunity for questions.

Thursday evening kicks off the opening of our grand Exhibit Hall- filled with elaborate displays and technology you need to see! Take this opportunity to visit each of the vendors while enjoying light snacks and beverages during the Booth Crawl. We have leaders in the industry in our Exhibit Hall- whatever project or dream you have - one of these professionals can make it a reality.

Friday night we are adding some celebrity fun to the Exhibit Hall, in honor of our host city. Vendors and attendees are encouraged to dress as a movie star, singer, celebrity, superhero or other entertaining character. This may be Vegas,

but keep your costume appropriate for all kinds of people. We can enjoy some creative styles and even some laughter - but let's not have anyone need to shield their eyes! Show your creativity and you might just earn a FREE conference registration for 2014.

The Silent and Live Auctions will be held in the Exhibit Hall Friday night. Funds are raised for charitable purposes such as scholarships to the conference and for other special projects. Check out the great products and services donated by others in the industry.

Friday and Saturday, nearly 100 workshop sessions are available as part of your conference registration. Presenters work hard to deliver new topics as well as core industry knowledge. All workshops are held within steps of the exciting Exhibit Hall - so you can be sure to take it all in.

By popular demand - the Builder's Olympics is back with its original name. Some things are just meant to stay! Participate or come support the teams as they compete in classic events like the cable whip and some new surprises!

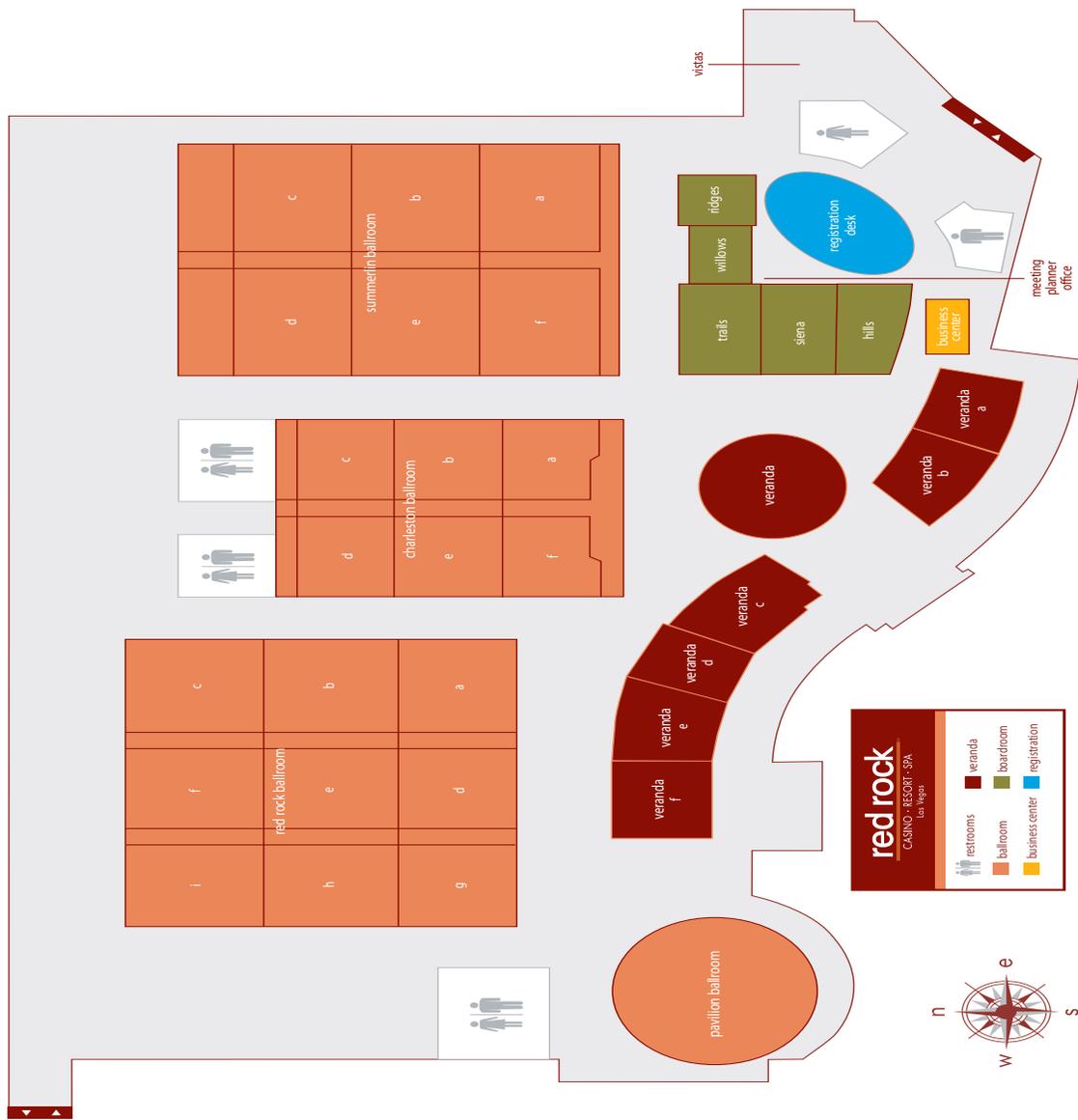
Saturday afternoon brings with it the close of the Exhibit Hall - so be sure to stop by early in the day. Space is still available for closing dinner Saturday night, and can be purchased separate from the meal plan. Everyone is encouraged to attend Saturday night closing awards, ceremony, slideshow and Birthday party! Plenty of seating and social area is available for those that wish to dine elsewhere and join just for this special closing event.

