

Annual Statement of Compliance



Camp Accreditation

American Camp Association Accreditation describes the operations of the programs and services by an owner/director. This may be sought by a camp operating on its own property, on the property belonging to someone else, or by camps who rent/lease facilities to other groups who retain the responsibility for part or all of their own program. Accreditation applies to all camp programs and services offered under the same camp name throughout the year, except for single day events.

To maintain accreditation, a legal representative must sign the then-current statement of compliance **annually**, comply with all of ACA's current/applicable mandatory standards and all standards verified by the visitors on the day of the visit (the "ACA Standards"), and must agree to an onsite visit as determined by the local leadership, but at least once every three years. The visitation requires confirming compliance with standards related to health, safety, and risk management in areas such as site, transportation, human resources, operations, and programming, and it must occur while the camp/program is in full operation.

1. I hereby concur with the guidelines of camp as set forth by the American Camp Association as a sustained or regular experience which provides a creative educational and recreational opportunity in group living often occurring in the out-of-doors. It utilizes trained leadership and the resources of the natural surroundings to contribute to each camper's mental, physical, social, and spiritual growth.
2. I hereby confirm that the camp listed below is operating under the applicable federal, state, and local laws, codes and regulations, and that all required permits and licenses have been obtained. The compliance with legal requirements of the jurisdictions within which a camp is located is the responsibility of the camp; enforcement is the responsibility of the appropriate government official. The American Camp Association is not a law enforcement agency. Where the ACA Standard requires higher performance than the legal requirements, a camp must comply, and maintain compliance, with the Standard to be accredited.
3. If continuing accreditation, I affirm that the camp continues to meet the standards verified by the visitors on the day of the visit as well as the current applicable mandatory standards.
4. I understand that accreditation may be withdrawn or withheld by ACA, in its sole discretion, from a camp going through the accreditation process:
 - a. if false information is knowingly provided to the visitors or ACA local office or national personnel;
 - b. if it is verified that compliance with the ACA Standards is not being continually maintained;
 - c. if ACA has been notified by appropriate federal, state, or local authorities that laws which significantly affect the health and safety of campers or staff have been violated, or ACA has documented reason to believe that such violations have occurred;
 - d. at the discretion of the ACA Local Council of Leaders or Affiliate Board of Directors, following a local review and notification of the National Standards Commission (NSC) prior to such action being taken. The camp has the right of appeal to the NSC in the event of such action. The NSC has the final and absolute authority in such matters;
 - e. if the camp fails to comply with the Logo Usage Terms & Conditions Agreement or the terms of this Statement of Compliance; or
 - f. if anyone associated with the operation of or employed by the camp has been convicted of a crime, has been found liable of wrong-doing in any civil proceeding, or in ACA's opinion, would have a material adverse reputational implication for ACA if ACA remained associated with such individual or the camp that employed the individual.

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5. My camp has complied and will continue to comply with all of the current applicable mandatory standards for accreditation.
6. Upon accreditation, ACA grants a limited, terminable, non-exclusive license to use the ACA-accreditation logo to its accredited camps. In its use of the ACA-accreditation logo and any other ACA trademarks, I hereby confirm the camp complies with ACA's Logo Usage Terms & Conditions Agreement (www.ACAcamps.org/logos/terms-accred). I acknowledge that my camp's ability to use the ACA accredited camp logos or ACA marks shall automatically and immediately terminate if my camp ceases to be accredited. ACA makes no representations or warranties, express or implied, related to the ACA logos or ACA marks, including without limitation any warranties of title or noninfringement.
7. I understand my camp's right to use the ACA-accreditation logo or any other ACA trademark is conditioned on and that my camp may not display or use the ACA-accreditation logo or any other of ACA's trademarks if: (i) the camp has not paid the necessary fees for accreditation; (ii) a legal representative of the camp has not signed and returned this Statement of Compliance for the current calendar year; (iii) accreditation has never been earned or has been removed for any reason; (iv) the camp fails to comply with the Logo Usage Terms & Conditions; or (v) upon notice from ACA, the camp fails to promptly cease any use of the ACA-accreditation logo or any other ACA mark. Any improper use of any ACA logo or ACA mark is subject to prosecution to the full extent of the law. The camp acknowledges that all use of the ACA logos or marks inure to the benefit of ACA.
8. I affirm that I am willing to be held accountable for, and understand that camp accreditation can be withheld or removed for violations of the Code of Ethics of the American Camp Association as revised February 2002.

As the legally authorized representative of Camp Number _____

Camp Name _____

Year of last accreditation visit _____

I have reviewed the current standards under which the above camp was last visited and I do hereby affirm that the camp, which I represent, meets the requirements established in the Statement of Compliance above. I further affirm that the camp, listed above, adheres to all of the current applicable mandatory standards for accreditation under which it was last visited. On behalf of the camp listed above, I wish to continue our camp accreditation.

I understand and agree, on behalf of the camp, that accreditation is subject to the camp's continued compliance with the requirements of this Statement of Compliance and that this Statement of Compliance and all terms and conditions incorporated herein, including, without limitation, ACA's Code of Ethics, the Logo Usage Terms & Conditions Agreement, and ACA Standards comprise an agreement between the camp and ACA that governs the camp's operation as an ACA accredited camp (the "Agreement"). This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of Indiana, without regard to any conflict of law principles to the contrary. All disputes arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be exclusively brought and exclusively maintained in the State courts located in Marion County, Indiana, or the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, Indianapolis Division (or upon appeal, to the appellate courts of corresponding jurisdiction). Each party consents to and waives any objection to the exclusive personal jurisdiction and exclusive venue of such State and Federal courts.

I represent and warrant that I have the necessary authority to execute and agree to all of the terms of this Statement of Compliance on behalf of the camp identified above.

Signature (*required*) _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

Position _____

Please sign and return to:
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 Forms may also be submitted online at www.ACAcamps.org/soc