

Annual Statement of Compliance



Camp Accreditation

American Camp Association Accreditation describes the operation 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 that rent/lease facilities to other groups who retain the responsibility for part or all of their own program. The visitation requires establishing compliance with standards related to the camp site, program, and operation, and it must occur while the camp is in full operation. Accreditation applies to all camp programs and services offered under the same camp name throughout the year, except for single day events.

To apply for or maintain accreditation, a legal representative must sign the statement of compliance annually, and must agree to an on-site visit as determined by the Section, but at least once every three years.

1. I hereby concur with the guidelines of camping as set forth by ACA: Camping is a sustained or regular experience that 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. ACA does not consider itself a legal agency to enforce the law. Where the ACA Standard requires higher performance than the legal requirements, a camp must comply 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 I understand that accreditation may be withdrawn
 - a. if false information is knowingly provided to the visitors or ACA section or national personnel; or
 - b. if it is verified that compliance with mandatory standards is not being continually maintained; or
 - 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; or
 - d. at the discretion of the ACA local leadership, 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.
5. My camp has complied and will continue to comply with all of the current applicable mandatory standards for accreditation.
6. I affirm that I am willing to be held accountable for, and understand that my camp can lose its accreditation for violations of the Code of Ethics of ACA 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 below 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 below, adheres to all of the current applicable mandatory standards for accreditation. On behalf of the camp listed below, I wish to continue our camp accreditation.

Signature (required) _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

Position _____

Please sign and return to:
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