If you haven't registered yet there is still time to use the easy online registration form on the ACCT website. It's quick, easy and saves you time at the event.

A special Thank You to the entire Conference Committee and the ACCT staff for working together to create another unique conference. This year, we look forward to seeing familiar faces and activities while trying out some new additions to the conference. Your feedback is always appreciated. If you have a last minute idea, or would like to look closer at helping plan and run this great event, please contact the ACCT office or contact me at [cparisconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:cparisconsulting@gmail.com).

# 2013 International Challenge Course Conference & Expo Map

5TH FLOOR Meetings and Events



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The ACCT Silent Auction will be held Friday evening in the Exhibit hall from 5:00-8:00pm. Every year we receive some incredible donations for the silent auction. There's something for everyone. Don't miss your chance to WIN!

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**NETWORKING MEALS:**

Package 1. \$165 Includes breakfast & lunch Feb. 8 & 9, closing dinner Feb. 9, & breakfast on Feb. 10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Package 2. \$ 60 Includes lunch on Feb. 8 & 9 (Two lunches) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Package 3. \$ 65 Closing dinner Feb. 9 (One dinner) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Purchase meal tickets by 1/23/13.

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**CERTIFICATION COURSES:** (lunch not included unless otherwise stated)

-- Tuesday, Feb. 5 & Wednesday, Feb. 6 - OSHA 10 Construction Class by Jack Moeding \$135.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

-- Wednesday, Feb. 6 - ACCT Inspector Certification Prep Course by ICE Committee (includes lunch & materials) \$225.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

-- Sunday, Feb. 10 - ACCT Inspector Certification Exam by ICE Committee = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS:** February 7, 8:30 to 3:00, lunch included (Choose one)

1. Drama and the Compassionate Cycle of Innovation: Getting Unstuck with Nate Reiger and Jeff King \$125.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2. A Principle-based Approach to Challenge Course, Aerial Park, and Canopy Tour Rescue Systems with Brian Lisson and Dr. Kathy Haras \$125.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3. Canopy/ Zip line Tours Hot Topic Forum with Victor Gallo and various other presenters still to be announced \$125.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

4. OPEN SPACE for Course Mangers & Camp Personnel with Tom Leahy \$125.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

5. Tree Biology, Structural Mechanics, and VTA for ACCT Practitioners with Scott Baker and Jake Jacob \$125.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

6. Personal Protective Equipment- Inspection, Maintenance and Management with Rick Vance \$125.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

7. Fun Stuff with Karl and Michelle with Michelle Cummings and Karl Rohnke \$125.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8. Social Media strategies: It Takes More Than a Facebook Page and Twitter Account with Matthew Marcus \$125.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**POST-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP:** February 10, 1:00 to 5:00

