

SPRING LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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ASHLEY MERRYMAN

Keynote: Friday, April 16, 2010 – 9:00am-10:30am

NutureShock: New Thinking About Children

Based on the best-selling book, *NutureShock: New Thinking About Children* with Po Bronson, Ashley Merryman will explore cutting edge research in child development and parenting, turning on its ear the most current conventional wisdom on best parenting practices. Merryman covers a variety of parenting techniques & topics and addresses all stages of childhood, from toddlers to teens. Her insightful exploration of themes and issues that transcend children's (and adult's) lives will change how camp professionals interact and work with youth today.

About Ashley Merryman



ACA, Southern California/Hawaii is pleased to introduce award-winning journalist Ashley Merryman to the Camp Industry. Her best-selling book, *NutureShock: New Thinking About Children*, with Po Bronson explores cutting edge research in child development and parenting, turning on its ear the most current conventional wisdom on best parenting practices.

At the podium, Merryman brings the research to life with wit, first-hand experience, and a journalistic appetite for the truth. Delving into *NutureShock*, she covers a variety of parenting techniques, topics and addresses all stages of childhood, from toddlers to teens. Her insightful exploration of themes and issues that transcend children's (and adult's) lives will change how camp professionals interact and work with youth today.

Merryman holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Southern California's School of Cinematic Arts, a J.D. from Georgetown University's Law Center and a Certificate in Irish Studies from Queen's University in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

