26TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL
ACCT Conference & Exposition
January 28-31, 2016 | Lost Pines (Austin), Texas

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Keynote Address by
Treehouse Masters
Pete Nelson

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“The Treehouse Guy,” Pete Nelson, is the star of Animal Planet’s Treehouse Masters. Pete runs Nelson Treehouse and Supply, the company responsible for designing and building some of the world’s most incredible treehouses. He and his wife, Judy, currently own and operate Treehouse Point in Washington state, a retreat featuring a half-dozen treehouses for guests to rent.

With a reputation for limitless imagination and incomparable skills, Pete is widely known as the best treehouse builder in the world. Living by the motto “if you dream it, you can build it,” he constantly pushes his clients’ treehouse expectations to the max. With a arsenal of experience Pete continues to design and build treehouses the world has never seen before.

Pete also teaches people how to safely design and build their own treehouses. He has shared his breadth of knowledge in the coffee-table staple New Treehouses of the World and Treehouses: The Art and Craft of Living out on a Limb. His creations have been featured on countless TV shows and newspaper articles. He continues to challenge himself and his team to build the most luxurious lifestyles in the lofty heights of trees around the world.

Pete currently resides in Fall City, Washington.
about ACCT

Founded in 1993, ACCT is the oldest and largest trade association focusing specifically on the challenge course, zip line, and adventure park industry. As the industry becomes more diverse, ACCT continues to expand and provide the necessary support and resources for individuals and businesses at all levels. ACCT has been the leading professional resource for those who create and operate safe and effective challenge course and adventure programs that facilitate learning and positive change in individuals, groups, and communities.

COMING TO THE CONFERENCE MEANS A LOT OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. IT’S A GREAT CHANCE TO SEE WHAT’S GOING ON AND TOUCH BASE WITH OTHERS IN THE INDUSTRY.

~JOHN (JT) TURMAN, TECHNICAL OPERATIONS MANAGER, BONSAI DESIGN

conference structure

Come and take part in the networking and professional development opportunities led by representatives from all sectors of the industry. There will be more than 100 workshops of all different levels for you to choose from. The presented workshops fall into one of six different Conference Tracks: 1) CZ – Canopy & Zip Line Tours, 2) FP – Facilitation & Programming, 3) IB – Industry & Business, 4) OM – Operations & Management, 5) TT – Technical Topics, and 6) DEMO – Demonstration. Information about individual workshops will be posted on the ACCT conference website. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be available again this year for the conference sessions.

The Friday and Saturday evening receptions in the Exhibit Hall will give you plenty of time to check out the great services and products on display, enjoy some hors d’oeuvres, and network with other industry professionals. Whether you’re new to the industry or a long-time attendee, this conference has something for you!

who should attend?

This conference is open to everyone and is perfect for anyone who is interested in learning more about leading technology, philosophy, and education within the Challenge Course, Canopy Tour / Zip line, and/or Adventure Park Industry. Attendees will learn about some of the top industry topics in the world as well as gain the insight and tools needed for enhancing their skills and facilities. The conference tracks appeal to a wide variety of individuals, ranging from owner/operators, practitioners/facilitators, educators, adventure enthusiasts, and industry consultants to military personnel, ski resort owners, associations, service agencies, therapists, and many others.

~John (JT) Turman, Technical Operations Manager, Bonsai Design
There will be five certification courses offered prior to the conference.

- **ComCorps Certification**: Sunday 1/24 – Wednesday 1/27
- **Petzl PPE Training**: Monday 1/25 – Wednesday 1/27
- **OSHA 10**: Tuesday 1/26 – Wednesday 1/27
- **First Aid for the Challenge Course Practitioner**: Tuesday 1/26 – Wednesday 1/27
- **ACCT Inspector Certification Prep Course**: Thursday 1/28
- **ACCT Inspector Certification Exam**: Sunday 1/31

We are pleased to present you with a wide choice of Pre-Conference and Post-Conference workshops this year. Pre-Conference sessions will take place on Thursday, January 28, 8:30am–3:00pm and the Post-Conference sessions will be held on Sunday, January 31, 8:00am–12:00pm. These additional learning opportunities provide a chance to explore a specific topic in depth with an experienced presenter.

The heart of the conference is our Exhibit Hall. The Exhibition offers a full range of exhibits - equipment, books, and services - that support all aspects of challenge course programming, canopy/zip line tours, and adventure parks. The receptions in the Exhibit Hall are a highlight for both exhibitors and attendees, as they promote an environment for networking and the exchange of industry products, services, and information that are readily available. Companies interested in exhibiting should contact HPN Global exhibits@acctinfo.org 480.998.9770 ext. 228

Along with the great professional development opportunities, conference attendees report networking as being an important factor in their attendance. From our various conference receptions, workshops, and events to the ACCT Olympics and Open Mic Night, we have some fun and exciting things lined up for our attendees. See page 6 for more information.