1. Designing a Profitable Zip Course with Valdo Lellamand \$65.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## The 8th Edition Impact

by Victor Gallo

Chairman

Canopy/Zip Line Tour Committee

With the publication of the newest standards (8<sup>th</sup> Edition) the Canopy/Zip Line Tour (CZLT) industry has seen a gigantic step in the increase of safety measures and practices. As always, these changes have an impact on operators and builders and there is often confusion as to how to apply these changes to an existing course. It is also obvious that implementing these measures can become an economic burden to operators and sometimes a puzzle to the builder. With the intent to clear some of these issues the CZLT Committee will be offering workshops during the upcoming conference which will bring the light to all these changes. From braking systems to safety factors and operational issues, the intent of these workshops will be to educate the attendees in order to apply these changes.

The CZLT Committee will be presenting a workshop involving the new standards in order to answer questions among standards users. Changes from the previous standards will be highlighted and attendees will be able to inquire about these changes during a Q&A period.

There will also be a Pre-Conference workshop where a team of experts will be discussing some of the "Hot Topics" in this industry that have been in debate for years, as well as constructive chats. We will have a Panel of four presenters with the following topics:

Mark Glynn - **Rethinking Ground Anchors.** In this presentation the goal of the presenter is to educate the participants on the proper practice of designing, constructing and testing earth anchors based on the best practice currently used.

Erik Marter - **Training Effective Guides.** The goal of this presentation is to educate the trainer and operator on the difference between a good guide and a great guide and how this comes down to proper training.

Ben Poulter - **Advancements in Braking Systems.** The goal of this presentation is to demonstrate to the audience how technology developed with robust methodologies combined with adequately defined standards can be used to enable new and enhanced user experiences.

Victor Gallo - **One Wire Rope or Two...Says Who?** The goal of this presentation is to provide the necessary information to the builder and future tour operator as to the ins and outs, pros and cons of a single or double wire rope zip line course.

In addition to this, various Canopy/Zip Line Tour workshops will be offered throughout the conference with experienced presenters involved with this industry.





## New Membership Package Rollout

by Lindsay Walton  
Chair  
Membership Committee

As we enter into 2013, we're getting ready to celebrate ACCT's 20th birthday and to rollout the first phase of the new membership package. The new membership categories and benefits were released in the Parallel Lines, Fall Edition 2012. Various information has been released in the monthly ACCT Clipboard regarding what your next steps should be. This article is written in an effort to give you more specific information on how the new package will be rolled out and what you need to be aware of.

The Membership Package will be rolled out in four (4) phases. These phases are outlined below. A few things to keep in mind in regards to the new categories:

- You do not need to change your membership over to the new categories until you renew your membership.
- If you currently hold an Associate Membership in a business name you will need to list the Program Director as the Individual Member or upgrade to an Organizational Membership when renewing.
- If you currently hold an Associate Membership and want to change to the Student/Senior or Non-Profit Category before your expiration date you will not be issued a refund for the difference in membership costs.

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### 2013 Membership Package Rollout

**Phase 1 – We will begin steps to implement phase 1 beginning February 7, 2013. We plan to complete this phase by the end of April, 2013.**

#### Membership Categories Available:

- Student/Senior Membership: \$65
- Individual Membership: \$85
- Organizational Membership: \$275
- Professional Vendor Member: \$1,800

#### Benefits Available:

- Receive "Parallel Lines," ACCT's online newsletter
- Receive complimentary printed ACCT standards FREE upon new membership and when new editions are published
- Purchase additional copies of ACCT standards at a discounted rate
- Have access to support if you are experiencing a challenge course related problem or concern
- Discounted registration fee for annual conference
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- Access to employment opportunities through the ACCT Job Board
- Ability to post challenge course industry employment opportunities on the ACCT Job Board
- Product recalls emailed to you
- Option to appear in the online Membership Directory
- Ability to use ACCT Member logo in online and printed promotion
- Discount for vendor exhibit booth
- Free ad in Parallel Lines for all PVMs
- Ability to post training opportunities (for PVMs only)

## New Membership Package Rollout

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### Phase 2 – To be completed by June 30, 2013

