

# SPRING LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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## BOB DITTER

Keynote: Wednesday, April 14, 2010 – 7pm-9pm

### ***BFF—Building Friendships at Camp: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly***

One of the things campers mention most when they talk about camp are the friends they make there. What makes a camp friend so special and what does it take to make and keep a friend? For most kids, making friends is like falling off a log, but what about the ones who don't fit in or who find it harder to break the ice? Bob will illuminate the nature of friendship at camp in this age of immediate electronic "friending" in a way that is humorous and poignant at the same time. He will also share his latest thoughts on relational aggression among boys and girls and introduce his concept of mapping a cabin or group and how the basic values of true friendship are the building blocks of leadership. This will be a full evening!

### ***About Bob Ditter***



Bob Ditter is a senior level child, adolescent and family therapist from Boston who works extensively with organizations that work with young people. His clients include Sea World, the Disney Channel, the Salvation Army, Girl Scouts of America, YMCA, American Camp Association, Jewish Community Centers, private and public schools and others.

Bob has appeared on the *ABC Evening News with Peter Jennings*, *Good Morning America* and twice on NBC's *Today Show*. He has been quoted in *The New York Times*, *Parent Magazine*, *the Ladies Home Journal*, *Money Magazine* and *USA Today*. *Sports Illustrated* called him "...camping's most articulate spokesman" because of his work with children's summer camps since 1982.

Bob has visited over 500 summer camps in the United States, has authored three books for camp professionals and has produced 7 brand new training DVDs. He is best known in camp circles as the author of the popular column, ***In the Trenches***, which appears regularly in *Camping Magazine*.