One of the aspects of a community is getting to know one another. Attending the Awards Ceremony is a great way to do that. Introductions at the opening, closing, and awards ceremonies can help match faces with names.

The Annual General Meeting is open to everyone and is a great way to find out what is going on inside the Association. Come be a part of this meeting and meet the Board members as they discuss and make decisions on important industry business. Presentations throughout the workshop sessions also offer opportunities to interact with the board members and explore topics in depth with committee members and other leaders in the Association.

This is a great way to be seen by buyers at the conference. If you are interested in purchasing an advertising space in the conference program, see the ACCT conference website for details, contact HPN Global exhibits@acctinfo.org 480.998.9770 ext. 228
Preliminary Schedule of Events

Sunday 1/24/2016
8:30 - 5:00       ComCorp Certification Course

Monday 1/25/2016
8:30 - 5:00       ComCorp and Petzl PPE Certification Courses

Tuesday 1/26/2016
8:30 - 5:00       ComCorp, Petzl PPE, OSHA 10, and First Aid Certification Courses
2:00 - 6:00       Exhibit Hall Move In
1:00 - 7:00       Registration Opens
2:00 - 4:00       Service Crew Training
5:00 - 7:00       Early Arrivals Reception — All Welcome

Wednesday 1/27/2016
8:30 - 5:00       ComCorp, Petzl PPE, OSHA 10, First Aid Certification Courses
2:00 - 6:00       Exhibit Hall Move In
1:00 - 7:00       Registration and Information
8:00 - 2:00       ACCT Inspector Certification Prep Course
3:30 - 4:30       Annual General Meeting — All Welcome!
4:30 - 6:00       Opening Ceremony & Keynote Speaker
6:00 - 9:00       Exhibit Hall Open
6:00 - 8:00       Reception: Pete Nelson - “To the Trees!”

Thursday 1/28/2016
7:30 - 5:00       Registration and Information
8:00 - 3:00       Exhibit Hall Move In
8:00 - 2:00       ACCT Inspector Certification Prep Course
8:30 - 3:00       Pre-Conference
3:30 - 4:30       Annual General Meeting — All Welcome!
4:30 - 6:00       Opening Ceremony & Keynote Speaker
6:00 - 9:00       Exhibit Hall Open
6:00 - 8:00       Reception: Pete Nelson - “To the Trees!”

Friday 1/29/2016
7:30 - 5:00       Registration and Information
8:30 - 6:15       Workshop Sessions
12:00 - 9:00       Exhibit Hall Open
6:00 - 8:00       Reception: ACCT Hoedown
9:15 - 2:15       Transportation into Austin

Saturday 1/30/2016
7:30 - 12:00      Registration and Information
8:30 - 4:15       Workshop Sessions
10:00 - 3:00       Exhibit Hall Open
3:00 - 7:00       Exhibit Hall Move Out
4:30 - 6:00       ACCT Olympics — All Welcome!
7:00 - 8:00       Closing Reception and Awards Ceremony
8:00 - end        Evening Entertainment

Sunday 1/31/2016
8:00 - 12:00      Post-Conference Workshops
8:00 - 12:00      ACCT ICE Exam
1:00 - 5:00       Post-Conference Workshops

Important Dates

Monday, September 21, 2015
Online registration and information regarding the 26th Annual International ACCT Conference & Expo is available on the ACCT conference website: www.acctconference.com

Wednesday, October 14, 2015
Scholarship application deadline

Friday, October 30, 2015
Early Bird registration ends. All check payments for this rate must be postmarked by October 30th to be considered for the Early Bird Discount.

Monday, November 30, 2015
Last day to receive the standard Regular Registration rate. All check payments for this rate must be postmarked by November 30th to be considered for the Regular Registration rate.

Friday, December 4, 2015
Board Elections:
Individual and Organizational Nominations: Please go to www.acctinfo.org for complete information. Anyone wishing to run for this Board seat must send in a nomination form by Friday, December 4, 2015.

Monday, December 14, 2015
Voting for a Board Member Elected by the Individual and Organizational Members: Voting for this position only will be conducted online prior to the conference. A member may cast one vote. Online voting will be available from Monday, December 14, 2015 until Friday, January 15, 2016. Individual and Organizational Member voting will be completed electronically ONLY.

Monday, December 30, 2015
All conference attendees booking a hotel room at the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort & Spa after this date will not be guaranteed the group rate and will be responsible for paying a higher room rate (if space is available). Make your reservations early!

Monday, January 4, 2016
Late Registration begins. Credit card payments or wire transfers are the only method of payment accepted after January 4, 2016.

Sunday, January 24, 2016
Walk-in Registration rate goes into effect.
receptions and other fun

Swing by the Early Arrival Reception Wednesday night, which is open to all registered attendees. It’s a great opportunity to meet other new attendees or catch up with old friends. Thursday evening join the fun in our reception featuring Keynote Speaker Pete Nelson! The theme for the evening will be “To the Trees” which is Pete’s slogan for his popular show, Treehouse Masters, featured on Animal Planet. Boots, chaps, and cowboy hats are most appropriate for our ACCT Hoedown as we get into the Texas spirit on Friday evening.

