



SoDakSACA: 13 Years & Counting...

Laissez les Bon Temps Rouler

(Let the Good Times Roll)

with Quality School Age Care in 2012!

2012 SoDakSACA Conference

October 4-5-6, 2012

Conference Highlights

Welcome, and bonjour, South Dakota afterschool professionals! Join us this year for our annual fall conference as we 'let the good times roll' for afterschool programs. The conference will be held at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls, SD. This year our annual event will feature a special pre-conference leadership seminar on Thursday evening with Tracey C. Ballas from Ohio. Tracey will also provide the opening keynote session on Friday morning, which will be followed by a variety of great workshops Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. To help us 'Let the Good Times Roll', there'll be lots of fun with a Mardi gras 'flavor' throughout the two-day conference. This year's Lights On Afterschool event will be held on Friday night at the Washington Pavilion to enable more people to attend. Together, it's going to be an AWESOME 2-3 days you'll not want to miss! **Laissez les bon temps rouler!**

Conference Contact

The 2012 conference chair is Ryan Zens, Director of the Fit-n-Fun Program in Rapid City. For questions about the conference, you may contact him by phone: 605-430-2671 or by email: ryanzens87@gmail.com



Conference-at-a-Glance (this schedule may change)

Thursday Evening – 6pm-9pm - Pre-conference Leadership Seminar with Tracey Ballas – '**Targeted Leadership**'

Friday

7:30-8:30 Registration
8:30-9:15 Opening Keynote – Tracey Ballas
9:15-9:30 Break
9:30-11:00 Full Member Session with Tracey Ballas
11:00-12:30 Lunch (On your own)
12:30-1:45 Afternoon Breakout Sessions #1
1:45-2:00 Break
2:00-3:15 Afternoon Breakout sessions #2
3:15-3:30 Break
3:30-4:30 Afternoon Breakout sessions #3
5:30-6:30 Tour Science Center @ Washington Pavilion
6:30-8:30 Lights On Public Event @ Washington Pavilion

Saturday

7:15-8:00 Registration
7:45-8:45 Member Breakfast/Annual Meeting
9:00-9:45 Opening Keynote - Sarah Smith
10:00-11:15 Morning Breakout Sessions #1
11:30-12:30 Luncheon/Speaker - Markie Scholz
12:30-1:45 Afternoon Breakout Sessions #1
1:45-2:00 Break
2:00-3:15 Afternoon Breakout Sessions #2
3:15-3:30 Break
3:30-4:30 Afternoon Breakout Sessions #3
4:30-4:45 Wrap up/Announcements and Door Prizes

Lodging



The conference will be held at the Best Western PLUS Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls. The hotel is located at 3200 W Maple Street. Book your room now by calling the hotel at 605-610-2455. Make sure to ask for the SoDakSACA room block to get the special conference rate.



Registration Details

There will be a separate registration fee for the pre-conference session. You may also register for Friday only, Saturday only, or both Friday and Saturday for the conference. Your conference registration fee includes your 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 (Tentative)



This year, our luncheon will be following our theme "**Laissez les bon temps rouler!**" Help us decorate our tables with a unique and creative centerpiece! Programs may compete for a prize by bringing a centerpiece with a fun 'Mardi Gras' theme to this year's contest. Centerpiece should be around 15" x 15". Turn in your program's entry at the Registration Desk.

Poster Promotion

Once again, afterschool programs are encouraged to create a poster featuring our theme "**Laissez les bon temps rouler!**" Each poster should be designed as a large Mardi Gras mask. Creativity is encouraged! One poster per program site, please. Posters will be on display throughout the conference venue. Be sure to incorporate your program name and city on the 'mask'. 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 at the conference this year, giving people time to network and have a lot of fun, as well as enjoy all the great workshop sessions. To start out, we'll be having a special 'pre-conference' leadership session with Tracey Ballas on Thursday evening (not to miss, Directors!). Friday evening we're moving to the Washington Pavilion for some fun learning experiences and the annual Lights On Afterschool – South Dakota celebration. Don't miss it!



SD Lights On Afterschool Event at the Washington Pavilion!

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 Friday evening, October 5th at the Washington Pavilion for some fun activities and a special 'Lights On Afterschool – South Dakota' afterschool celebration. 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 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
SOUTH DAKOTA



Tracey C. Ballas

With more than 25 years experience in the afterschool field, Tracey C. Ballas, former Chief Executive Officer of School-Age NOTES, Inc., brings a wealth of experience to the workshops and trainings she has conducted throughout the United States and in Europe. She is the celebrated author of "Targeted Leadership-Building a Team That Hits the Mark." This practical resource reveals tried and true ideas for how to find and keep competent, caring staff who work cohesively as a team.



For the past 22 years, Tracey has been an Education and Training Associate for the National Institute on Out-of-School Time (NIOST) at the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women. This national action/research project provides technical assistance, consultation, and specialized training to schools and other educational organizations.

She is the former statewide coordinator of the Ohio Project on Out-of-School Time and the former director of the Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association. Tracey also served as the director of Child Care Services for the YMCA of Central Ohio and was the director of the Zanesville City Schools Before-and-After School Programs.

Tracey was one of the founders of the National School-Age Care Alliance (now the National AfterSchool Association) and served as president of that organization for six years. She also co-founded and is a past president of the Ohio Professionals for School-Age Children. She has testified in Congress and served as an advisor to former Vice-President Al Gore on the Welfare to Work Committee. Tracey has authored a number of articles that have been featured in *Child*, *Working Mother*, and *Parenting* magazines.

Sarah A. Smith



Sarah A. Smith has been working in the education field for more than 15 years. She holds her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Development, and her Masters Degree of Education in Curriculum and Instruction. Sarah spent four years working in before and after school care before teaching elementary school for 8 years. She has been a director of curriculum and has more recently worked as a program evaluator evaluating various projects in education including 21st Century after school programs. Sarah is the mother of three children, two of whom attend before and after school care daily. Her husband is the administrator of the Papillion La Vista School District's before and after school care programs near Omaha, and Sarah currently works as a Master Teacher at Educare of Omaha in Omaha, NE.

Markie Scholz

Dragons Are Too Seldom Puppet Productions with Markie Scholz began in the summer of 1971. She and her puppets have performed in thirty-nine states and six countries, and travels 30,000 to 70,000 miles a year in her pursuit to bring puppets to the masses. She has performed at art festivals, senior citizen centers, schools, day care centers, benefits, birthday parties, and on the Golden Gate Bridge during rush hour traffic, to name just a few.



Markie has a studio in Spearfish SD where she creates puppets, writes scripts, rehearses, designs and books her shows. She shares this space with some six hundred retired puppets who line the walls and ceiling. Markie has performed for over a million South Dakotans and just as many others throughout the world. Each year she travels and performs for schools, the Summer Reading Program in libraries, art festivals, recreation departments, military schools in Europe and the States, birthday parties, retirement parties, school reunions and any event that needs a little laughter and fun.

"Puppetry is a wonderful profession!" says Scholz. "It allows you to share a magical time with wonderful people. I hope I will still be a puppeteer when I am 95."



Please Join Us!