#### Membership Categories Added:

- Business Partner Member: \$1,500

#### Benefits Added:

- Automatic Renewal Service
- Current Research Results
- Access to discounts and promotional deals through the Members Discount Directory
- Ability to post discounts and promotional deals for ACCT members through online Members Discount Directory (for PVMs and Business Partner Members only)
- Highlighted profile in Members Discount Directory to attract additional attention (for PVMs only)

### Phase 3 – To be completed by September 30, 2013

#### Benefits Added:

- Web link exchange program that improves Google search results for your business
- Grant and Scholarship Information
- Information regarding completed lawsuits and government updates

### Phase 4 – To be determined (TBD)

#### Benefit Added:

- Approved Challenge Course logo
- Discounted online Professional Development Workshops

The Membership Committee will be holding informational workshops at the 2013 ACCT Conference & Expo and will be on hand to answer your questions. Check the Conference Program for exact times. If you have questions about the new Membership Package or the Rollout Plan before then please contact the Membership office at [membership@acctinfo.org](mailto:membership@acctinfo.org).

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**You will need to make your reservations online to receive the ACCT Room Block Discount!** A credit card will be needed at the time you make your reservation in order to guarantee your room. For questions or other information about the hotel you can call the Red Rock Resort & Spa at +1-866-767-7773.

**All participants, must make their own reservations by utilizing the link above.**

Reservations must be made by **Monday, January 14, 2013.** (Please note that the room block sold out earlier than the cutoff date last year.) After January 14, 2013, any remaining rooms in the conference block will be released to the hotel for general sale and the group rate will no longer be guaranteed. Remember to book your rooms early!



Tuesday & Wednesday February 5 & 6	Thursday February 7	Friday February 8	Saturday February 9	Sunday February 10
<b>Tuesday &amp; Wednesday</b> 8:30 am - 5:00 pm OSHA 10 <b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am - 5:00 pm ACCT I.C.E. Prep	8:30 am - 3:00 pm Pre-Conference 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Annual General Meeting 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Opening Ceremony & Keynote Address	8:30 am - 6:00 pm Workshop Sessions 12:45pm - 2:15pm Builder's Olympics 8:30 pm - 10:00 pm Live Auction	8:30 am - 6:00 pm Workshop Sessions  7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Closing Dinner & Awards Ceremony	8:30 am - 12:00 pm ACCT I.C.E.  1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Post-Conference Workshop

### Conference Tracks

Focused tracks help attendees make the most of their conference experience.

- cz canopy & zip line tours

Ideal for individuals, companies, novices and experts with a specific interest in the canopy & zip line tour sector of the challenge course industry.

- fp facilitation & programming

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- ib industry & business

Ideal for individuals & companies looking to gather more detailed insight on the challenge course industry.

- om operations & management

Great for those looking to acquire insight and data on how to operate and manage a canopy/zip line tour or traditional challenge course program.

- tt technical topics

Perfect for those interested in learning more about the technical side of the challenge course industry.

## certifications

**OSHA 10 Construction Class** by Jack Moeding  
 Tuesday, February 5 and Wednesday, February 6  
 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

OSHA 10 class covers the basic requirements builders are required to follow during the construction of ropes courses, zip lines, and climbing walls. Course will also cover OSHA information required for the facilitator and inspector that needs to be followed during the course of their duties.

*For Jack Moeding's bio please refer to the ACCT website.*

**ACCT Inspector Certification Test Prep Education & Discussion Session**  
 by the Inspector Certification Exam (ICE) Committee  
 Wednesday, February 6  
 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

This session will explain the new ACCT Inspector Certification status, provide an overview of relevant industry standards, skills and knowledge that inspectors of all areas of the industry should be aware of. Registered attendees will receive a list of references and study guides 30 days prior to attendance. This session will provide an overview of the most relevant of that information and allow attendees to ask questions regarding the material. This session is strongly recommended for those who plan on taking the written ACCT ICE Level I or II being offered Sunday morning.

**ACCT Inspector Certification Exam (ICE)** by ICE Committee  
 Sunday, February 10  
 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

ACCT Inspector Certification Exam will be offered for Level I and Level II. Supervisor Endorsement will be available for those that qualify. For more information please visit [www.acctcertifications.com](http://www.acctcertifications.com).