The entertainment doesn’t stop there! The 2016 Conference Committee wanted to be sure you have plenty of fun and have the opportunity to interact with the other attendees so they have organized a trip into Austin on a first come first serve basis for those that want to experience the true vibes of the Music City Capital of the World! Additionally, come prepared to showcase your musical talents as we are planning for an Open Mic night one evening! More information about that to come.

Don’t miss your chance to participate in, or at least watch, the 2016 ACCT Olympics. This is always an attendee favorite! We will also be offering a few morning fitness opportunities compliments of the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort and Spa staff. Check the conference website for more information.

Finish up your conference experience by attending the Closing Reception and Awards Ceremony and enjoy the final celebration which, for the first time ever, is open to ALL attendees!

ACCT olympics

Come join the fun at the ACCT Olympics! This long-standing event consists of small groups competing against one another in an effort to be the overall winning team! The competitive events offered will be developed based on five different industry tracks: Canopy & Zip Line Tours, Facilitation & Programming, Industry & Business, Operations & Management, and Technical Topics. Teams can be established prior to the conference and register online or teams can be formed at the conference with newly made friends.

Expect to see some new events along with some of your favorites. Whether you participate or spectate, don't miss the fun!

silent auction

“With attendance from all over the globe, we are keeping the HOMETOWN AUCTION as part of the Silent Auction.” This style of auction provides an opportunity for attendees to show their pride in their hometown and/or community by donating an item that shares where they come from. Proceeds from the auction go to ACCT’s conference scholarships and special projects. To make a donation, contact Melissa Webb at melissa@acctinfo.org or bring your donation to the conference.
scholarships

ACCT will again be providing three scholarships to attend the conference. Thank you to those of you who have donated and purchased auction items. Some of those proceeds help make our scholarships possible! **Applications are due by Wednesday, October 14, 2015**, and can be found on the ACCT conference website. If you have additional questions, contact Melissa Webb at melissa@acctinfo.org.

service crew

Service Crew members, the “Yellow Hats,” assist in many areas of conference operations. Service Crew members are expected to work approximately 17 hours during the conference. In return, registration fees will be reduced by half of the conference registration fee. This is a great way to learn more about the conference and get connected to others in the industry. Interested persons must submit an application, available on the ACCT conference website. For further information, contact Shelly Gibson or Leigh Carruth at acctcrew@gmail.com.

sponsorship opportunities

There are many different opportunities to sponsor various events at the Annual International ACCT Conference & Exposition. It’s a great opportunity for your company name and products/services to be promoted to industry buyers.

If you are interested in finding out what events are eligible for sponsorship, see the ACCT conference website for details, contact HPN Global exhibits@acctinfo.org 480.998.9770 ext. 228.

"I’VE BEEN WITH ACCT FOR 4 YEARS, BUT THIS WAS MY FIRST CONFERENCE. ACCT HAS BEEN AN IMMERSION, MUCH AS IF YOU NEED TO LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE YOU HAVE TO IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THAT COMMUNITY. IT’S VERY MUCH THE SAME THING HERE. I’M NOT LEARNING A NEW LANGUAGE, BUT IT’S THAT COMMUNITY OF A LOT OF DIFFERENT TECHNICALITIES WITH SOFT SKILLS AND HARD SKILLS. IN JUST TWO OR THREE DAYS HERE YOU CAN PICK UP WHAT YOU’D GET IN CLASSES IN AN ENTIRE YEAR."

~ JORDAN ANDREWS

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Conference Updates for 2016

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

*This year’s registration will be offered only online.*

**Certification Classes** will be offered at various times between Sunday, January 24th and Wednesday, January 27th, 2016. There are five different courses being offered.

**Complimentary Airport Shuttle Transportation** will be provided by the ACCT. Please check the ACCT conference website, www.acctconference.com, for a schedule of drop-off and pick-up times. Shuttle availability is on a first come, first served basis.

**Friday Night Shuttle.** The ACCT will have shuttle transportation into the city of Austin when the Exhibition closes on Friday evening to allow attendees the opportunity to experience the true charm of the Live Music Capital of the World! Space is available on a first come, first served basis.

**There will NOT be organized meal plans for the 2016 conference.** Attendees will have multiple options with the various on-site restaurants, buffets, as well as grab and go food sales offered by the Hotel. Check the ACCT conference website for a detailed list of on-site dining options.

**Closing Reception.** In an effort to offer a more inclusive closing ceremony event for our attendees we have revamped our Saturday night festivities! We will no longer be holding a closing dinner prior to the closing ceremony. Instead, we will host a closing ceremony / networking reception Saturday, January 30th, 2016 where ALL are welcome! Industry awards and recognition will continue to be an integral part of this event.

