



**9th Annual**  
**SoDakSACA Conference**

*A conference for anyone interested in, or working with,  
children and youth in their out-of-school time.*

# “Building the Bridge Together”



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October 3-4, 2008

Watertown Event Center

Watertown, SD

# Preliminary Program



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### SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

#### Friday

7:00-8:30: Registration  
7:30-8:30: Breakfast  
8:30-11:30: Opening Session/Bill & Ezra  
11:30-1:00: Lunch on your own  
1:00-2:15 Breakout sessions  
2:30-3:45 Breakout sessions  
4:00-5:15 Breakout sessions  
5:30-7:00 Social Hour/Dinner  
7:00-8:30 Fun with Bill and Ezra

#### Saturday

7:30-9:00: Registration  
8:00-8:30: Continental Breakfast  
7:30-8:30: Members' Breakfast/Annual Mtg.  
8:45-10:45: General Session/Bill and Ezra  
11:00-12:15: Breakout sessions  
12:15-1:15: Lunch/network  
1:15-2:30: Breakout sessions  
2:45-4:00: Breakout sessions  
4:00-4:30: Wrap-up/closing

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#### **Lodging**

Book your rooms now at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel, which is connected to the Watertown Event Center, by calling (605)886-8011. Make sure you book your room under the 'SoDakSACA Conference block' so you'll receive the lower conference rate. **Reservations must be received by Friday, September 5, 2008 to receive the group rate.**

#### **'Build a Bridge' Special Promotion:**

This year, instead of a Poster Contest, we would like programs to put together their own creative version of our theme "Building the Bridge Together" in 3-D format, that will be used as centerpieces for our Friday evening dinner. One entry per program accepted. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative entries. Bring your 'Bridge' to the registration desk on Friday.

#### **College Credit**

College Credit is pending with Augustana College. For undergraduate credit the entire 15 hours of the conference is required or 13 hours of conference with a written assignment. For graduate credit 15 hours of conference is required in addition to a written assignment or 13 hours of conference with two written assignments. We also have CEUs for 10-15 hours of attendance for those renewing their CDA Credentials.

# Featured Keynote/Seminar Speakers:

## Dr. Bill Michaelis and Ezra Holland



Dr. Bill Michaelis is a professor emeritus at San Francisco State University and Director of *Children Together*, an international leadership and management training organization. Ezra Holland is a Faculty member at San Francisco State University and CEO of Ezra Holland Consulting EHC, LLC, an international organization committed to providing adventure and play programs, trainings and products to all. Bill received his Ph.D. in Education from U.C. Berkeley; and Ezra received his M.S. from San Francisco State.

Together they have presented well over 2000 fun-filled and thought-provoking workshops, events, and keynotes around the world, and are experts on play and its applications to creativity, learning, development, self-esteem, and healthy living for all age groups.

Bill and Ezra's presentations are packed with humor, interaction, inspiration, insight and applications to personal and professional life. They stopped counting after 30 years and over 2000 workshops, keynotes and events in over 25 states and overseas.



They have presented to almost every type of organization that serves children, youth, adults and families including schools and human services, youth development and recreation organizations in more than 25 states and overseas, non profits, corporate and public child agencies and the widest range of professional conferences and businesses.

Because of their national reputation, Bill & Ezra will be featured several times throughout the 2008 conference so everyone attending either one or both days will be able to experience their wonderful training sessions/keynote. We welcome them for our Friday morning seminar "***Laugh And Level With Me: Breaking Barriers, Tightening Teams, and Cultivating Caring Cooperative Communication***". Get ready to have some fun after Friday evening's dinner, when Bill and Ezra present "***The Best Of Cooperative Play – Adventure, Initiative and Problem-Solving Games For All Ages***". Saturday morning, Bill and Ezra will be sure to wow the audience with "***Caring for the Caregiver: Making Sure You Don't Slip Off the Radar Screen***". And, in case you didn't 'get enough', the boys are back providing a breakout workshop titled "***Common Sense Discipline: Beyond the Basics***".

### ~ SPECIAL INVITATION ~

Afterschool directors, extension educators, school administrators and others in leadership roles are invited to a special luncheon/meeting on Friday, October 3 from 11:30-1pm to learn about the plan to form a state afterschool network. You must pre-register for the luncheon by contacting Rosemary Hayward: 773-6432.

## A Sampling of the Breakout Sessions:

- The Bridge of Self Care to Professional Success
- Sustaining Programs by Making Connections
- Hands On Activities that Teach
- State Child Labor & Minimum Wage Laws
- Respectful Language
- Teaching with Transitions
- Understanding Content Standards
- Roles Staff Play in Quality Programming
- Meth Makes You Ugly
- Childhood – It Only Comes Once
- Team All-Terrain Brain Activities
- Parents as “Partners”
- C:SI – Curiosity: Scientific Investigation
- Community Service & Civic Engagement
- Teaching Students How to Live to 105
- Hands On Learning from Objects
- Acres of Adventures: Exploring Ag in Afterschool
- Planes, Trains & Automobiles
- Shared Space & Creative Solutions
- Keeping Kids Safe
- ReCharge! – Fun Physical Fitness & Nutrition

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