



## **CHILDREN'S CAMP WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO GO TO CAMP THIS SUMMER?**

The Department of Human Services has a contract with the American Camping Association, Illinois that can pay the camp fee. There are day camps and over night camps with one or two week sessions for ages 7-13. Some areas of the state do not have camps close enough to make them available to all children.

### **YOU ASK "WHY SHOULD I SEND MY CHILD/CHILDREN TO CAMP"?**

There are numerous activities being provided at camp that your child can participate in and have Fun! Fun! Fun! Examples of the fun activities at camp include swimming, boating, arts & crafts, drama, individual and group sports, camping out, cooking out, hiking, and horseback riding. There are also house keeping activities, community service projects and leadership training for the older children. What a better way for a child to have fun and also learn how to make a bed, sweep a floor, learn how to cook and learn how to do laundry.

### **WHAT DO I GAIN FROM MY CHILD GOING TO CAMP?**

You can enjoy your free time doing things that you do not have time for such as reading a book, watching a movie, taking a nap, or visiting a friend or family member. At the day's end your child will come home happy and excited and you will be rested up and ready for another adventurous day.

### **HOW DO YOU FIND OUT IF THERE ARE CAMPS NEAR YOU?**

Call Toll Free 1-866-543-2267 or 1-866-KID-CAMP beginning Thursday April 1, 2010 through Friday, April 30, 2010. Call between the hours of 9:00 AM through 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM through 4:00 PM. **Have your medical card ready.**

**Please do not call on Friday, April 2, 2010 (Good Friday), the ACA Illinois office will be closed.**

### **THEN WHAT WILL I HAVE TO DO?**

1. You will need to supply information to the camp that you select either in person or by mail. The camp will tell you what they need to know.
2. You will need to get the child to the place where campers are picked up to travel to camp and are returned after the camp session. This location may be the actual campsite or at a pick-up point at a town closer to your home.

This is a great opportunity for your child. Please call as early in the month of April as possible because the number of camp openings is limited. If the line is busy, continue trying to call it again as many other people may also be calling.

**After April 30, 2010 you may call 1-312-332-0833, but this is not a toll free phone number.**