**Morning Fitness.** ACCT is partnering with the Hyatt Lost Pines Resort & Spa to offer a customized fitness schedule for our group. The hotel will be providing group yoga, bike rides and hiking adventures in the mornings for our attendees to participate in if they wish to get some fresh air and time in the great outdoors prior to workshop sessions.

**The ACCT Olympics** will be held at a NEW TIME! This long standing event will be held on Saturday, January 30th at 4:30pm on the Riversong Lawn. Pre-registration is open: http://acctconference.com/resources/olympics-registration/ to register for yourself and / or your team!

Have a product or service you want us to learn more about? Be sure to request a slot in our new Demo Track! Applications are available online at www.acctconference.com. Space is limited so sign up early!
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Conference at a Glance

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CONFERENCETRACKS

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

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.

facilitation & programming
Perfect for facilitators, challenge course managers, trainer testers, and anyone looking to improve their challenge course program.

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

demonstrations
Individuals & companies looking to obtain more hands-on experience with products and/or services.

CERTIFICATION COURSES

(For complete course descriptions, please go to page 13)

ComCorps Practitioner Certification by Jamie Remsberg
Sunday 1/24 – Wednesday 1/27
$350.00 (additional fees may apply)
ComCorps Practitioner Certification transforms technicians into communication process engineers. This course teaches, applies, and tests essential social-emotional competencies to guide self and others through challenges towards transformative outcomes.

Petzl's Personal Protection Equipment Training by Jesse Williams
Monday 1/25 – Wednesday 1/27
$750.00 (additional fees may apply)
Become a PPE Competent Person with our three day personal protective equipment training course. This is a classroom based, 3-day course.

OSHA 10 Construction Class by Jack Moeding
Tuesday 1/26 – Wednesday 1/27
$175.00 (additional fees may apply)
The OSHA 10 class covers the basic requirements builders are required to follow during the construction of ropes courses, zip lines, and climbing walls. The course will also cover OSHA information required for the facilitator and inspector to follow during the course of their duties.

First Aid for the Challenge Course Professional by Tom Welch, M.D.
Tuesday 1/26 – Wednesday 1/27
$175.00 (additional fees may apply)
This course provides interactive, hands-on, evidence-based training in the management of the types of illnesses and injuries likely to be encountered in challenge course operation.

ACCT Inspector Certification (ICE) Prep Course by ACCT Staff
Thursday 1/28
$225.00 (additional fees may apply)
This course will provide an overview of the ACCT Inspector Certification program, relevant industry standards, and information on the skills and knowledge that inspectors of all areas of the industry should be aware of. Recommended for those taking ICE exam on Sunday, January 31, 2016.
Conference at a Glance Continued

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January 26

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January 28

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January 31

CERTIFICATION COURSES

ACCT Inspector Certification Exam (ICE) by ACCT Staff

Thursday 1/28

For pricing visit http://acctconference.com/resources/inspector-certification/
The ACCT Inspector Certification Exam will be offered for In-House or Professional Level 1 and Level II. Supervisor Endorsement will be available to those who qualify. You must apply no later than December 15, 2015 and be accepted, prior to being allowed to sit for the ACCT Inspector Certification Exam on January 31, 2016. NO WALK-INS! Go to www.acctcertifications.com for more information or to apply.

ACCT Board of Directors


ACCT Staff

Left to right: James Borishade, Dan Pervorse, Melissa Webb, Kim Catchings, Joyce Weaver, Trudy Robbins, Jeff Boeke, Charles Peterson, and Bill Weaver.

CONFERENCE TRACKS

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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.

technical topics

Perfect for those interested in learning more about the technical side of the challenge course industry. Also contains workshops relevant to ACCT Inspector Certification Exam (ICE) applicants.
**CERTIFICATIONS**

**COMCORPS PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATION - $350.00 (some additional fees may apply)**

*Jamie Remsberg*

**Description:** Great potential for innovation, inspiration and flow exists at the edge. Sherpa-level soft-skills are required to realize this potential. ComCorps Practitioner Certification transforms technicians into communication process engineers. This course teaches, applies, and tests essential social-emotional competencies to guide self and others through challenges towards transformative outcomes.

**Course Objectives:**
2. Rapidly assess communication preferences and conflict potential in any situation.
3. Select and apply appropriate strategies to increase communication effectiveness.
4. Demonstrate positive conflict skills to facilitate compassionate accountability.
5. Translate into concrete results

**PETZL’S PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT TRAINING (PPE) (3-DAY) - $750.00 (ADDITIONAL FEES MAY APPLY)**

*Jesse Williams*

**Description:** Become a PPE Competent Person with our three day personal protective equipment training course. This is a classroom based, 3-day course. Day 1 focuses on the legal and regulatory environment governing the use and management of PPE, a review of PPE used for work and play at height, and a review of the materials used in PPE.

