

ACCT 21st Annual International Challenge Course Symposium and Conference

February 3–6, 2011 Minneapolis, Minnesota USA

CALL FOR PRESENTERS



General Information



About the Conference

ACCT's Annual International Challenge Course Symposium and Conference is the largest gathering of owners, builders, manufacturers, trainers, and practitioners from the challenge course industry, drawing hundreds of attendees from all 50 states and many other countries. Each year the conference connects participants with leaders from the challenge course industry through general sessions, featured forums, and hands-on workshops.

The conference also provides access to new ideas and networking opportunities with a plethora of workshops, site visits, projects, and meetings.

Selection Criteria

- Proposals will be assessed based on their relevance to the challenge course industry, content quality, and creativity of delivery approach.
- First consideration will go to session topics that are unique, innovative, or otherwise new to our profession. Please be sure to note in your description why your topic/project is different.
- Submission deadline is October 1, 2010.
- You will be notified by November 1, 2010, if your proposal has been selected.

About Proposals

The Association for Challenge Course Technology requests proposals for workshops for the 21st Annual International Challenge Course Symposium and Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on February 3–6, 2011.

As the challenge course industry grows and the conference reaches its 21st year, we look back for lessons learned and ahead to possibilities inherent in a change of administration. ACCT convened the first Ropes Course Builders Symposium in 1988 at the North Carolina Outward Bound School, which has grown into an international conference. The challenge course industry has reached new milestones in involvement levels, standardization of best practices, and global and local innovations. This conference celebrates the birth and growth of an industry and also calls for action at a time when the challenge course industry is expanding to include new trades, new professions, and growing technology.

Please join us in sharing your best ideas about growing our industry and cultivating change through experiential learning, capitalizing on the advantages of a growing industry. Feedback from last year's conference indicates the following topics are of interest:

- Course design information
- How to rehab an existing course
- Knots usage
- Course management
- College/university programs

The above are suggestions from past participants. We hope that you have an abundance of your own thoughts and concepts for workshops. We had a balance of requests for workshops for those new in the industry and more workshops for the experienced, advanced facilitators.

Every year, we get feedback from a large percentage of the attendees that the description of the workshop does not match the content of the workshop. We have increased the word limit to, hopefully, allow you to accurately describe your workshop.



Workshop Submission Guidelines



Submission Deadline

Workshop proposals must be submitted by October 1, 2010.

E-mail Submissions to

Marci Ryan, Workshop Coordinator,
cmomarci@sbcglobal.net

An email confirmation of receipt will be sent to you within 4 days of receipt of your proposal. Please contact Marci if you do not receive this confirmation.

General Information

Please prepare a sufficient number of handouts for your session. Workshop participants range in age anywhere from 10 to 50 and up.

Written notification on the status of your proposal will be e-mailed to the primary presenter by November 1, 2010.

For questions or general inquiries, please call the ACCT's main office at 800-991-0286 or contact Marci Ryan via e-mail or at 614-885-1023.

Speaker Guidelines

1. Proposals must be submitted on the ACCT 2011 Application Form. (Please make a copy for your own records.)
2. Be innovative. Look for emerging issues or suggest a creative new approach to the way things have always been done.
3. All communications will be sent to the primary presenter only.
4. Only complete applications will be accepted.
5. ACCT reserves the right to edit workshop titles and descriptions for length and content for the official conference program guide.
6. No more than two proposals will be accepted from an individual and/or organization.
7. All presenters must register for the conference.



Presenter's Application Form



Narrative Description

This form is key to the selection process and to marketing your workshop to potential attendees. Please fill it out carefully. Be sure to describe all important aspects of your presentation including

- Workshop name and description
- Learning objectives
- Benefits to participants
- Target audience
- Relevance to the challenge course industry
- Logistical needs

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or

Fax submissions to
Marci Ryan
+1-614-885-3032

Workshop Title: 10 word maximum

Primary Presenter _____

Organization _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Co-Presenter _____

Organization of Co-Presenter

Workshop Description (Please summarize using **a maximum of 60 words**. This description will be used in the Conference Program and is subject to editing at our discretion. Please ensure that this summary accurately describes the content that you will be presenting. Our biggest complaint is that the workshop descriptions do not match actual workshop content. Attendees will use this description to select their workshops.)

Check here if you are willing to present more than once

Target Audience

This workshop will be best suited for:

- Beginners
- Experienced Facilitators
- Open to all

Please prioritize your top 3 audiences with "1" being your primary audience:

- ___ Owners
- ___ Operators
- ___ Managers/Operators
- ___ Canopy/Zip Line Tours
- ___ Community Partners
- ___ Trainers and Testers



Presenter's Application Form

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Learning Objectives (At the end of the workshop, what will participants take away? We suggest you have 3.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Relevance to the Challenge Course Industry

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Have you presented on this topic at other conferences including prior ACCT conferences? Yes / No (If yes, please list the year and the conference name)

Conference Name _____ Year _____

Professional References

1. _____
2. _____

Presenter biography for Conference Program: (30 word maximum, no resumes please)

Presenter:

Co-presenter:



Presenter's Application Form

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Logistical Needs

Room Setup:

- ❖ All rooms are set theater style with chairs in rows.
- ❖ If you are doing physical activities that require a different or special setup, please note it on your application.

Note: If you are planning to conduct physical activities in your workshop, please check with James Borishade, Executive Director, at james@acctinfo.org to make sure ACCT has adequate insurance coverage for your proposed activity.

Audiovisual Needs:

- ❖ The Workshop Coordinator attempts to provide LCD projectors for all presenters who indicate a need. In order to meet the demand for projectors and to limit the number of persons that need to travel with them, please initial here _____ if you have an LCD projector that can be used throughout the conference under the supervision of the Workshop Coordinator.
- ❖ Each room will be supplied with a flip chart pad and markers.

ACCT will provide one of the following. Please check one only. Equipment must be ordered at the time of completing this form.

- Overhead Projector (for use with transparencies only)
- Slide Projector
- CD Player
- TV/VCR
- LCD Projector

We will attempt to accommodate all requests for audio visual equipment. Please note that AV equipment and packages are a cost to ACCT. If you request AV and your needs change, please inform the Workshop Coordinator ASAP as you could potentially save the Association money!

Things to Consider

- ❖ If your workshop is accepted, you must sign a presenter's agreement.
- ❖ Participants may request and appreciate handouts or prefer getting them later by e-mail. If you are using paper handouts, please bring them. Free copying service at the conference is NOT available, and copies are usually expensive at the hotel.
- ❖ Your audience is international!

Workshop Format

(Mark X next to all that apply)

- Lecture
- Presentation & Breakout/Small Group Work
- Demonstration
- Panel Discussion
- Active Games/Initiatives
- Other (please explain)

Workshop Focus

- Facilitation & Programming (FP)
- Technical Topics (TT)
- Operations & Management (OM)
- Industry Business (IB)
- Canopy & Zip Line Tours (CZ)