## pre-conference

Thursday, February 7  
8:30 am - 3:00 pm

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### 1. **Drama and the Compassionate Cycle of Innovation: Getting Unstuck** with Nate Reiger and Jeff King

Experience The Cycle of Compassionate Innovation as a roadmap for transforming drama into positive change. Explore issues such as negative vs. positive conflict, facilitator drama and enabling, and the learning edge. Although we can't guarantee smooth sailing, we promise this workshop will give you plenty to chew on, challenge some long-held habits, offer insight, and stir things up.

*Nate is a founding member of Next Element Consulting, providing communication and leadership training, conflict resolution support, and outcomes measurement to clients in the US and abroad.*

*Jeff is also a founding member of Next Element Consulting, offering coaching, training, facilitation, and leadership skills development for organizations of all sizes and has presented many times for ACCT.*

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### 2. **A Principle-based Approach to Challenge Course, Aerial Park, and Canopy Tour Rescue Systems** with Brian Lisson and Dr. Kathy Haras

This one-day workshop will present information about the basic physics of rope systems and introduce analysis techniques that will allow you to make evidence-based decisions about the safety and effectiveness of different rescue strategies which can be used on challenge courses, adventure parks, and canopy tours. Bring your calculator and come prepared to analyze your favorite rescue.

*Brian is President of Adventureworks! Associates Inc. in Ancaster, Ontario, and has been involved in experiential and adventure-based programming since 1983. Brian has taught ropes course and rock climbing rescue techniques for over 20 years and is actively involved in the testing and development of ropes course rescue strategies.*

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### 3. **Canopy/ Zip line Tours Hot Topic Forum** with Victor Gallo, Erik Marter, Mark Glynn, and Ben Poulter.

A Forum designed with a diversity of presenters on "Hot Topics" in the industry. Presenters have the necessary field experience in each topic to inform and educate the public on specific issues and techniques. Q & A period will be held at the end of the forum.

*Victor Gallo is the current Chairman for the ACCT Canopy/Zip line Committee. He is also owner of a canopy, zip line and aerial bridge building company based out of Costa Rica.*

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### 4. **OPEN SPACE for Course Managers and Camp Personnel** with Tom Leahy

OPEN SPACE is an incredible meeting methodology created in the 1970's by Harrison Owens and allows participants to come with their expertise and questions and create an environment of sharing and abundance. As a participant in OPEN SPACE, you will take an active role in your own learning and have unique power and responsibility to make sure others get the learning they need. In OPEN SPACE, you create the agenda and convene discussions that are relevant to YOU in the moment. Discussion topic areas can include ANYthing and EVERYthing you do or encounter as a course manager or camp personnel. Your questions and experience will help to develop this unique workshop.

*Tom Leahy has been trained and has facilitated OPEN SPACE events since 1994. His experience with OPEN SPACE and his background as a challenge and adventure facilitator will support this first offering at the ACCT Pre-Conference.*

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### 5. **Tree Biology, Structural Mechanics, and VTA for ACCT Practitioners** with Scott Baker and Jake Jacob

This workshop will cover the biology of trees as it relates to people building in or near trees and/or anchoring in trees. The vibrant discussion of wrap or bolt (anchor) in trees will be thoroughly disseminated. Methods used by arborists to identify various defects in trees will be covered. The principals of adaptive structural growth in trees (self-engineering) will be discussed using actual examples.

## pre-conference

Thursday, February 7  
8:30 am - 3:00 pm

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### 5. Tree Biology, Structural Mechanics, and VTA for ACCT Practitioners

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The attendees will also learn the basics of Visual Tree Assessment or VTA and gain a tangible knowledge of how to determine whether a tree is able to be loaded in structural use or better left alone. The information we present will also help participants understand how to observe and monitor trees supporting structures over time.

*Scott is a Registered Consulting Arborist, Board Certified Master Arborist. Thirty-six years experience with trees and Challenge Courses. He has been teaching people about trees for a long time!*

*Jake Jacob is a treehouse builder & rigger who has co-presented with Scott numerous times on topics such as knowledge of tree entry, tree attributes/limits and successful rigging.*

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### 6. Personal Protective Equipment- Inspection, Maintenance and Management with Rick Vance

Workshop participants will learn manufacturer's recommendations for care, maintenance, inspection, and management of life safety equipment specific to adventure courses and training organizations. The course will cover basic skills and procedures for conducting equipment examinations, and producing inspection reports. Considerations for creating a thorough life safety equipment management system and inspection regime will also be covered.