Day 2 covers in-depth, hands-on inspections of all types of PPE used for work and play at height.

Day 3 is a formal assessment requiring competent performance on multiple product inspections and a written test. A Competent Person certificate is issued by Petzl after satisfactory completion of the assessment.

**Course Objective:**
1. Learn to competently examine work-at-height personal protective equipment using the Petzl protocol and to create an effective PPE-management system.

(For a detailed list of course content, please go to www.acctconference.com.)

**OSHA 10 CONSTRUCTION - $175.00 (ADDITIONAL FEES MAY APPLY)**

*Jack Moeding*

**Description:** The OSHA 10 class covers the basic requirements builders are required to follow during the construction of ropes courses, zip lines, and climbing walls. The course will also cover OSHA information required for the facilitator and inspector to follow during the course of their duties.

**FIRST AID FOR THE CHALLENGE COURSE PROFESSIONAL - $175.00 (ADDITIONAL FEES MAY APPLY)**

*Tom Welch*

**Description:** This is a unique course, which will run intensively for two days. The content is based upon the published curriculum for two American Red Cross courses: CPR and AED for the Professional Rescuer and Wilderness and Remote First Aid. Upon successful completion, participants will be awarded certification for both of these. More broadly, however, the specific content is tailored to the needs of a professional working on a challenge course. For example, topics such as medical screening for challenge course participation, the types of injuries most commonly seen on courses, and the appropriate inventory of first aid supplies for a course are covered in detail.

**Course Objectives:**
- Participants will understand the types of illnesses and injuries most commonly encountered on challenge courses.
- Participants will become skilled in the appropriate responses to such events.
- Participants will be able to perform the skills of CPR, including airway management and the use of an AED.
Facilitation + programming

1. INTERACTIVE UNIVERSAL DESIGN ON CHALLENGE COURSES - $150.00
   Melanie Wills (@McKinney Roughs)
   Dr. Don Rogers PhD., CTRS

Description: Come play with us this year as we engage some hands-on learning at a local challenge course. We will utilize the principals of universal design and accessibility by building 4:1 systems, trying on different harnesses, and testing out boot-e bags. Participants will be able to actively engage in the learning and take away ideas for their own courses.

Workshop Objectives:
1. Review and practice principals of universal design and accessibility.
2. Engage in hands-on learning activities on a challenge course by using these principals.
3. Create a plan for utilizing these approaches at your own course.

2. PORTABLE TEAMBUILDING ACTIVITIES - $150.00
   Chris Cavert

Description: This hands-on experience includes a variety of ice-breakers, ground-based activities, and problem-solving initiatives, including low elements, that are super-portable, utilize versatile props easy to find or create, and work with middle school age participants and older. All experience levels are welcome. Some tried-and-true activity variations will be included along with some of the newest activities in Chris-bag of tricks.

Workshop Objectives: attendees will be able to:
1. Be able to list at least 15 new activities or activity variations they can program.
2. Be able to list at least 10 activities from the workshop they can use with all populations.
3. Be able to list at least 8 activities from the workshop they can make/build on their own.
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PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

industry + business

3. GROWING YOUR ADVENTURE BUSINESS - $150.00

Paul Cummings
Stephanie Sibille

Description: This full day workshop will provide you with the tools and action steps necessary to take your business to the next level. Whether you are running a canopy tour, aerial park, challenge course, or experiential training center, our models and tools can help you grow a more profitable business!

Workshop Objectives:
1. Understand the nine critical business areas of focus.
2. Learn ways to reduce costs and increase revenue.
3. Walk away with action steps that can be implemented immediately to grow any adventure-based business.

4. INDUSTRY Crossover: Challenges and Strengths - $150.00

Matt Marcus & Panel

Description: With so many associations crossing over into the challenge course industry it’s time to take a look at what that all means. What challenges does it create? What benefits and additional resources does it create? Representatives from various associations will discuss the impact of this crossover and how we may work together better in the future.

Workshop Objectives:
1. Attendees will have a better understanding of the various industries that crossover with ACCT.
2. Attendees will learn what challenges and benefits this crossover creates.
3. Attendees will learn what can be done in the future to strengthen the connections to the various crossover industries.

5. FROM CONCEPT TO COMPLETION - $150.00

Thaddeus Shrader
Leslie Sohl

Description: Interested in designing an adventure park? Wondering what it takes to build a course? Trying to create an efficient and risk management focused team? Come spend a day with us discussing and learning how to make this a reality. This will be a panel of industry professionals including innovators, designers, installers, trainers, and service providers sharing information.

Workshop Objectives:
1. Attendees will learn the key milestones it takes to make an Aerial Adventure concept a reality.
2. Attendees will take away informational guidelines for developing a program.
3. Attendees will get to talk to and get questions answered by a panel of professionals.

operations + management

6. DEVELOPING A HOLISTIC QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM - $150.00

Erik Marter
Alex Moore

Description: It takes more than good training, a well-designed course, and a good policies manuals to run an effective tour/program. In this workshop we look at the needed components to ensure all aspects of your program/tour align with each other and continue to stay aligned year after year. This workshop will focus on: quality assurance, guidance, proof and preparing for the worst.

