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from the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America

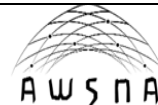
**AWSNA Summer Conference ... SAVE THE DATE:** June 23-29, 2012 for the 2012 AWSNA Summer Conference. **Meeting the Adolescent – Part III** will be hosted by the Sacramento Waldorf School in Fair Oaks, CA.

**Enrollment Update...**Schools opened this year to a variety of enrollment profiles. Waldorf schools around technology-oriented Silicon Valley are thriving, as more and more technology engineers recognize protection of children from the effects of their inventions until they are older. Other schools are struggling to fill seats. Many of the problems with enrollment are related to finances in this difficult economic climate. How can we solve the high price of independence in North America? Several meetings with RSF to discuss Accessible to All tuition structures have seen varying levels of success when implemented. We'd be interested in hearing about your enrollment story – write to [pmaynard@awsna.org](mailto:pmaynard@awsna.org).

**Update from CAPE...**All independent schools are in similar situations to Waldorf schools, as charter and other government-funded schools continue to make significant impact on enrollment. The Council on American Private Education (CAPE), at which your school is represented through AWSNA, is finalizing a new strategic plan of CAPE, which includes partnering with organizations to help sponsor parenting choice in education. CAPE is also considering first amendment rights to support developing free thinking and free values in our children.

**The Institute for Social Renewal (ISF) celebrates Rudolf Steiner's birthday:** AWSNA and many other anthroposophical and Steiner-inspired businesses and organizations were represented at the Presidio in San Francisco on September 25 to celebrate Rudolf Steiner's birthday. The party was a wonderful success – but, even more importantly, this connection bolsters a growing consciousness of the huge impact Rudolf Steiner has had on our culture. The leap in success of Dr. Hauschka products, Weledea, and bio-dynamic wines are just two examples. AWSNA has been partnering with the many businesses that are inspired by Rudolf Steiner's insights.

**Ways to support and further** Waldorf Education in North America: Sign up to receive the e-news and on the Alumni Corner on [www.WhyWaldorfWorks.org](http://www.WhyWaldorfWorks.org) to stay informed about Waldorf news; 'like' AWSNA on Facebook "[Waldorf Education-the official page sponsored by AWSNA](#)"; support your local Waldorf school every way you can; and use GoodSearch (instead of Google) when surfing the web. Thank you for your commitment to Waldorf Education!





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## Join us for AWSNA's SERVICE WEEKEND at the **LAKOTA WALDORF SCHOOL**



Eight (8!) people already signed up to join in on AWSNA's **Service Weekend on the Pine Ridge Reservation** in South Dakota at the Lakota Waldorf School (LWS) and the Oglala Lakota College (OLC). The dates are April 19-22, 2012. Ride horses, experience drumming circles, live in a tipi, and work hard for a terrific little school! This promises to be the experience of a lifetime.



### AWSNA RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR YOU

*Please keep these helpful resources in mind:*

- Green Pages
- Waldorf: Messaging Guidelines
- Young Schools Guide
- Accreditation Guide
- Annual Financial Surveys
- Media Guide
- Overcoming Racism through Anthroposophy
- Articles on Finance
- List of Mentors, Evaluators and Teachers

*We also offer "Effective Practices" documents:*

- Development
- Human Resources
- Enrollment
- Long-range and Strategic Planning
- Report Writing and Documentation
- Working with Parents
- Finances
- Community Life
- School and Pedagogical Operations

FORMS AVAILABLE: Don't reinvent the wheel: we've compiled the best forms from member schools that you can use as templates to create your own. These valuable tools can be found under "Affiliated School Resources" page listed in the AWSNA section of the [www.WhyWaldorfWorks.org](http://www.WhyWaldorfWorks.org). If you need the password it's *4awsna*.