*Rick Vance, Petzl America's Technical information Manager, is a certified Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) inspector and trainer with a mechanical engineering background. Rick has extensive experience in the vertical world as a climber and mountaineer, and extensive knowledge of PPE systems for industrial and rescue applications.*

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### 7. Fun Stuff with Karl and Michelle with Michelle Cummings and Karl Rohnke

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*Michelle Cummings M.S. is the Big Wheel and founder of Training Wheels, a known leader in the Team Development industry. She is an accomplished author and is a sought-after speaker and consultant on leadership, teambuilding, and experiential learning. Michelle has created a wide variety of facilitation, debriefing and teambuilding activities that have collectively changed the way trainers and educators work. Michelle has authored 4 books to date and a 5th is in its final stages.*

*Karl Rohnke is quasi-retired but still travels worldwide presenting clinics concerning the use of games and initiative problems as related to various pedagogic applications. He has authored 15 books that relate to the field of adventure education including Cowstails & Cobras, Silver Bullets 1 & 2, QuickSilver, and Funn 'n Games. He is credited for creating many of the teambuilding games we all play today. Be sure not to miss the opportunity to play with Karl at ACCT.*

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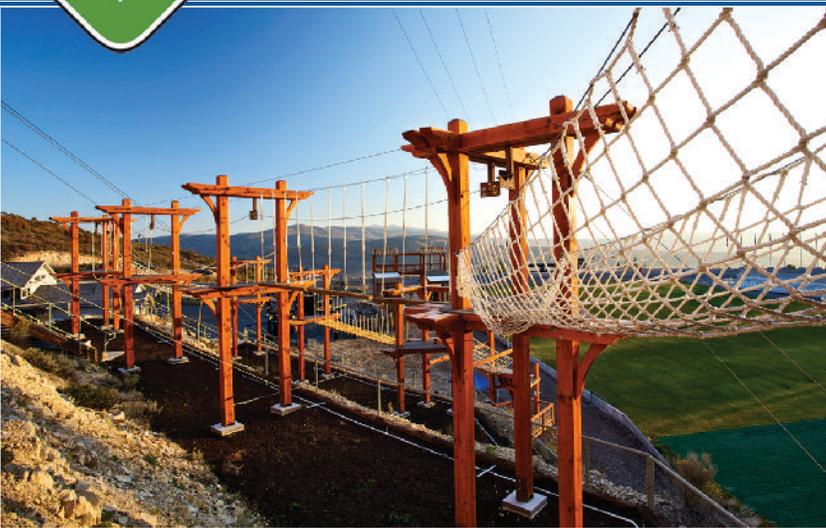
### 8. Social Media Strategies: It Takes More Than a Facebook Page and Twitter Account with Matthew Marcus

Sure you have a Facebook page and maybe a listing on TripAdvisor. But using Social Media as a tool to increase sales and grow your business or program takes more than just posting a few updates once in a while. In this lecture with live demos, you will discover Social Media strategies you can easily learn and implement for FREE or inexpensively, that will help you increase sales/participation, engage better with your current customers/participants, and help you develop your brand and reputation. By the end of this session, you will choose a handful of strategies you can start using the day you return from the conference!

*With 14 years in the industry, Matt has been an early adopter of using technology and Social Media to work smarter, not harder. At the Georgia Institute of Technology for the past 6 years, Matt integrates technology and Social Media to supplement standard sales and marketing strategies. Matt believes technology is only a tool – not a crutch, but that the tool must be used wisely and with expertise to get the job done right. Matt will share with you easy, FREE, and cheap ways you too can utilize Social Media to your advantage.*



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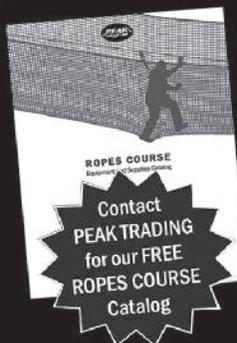
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