Workshop Objectives:
1. A clear understanding of what it means to have a holistic quality assurance program.
2. Examples of necessary documents that every site should have.
Certifications + Workshops

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

3. A long to-do list of things they need to improve upon when they get home.

7. TREE BIOLOGY AND BIOMECHANICS - $150.00
   Sean Dugan
   Ms. Haley Galbraith

Description: Our workshop will begin with a review of tree biology and biomechanical concepts. We will then use example scenarios to have group exercises indoors. After lunch we will spend time outdoors practicing Visual Tree Assessment in smaller groups. We will end the day with case studies from our work.

Workshop Objectives:
1. Improved understanding of tree biology and tree adaptive growth/bio-mechanics.
2. Improved understanding of Visual Tree Assessment techniques.
3. Opportunities to share your knowledge and experience in the group exercises.

8. TRAINING CANOPY GUIDES: A PRACTITIONER PERSPECTIVE - $150.00
   Luis Acevedo
   Jose Gonzalez

Description: Hands-on workshop. Participants will explore a training framework develop by Aire Libre Inc. to train the adventure Canopy Guides in Puerto Rico. This framework includes topics in risk management, course operation, documentation, emergency management, ropes skills, rescue and more. Participants not only will be exposed to the training framework, but will have an opportunity share and collaborate with other practitioners.

Workshop Objectives:
1. Participants will be exposed to a training framework that has been used in international scale aerial adventure courses.
2. Participants will experience a series of hands-on modules that will enhance their knowledge on several topics including: teaching/training strategy, training timeline, core training module content, among others.
3. Participants will walk away with a training framework so they can use it in their own Adventure aerial park or Canopy tour operation.

POST-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

facilitation + programming

1. DEVELOPING TRUST - $90.00
   Sam Sikes

Description: High-performing teams have a strong relationship of trust, whether we are talking about work or family. Without trust, people will spend extra time covering for others or protecting themselves (if they stay at all). Join us as we experience several activities and models that clearly develop and define trust for those people we interact with. No falls, no blindfolds.

Workshop Objectives:
1. Attendees will learn how to facilitate several relationship trust activities.
2. They will learn and practice at least three trust models.
3. They will create an action plan to develop trust at work or home.
POST-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

2. GAMES THAT CHANGE THE WORLD - $90.00  
**Jim Cain**

**Description:** Author Jim Cain shares his favorite, newest, and best team and community building games, challenges, and techniques, from around the world, especially those that create valuable teachable moments.

**Workshop Objectives:**
1. A world view of adventure-based learning
2. A plethora of new games and activities
3. Multi-cultural games from around the world

3. THE ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITATOR: SCIENCE, EDUCATION, AND TEAMBUILDING - $90.00  
**Patrick Olsen (@McKinney Roughs)**  
**Nicholas Cowey**

**Description:** Presentation will include multiple initiatives and low element activities that integrate science and education into the process of group development, thereby allowing participants to develop and market their own science-oriented program to schools in their area.

**Workshop Objectives:**
1. Adapt familiar (and brand new!) initiatives to incorporate science-based learning objectives
2. Utilize nature-oriented metaphors for personal and group development
3. Receive curriculum for the activities to assist them in developing their own program

4. THE HUNDREDTH MONKEY: VOLUME 2 - $90.00  
**Nate Folan**

**Description:** Experience an entirely new set of activities from PA-s next activity book by Nate Folan and Friends. Icebreakers, energizers, tag, and team building activities - they’re all new and all linked to relevant learning themes. Whether you’re new to adventure or a seasoned veteran, leave connected, energized, and bursting with new ideas to bring back to your site.

**Workshop Objectives:**
1. Learn new activities and insights ready to use immediately (as in tomorrow), some with props some without, all linked to social emotional learning outcomes
2. Be inspired to discover, create, and design original activities
3. Notice seamless transitions from one activity to another
4. Leave connected, energized, and bursting with new ideas

5. DESIGNING A PROFITABLE AERIAL ADVENTURE PARK - $90.00  
**Valdo Lallemand**

**Description:** Aerial Adventure Parks are one of the fastest growing adventure industries. We are at the beginning of a long and steep economic growth curve. Many parks pay for their investment within the first year of operation. How can you make sure you follow these lucky pioneers?

**Workshop Objectives:**
1. Learn how to maximize, from the start, the success of your park.
2. Learn what could undermine it your success.
3. Set an action plan to ensure ideas learned translate into concrete results.
Melanie Wills (@McKinney Roughs)
Melanie, Director of Outdoor Education and Professional Services at Bradford Woods, loves figuring out ways to make courses accessible for anyone, most recently for people with respiratory challenges.

