



SoDakSACA: 12 Years & Counting...

Creating an Afterschool Paradise

2011 SoDakSACA Conference
October 7-8, 2011

Conference Highlights

Aloha, South Dakota afterschool professionals! Join us this year for our annual fall conference as we 'Create an Afterschool Paradise!' The conference will be held at the Highland Conference Center (near Cabella's south of the interstate) in Mitchell. Our annual event will feature exciting Friday and Saturday morning sessions with Mike and Chelsea Ashcraft, great workshops throughout the weekend, and a fun Saturday luncheon keynote. To help us 'Create an Afterschool Paradise', there'll be a fun 'luau' with games and door prizes, music and dancing, 'best dressed for luau' contest, and a great time. Be sure to plan on staying Saturday evening so you can attend the second annual South Dakota Lights On Afterschool event at the Mitchell Corn Palace. Together, it's going to be an AWESOME two days you'll not want to miss!

Conference Contact

The 2011 conference chair is Ryan Zens, Director of the Fit-n-Fun Program in Rapid City. For questions about the conference, you may contact him at: ryanzens@rap.midco.net

Conference-at-a-Glance

Friday

7:30-8:30 Registration
8:30-11:30 Mike & Chelsea Ashcraft Opening Session
11:30-1:00 Lunch on your own
1:00-2:30 *Ashcraft Breakout Sessions
2:30-2:45 Break
2:45-4:00 **Ashcraft Breakout sessions
4:00-4:15 Break
4:15-5:30 Breakout sessions
6:30-8:30 Luau, Music and Entertainment

Saturday

7:30-9:00 Registration
8:00-9:00 Member Breakfast/Annual Meeting
9:00-11:00 Mike & Chelsea Ashcraft Session
11:15-11:45 Jean Patrick Keynote
11:45-1:00 Luncheon/Networking
1:15-2:30 Breakout sessions
2:30-2:45 Break
2:45-4:15 Breakout sessions
4:15-4:45 Wrap up/Announcements and Door Prizes
5:30-7:30 Lights On Afterschool Event at the Corn Palace

Note: Mike and Chelsea will each provide some great breakout sessions Friday afternoon. Check them out!

*1:00-2:30 session: Mike: *Super Tool (Behavior Management)* and Chelsea: *Mixing in Math*

**2:45-4:00 session: Mike: *Fantastic Family Forces* and Chelsea: *Teambuilding Games*

Lodging

The conference will be held at the Highland Conference Center (near Cabella's south of the interstate) in Mitchell. Book your room now at either at the Hampton Inn (605-995-1575) or the Comfort Inn & Suites (605-990-2400). Make sure to ask for the SoDakSACA room block to get the conference rate (\$89.00+ tax). Breakfast is included at either hotel in your lodging fee.



Registration Details

Your registration fee includes membership fee to SoDakSACA and the National AfterSchool Association. The conference registration form and more information can be found on the SoDakSACA website: www.sodaksaca.org

College Credit/CEUs

College credit will be available for participation in the full conference. Cost will be \$50. Participants seeking college credit must attend the entire conference and complete a paper. CEUs will also be available for a reasonable fee.

Centerpiece Contest



This year, our Friday night dinner will be a fun 'luau' following our theme 'Creating an Afterschool Paradise'. Help us decorate our tables with a unique and creative centerpiece! Think 'Aloha'! Programs may compete for a prize by bringing a centerpiece with a 'Hawaiian' theme to this year's contest. Centerpiece should be around 15" x 15". Turn your program's entry in at the Registration Desk.

Poster Promotion

Once again, afterschool programs are encouraged to create a poster featuring our theme "Creating an Afterschool Paradise". One poster per program site, please. Posters will be on display throughout the conference hallways. This is a fun way for programs to be recognized and participate at our annual event! Bring your poster to the registration desk.

Special Conference Events

Lots of fun things will be happening this year, giving people time to network and have a lot of fun, as well as enjoy all the great workshop sessions. A Friday evening 'luau' with music, networking, games, dancing, and best 'luau' costume contest are on tap. Prizes for a variety of fun things, including one for the program site bringing the most staff! Don't forget the Lights On Afterschool event at the Corn Palace on Saturday evening where there'll be entertainment, and special celebration 'highlights' to thank the SD afterschool programs!



South Dakota Lights On Afterschool Event at the Corn Palace!

Each October, a national celebration featuring afterschool programs is held throughout the nation. Be part of an historic Lights On Afterschool celebration in South Dakota! Join us and other after-school providers, school and community leaders and families on Saturday evening, October 8th at the Mitchell Corn Palace for a special 'Lights On' lighting ceremony. This event will focus local, state and national attention on the importance of quality afterschool programs and the vital role providers like you play in the lives of children and parents throughout South Dakota. This is a fun and exciting way to end our annual SoDakSACA conference and raise awareness about the importance of afterschool programs and the wonderful work you do. Plan now to attend! More details to come.

Lights On Afterschool
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Conference Opening Session Presenters

“The ABCs of Powerful Program Practices” and “Total Recall” – Friday & Saturday Morning Opening Sessions



Mike and Chelsea Ashcraft have been active in the child and youth development field since 1989. They currently live in Cedar Grove, New Mexico with their two daughters. Mike and Chelsea met while working at a YMCA that ran a summer day camp and school-age child care program. They successfully managed a number of camps and afterschool programs, and Chelsea directed a corporate child care center for a number of years. Mike and Chelsea founded and direct a non-profit organization that provides youth development programs as well as staff training, and consulting. Mike has taught courses in brain-based teaching and middle childhood development for Concordia University. He is a former president of the New Mexico School-Age Care Alliance and the current president of the New Mexico Association for the Education of Young Children. Chelsea teaches courses in leadership, child care management, and early childhood guidance at Central New Mexico

College. Mike is the author of *Best Practices: Guidelines for School-Age Programs* and the *Best Practices Workbook*. Together, the Ashcrafts wrote *Leading to Learn: Learning to Lead – Organizational Leadership for the Child Care and Youth Development Director*. They frequently teach workshops, seminars, and keynotes, and have presented at many national conferences. They have trained staff working with children in all 50 states in the US, as well as in Canada, Germany, Italy, South Korea, Puerto Rico, and Japan.

“The Girl Who Struck Out Babe Ruth” - Saturday Luncheon Keynote Session

Jean L. S. Patrick is a children’s author, speaker and storyteller. Since 2000, she has given numerous presentations for students, teachers and others throughout the United States, and is a scholar and presenter with the South Dakota Humanities Council Speakers Bureau since 2006. In 2008, she was featured on Fox Sports Net’s ‘Amazing Sports Stories’ discussing her book “Jackie Mitchell: The Girl Who Struck Out Babe Ruth”; and in 2009, was featured on SD Public Television’s ‘Dakota Life’. She is a member of the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators, the Children’s Literature Network, and the Society of American Baseball Research, and has been a member of the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators.



Ho'olu komo la kua

(Please Join Us!)