Dr. Don Rogers PhD., CTRS
Don is currently on faculty at Indiana State University. His research and writing interests include Universal challenge course design and training, families with children with disabilities, and recreation therapy interventions.

Chris Cavert
As an adventure educator Dr. Cavert has authored over a dozen books and focuses his teaching on how adventure education is used to develop pro-social skills in all ages.

Paul Cummings
Paul has a proven track record of over twenty years- experience consulting in the adventure field. His work has taken him across North America, and he's a sought-after business expert.

Stephanie Sibille
Stephanie brings a decade of adventure industry experience and business acumen. She is responsible for creating/editing Strategic Adventures publications, and is known for her creativity and obsessive attention to detail. North America, and he's a sought-after business expert.

Matt Marcus
Matt is the Adventure Education Coordinator / Challenge Course Director at Georgia Tech. He has been in the challenge course industry full-time for the last fourteen years, and part-time for four years before that. Matt currently serves on the ACCT Board of Directors.

Thaddeus Shrader
Thaddeus is Bonsai Design’s CEO. His R&D department has created numerous advancements in the industry. Thaddeus has also been involved in helping states develop legislation for Aerial Adventure Parks worldwide.

Leslie Sohl
Leslie is the Training and Operations Manager for Bonsai Design. She has a decade of experience working with various programming types from camps to destination resorts.

Erik Marter
Erik Marter is the CEO of Synergo, LLC an ACCT PVM based in Portland OR. His passion for people, quality programming and products comes through in his entertaining presentations.

Alex Moore
Alex is the Director of Training at Synergo (an Accredited ACCT PVM) and has been writing operations manuals and creating dynamic canopy/zip line tour training’s throughout the country.

Sean Dugan
Sean specializes in tree biology and diagnostics, structural assessment, pest control, and municipal tree ordinances. He is a Registered Consulting Arborist, Board Certified Master Arborist, and Qualified Tree Risk Assessor

Ms. Haley Galbraith
Haley specializes in tree risk assessment, management, advanced evaluation of trees as support structures, and municipal arboriculture. Haley is a Certified Arborist, Qualified Tree Risk Assessor, and WSDA Commercial Operator.

Luis Acevedo
ACCT Certified Inspector
- Course builder since 1996
- Canopy Guide Training School director since 2009
- 20+ years of experiences
Jose Gonzalez  
Doctor in Education  
- REI instructor Coordinator  
- Outward Bound Instructor  
- NOLS WFA Instructor  
- 25+ years of experiences  
- ARC Instructor

Sam Sikes  
Sam is facilitator, presenter, and author who has been working in the field of experiential education for the last 25 years.

Jim Cain  
Teambuilding Guru Dr. Jim Cain is the author of 14 books filled with team and community building activities.

Patrick Olsen  (@McKinney Roughs)  
Patrick serves as Challenge Course Mgr. so that he can promote growth and learning to youth and adults in an outdoor environment.

Nicholas Cowey  
Nicholas has been sharing his knowledge and passion for outdoor education and survival skills for the past 25 years.

Valdo Lallemand  
Valdo Lallemand is a PVM who has extensive knowledge and experience in designing and building aerial adventure parks and zipline tours that bring smiles to guests and profits to owners.

Nate Folan  
Nate believes play and human connection enrich our lives. A Project Adventure trainer and author, Nate enthusiastically leads workshops throughout the country aiming to change how we learn and interact.

Jamie Remsberg  
Remsberg has spent her career mastering the nuances of team dynamics and the traits of leadership. She is a certified LOD® master trainer, certified PCM® master trainer and an expert in team alignment and conflict resolution, coaching, facilitation skills training and workplace wellness. She is a co-developer of Next Element’s Leading Out of Drama training and coaching system. She manages ComCorps, the Next Element World Center for Transformative Communication. As a coach to com-Trekkers™, she is willing to challenge habits and assumptions and facilitate healthy boundaries so that true potential is discovered and goals are reached.

Jack Moeding  
Jack Moeding has been involved with safety since 1995. Working with chemical safety, fall protection in construction, general industry and recreation settings. In 2010, Jack started to teach classes as an authorized instructor for the department of Labor, OSHA. Currently Jack is employed by a manufacture of fall protection and rescue devices being used by workers in many industries. As a former builder, facilitator, and manager of a ropes courses with zip lines, Jack has a good understanding of many of the aspects of safety needs in the industry.

Dr. Tom Welch  
Tom Welch is a practicing physician who is also an outdoor educator. He is an expert on the medical aspects of challenge courses, and has published on the subject in the medical literature. He is a licensed professional guide, and member of the Wilderness Medical Society. He consults on medical issues to Project Adventure.

Jesse Williams  
Jesse brings over twenty-five years of experience in sport, instruction, and professional verticality to the Petzl Technical Institute. Prior to joining Petzl, Jesse spent two decades working as a professional mountain guide (AMGA / UIAGM), climbing traditional rock and ice routes in the Northeastern US, and leading alpine climbing and ski expeditions across North America. As Manager of the Training Institute, Jesse develops and delivers the Institute’s programming and manages the training facility.
The Hyatt Regency at Lost Pines will provide accommodations for the 26th Annual International ACCT Conference & Expo participants. Please refer to the preliminary schedule of events in this brochure when making your hotel reservation.

To make room reservations, please go to: https://resweb.passkey.com/go/ACCT2016
You will need to make your reservation online or call the number listed below 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 Hyatt Regency at Lost Pines at +1-888-421-1442.

All participants must make their own reservations.

Reservations must be made by Thursday, January 6, 2016. (Please note that the room block sold out earlier than the cutoff date last year.) After Thursday, January 6, 2016 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!

TRANSPORTATION

In order to have a smooth transition from the airport to the host hotel, ACCT will be providing limited shuttle service. The shuttle schedule will be posted on the ACCT conference website at www.acctconference.com. Please note this will be a limited shuttle service so be sure to check the ACCT conference website for pick-up / drop-off locations and times. Shuttle service will be offered on a first come, first served basis.
McKinney Roughs Dormitory

Climate-controlled dormitory buildings sleep 16-24 guests per floor in modern bunk beds. Each floor has its own entrance, a covered porch, clean restrooms, and hot showers. Nightly spaces are available in a female dorm, male dorm, or co-ed dorm.

During the conference, roundtrip daily shuttle service to the resort is included with dorm purchase. You will need to bring your own linens, toiletries, blankets, and towels. Souvenir blankets are available for purchase.

Meal plans at McKinney Roughs are also available for purchase via the reservation link below.

Registration / Pricing Link:
http://acctconference.com/venue/

Meal Plan:
Relax and eat in our spacious dining hall or take your meal on the go. The meal package includes catered breakfast and lunch served daily onsite during the conference. The package includes six (6) catered meal tickets valid onsite Jan 28 – Jan 30.

Daily Catered Breakfast - Fresh fruit, pastries, assorted breakfast tacos, parfaits, hot/cold cereal, juice and coffee. Vegetarian options will be available.

Daily Catered Lunch – Assorted deli sandwiches, deluxe salad bar, housemade chili, chips, cookies, tea and water. Vegetarian options will be available.

The meal package does NOT include participation in any conference sessions.

Dates available:
January 22nd – February 7th
ACCT Conference Dates January 28th-30th Bundle package with accommodations for all three nights of the ACCT Conference. Individual nights are unavailable during the conference.

A conference meal package for McKinney Roughs is available for purchase.
### 2016 CONFERENCE PRICING LIST

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Your registration is not complete until payment is received. Registrations must be complete in order to lock in your rate. Registrations are considered complete when payment is received by the ACCT office. Check payments will not be accepted after January 4th, 2016.

### Meal Plans:
There will NOT be organized meal plans for the 2016 conference. Attendees will have multiple options with the various on-site restaurants, buffets, as well as grab and go food sales offered by the Hotel. Check the ACCT Conference website for a detailed list of on-site dining options.

In an effort to offer a more inclusive closing ceremony event for our attendees we have revamped our Saturday night festivities! We will no longer be holding a closing dinner prior to the closing ceremony. Instead, we will host a closing ceremony / networking reception Saturday, January 30th, 2016 where ALL are welcome! Industry awards and recognition will continue to be an integral part of this event.

### Additional Pricing List:
- All Pre-conference Workshop are $150.00
- All Post-conference Workshops are $90.00
- Certification Courses:
  - OSHA 10 Construction $175.00 (some additional fees may apply)
  - First Aid for the Challenge Course Professional $175.00 (some additional fees may apply)
  - ComCorps Practitioner Certification $350.00 (some additional fees may apply)
  - Petzl PPE Inspection Competent Person Course $750.00 (some additional fees may apply)
CANCELLATION POLICY:
Cancellations must be submitted in writing by email to melissa@acctinfo.org. All cancellations received by ACCT on or before December 14, 2015, are entitled to a refund, minus a $150.00 processing fee. Cancelling a paid registration in order to accept a complimentary or discounted registration is only allowed on or before December 14, 2015, and will be subject to the $150.00 processing fee. No refunds or credits will be given to registrants who cancel after December 14, 2015, or who fail to attend the Conference – absolutely no exceptions will be made for any reason, including illness, medical, family emergencies, or weather conditions. Substitutions for paid registrants may be made at any time. However, written notice is required, and for complete accuracy, must include all pertinent changes for the substituting attendee. Should a full refund for the registration fee be required to the original attendee’s credit card, then all required credit card information for substituting attendee must be provided in order for the new transaction to be processed at the same time. No payment changes will be accepted at a later date. Service Crew applicants please see application form for waivers and exceptions.

Third-Party Administrative Fee
All registrations will be charged a $3.75 CVENT processing fee.