

American Camp Association 2012 National Conference

February 21–24, 2012

Hyatt Regency Atlanta • Atlanta, Georgia

Are there any incentives/discounts for registering early?

Yes, those registering on or before **December 15, 2011**, enjoy the lowest rates.

Are there any incentives/discounts if multiple people from my organization register?

Yes, after the first fully registered ACA member or non-member from an organization registers, others may do so at a reduced rate.

Is it true you are offering complimentary registration for full-time students?

It is indeed. A photocopy of both sides of a student I.D. that confirms full-time student status must be submitted with your registration. **Complimentary student registration does not include meal functions or ticketed events; however, students are welcome to purchase these tickets.** For ticketed keynote luncheons, students will be able to attend the session after the meal has been served.

Can I register for just one day? Two days?

You may register for a single day or a combination of days. See registration page for more details.

<http://www.acacamps.org/conference/registration>

Is it possible to buy event/meal tickets for friends and family?

Yes, you may do so using the registration form or you may purchase them on site, subject to availability. Spaces reserved in advance are guaranteed. On-site ticket availability may be limited.

Do you accommodate special dietary needs?

Due to the constraints of hotel catering, the only special dietary needs we can accommodate are “general vegetarian” and “Kosher” and only during plated meal-type gatherings. This preference must be submitted on your registration form.

If I am speaking, do I have to register? Pay?

All speakers MUST register for the conference, either just for the day of their session or for the full conference. Speakers enjoy significantly reduced rates that include keynote/event tickets. We realize this in no way is meant to compensate for your time and expertise. We recognize that you are making a significant contribution to camp and the profession — with our thanks!

How do I register for Kindred events?

Please consult the list of Kindred events confirmed to date and information on registration at www.ACACamps.org/conference/kindred. The Kindred registration process varies according to group. ACA handles registration for some Kindreds, while others offer their own registration services.

How can I learn more about the program content?

The program is currently in development. Presenters are in the process of submitting proposals for consideration, utilizing the online submission tool. At the same time, the National Program Review Team is developing sessions based on feedback gleaned from needs assessment tools, past conference evaluation results, and hot topics that develop out of current situations in camp. Look for updates on the program in progress on the National Conference Web pages. This year’s theme is *Convergence: Vision, Learning, and Innovation*.

Can I earn ACA CEC’s for participating? Yes! The number of available CEC’s each day will be determined by early October, when the program is assembled by the National Conference Program Review Team. Learners setting goals for CEC attainment can plan on approximately 22 hours of educational contact time, if participating in the full conference.

If I have an idea for a program or presenter, how do I submit?

Proposals will be accepted through September 20, 2011. Visit www.ACACamps.org/conference/call-proposals-2012 for more details.

What are my volunteer options?

We welcome volunteers! We have a variety of short- and long-term options. In a handful of cases, reduced registration fees are offered in exchange for significant services. Visit www.ACAcamps.org/conference/volunteer for more information.

Although I would like to attend the National Conference, there are reasons preventing this kind of trip and/or participation. What options do I have to attend in-person conferences?

ACA local offices (some groups refer to these as chapters) and groups of ACA offices offer conferences on a local or regional level. These events offer high quality education, excellent networking opportunities, and in most cases, access to a variety of exhibitors. For more information, visit: www.ACAcamps.org/conference/conferences.php.

What airport should I use?

You should use Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL).

Should I register first or make hotel reservations first?

Space for the conference is not limited; however, hotel sleeping rooms are. If you wish to secure your room at Hyatt Regency Atlanta, we suggest you proceed in making hotel reservations. For more details, visit www.ACAcamps.org/conference/hotel.

Why should I stay at the conference host hotel?

The success of the ACA National Conference depends on registrants and exhibitors staying at the contracted host hotel to offset the sizable costs of producing the conference and exhibits. ACA cannot meet contracted room obligations if registrants and exhibitors reserve rooms in other area hotels. The risk of incurring tens of thousands of dollars in financial penalties (attrition fees) increases with each registrant who stays outside the host hotel. If we do not meet our guarantee, we will have to pay penalties, which add to the costs of the conference and in turn increase registration and exhibitor fees. Sustaining a financially successful conference for ACA means ensuring that both conference registrants and exhibitors have a quality, meaningful event that will reap benefits for you and the profession for years to come.

What are my ground transportation options from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport to Hyatt Regency Atlanta?

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is located approximately thirteen miles from the hotel.

Transportation to and from the airport:

- Atlanta Airport Shuttle Connection (ASSC): typical minimum charge \$8.00 (404-762-3007)
- Taxi: typical minimum charge \$30.00 plus \$2.00 per each additional person
- M.A.R.T.A. (Metro Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority): \$3.50 per ride. Rail system runs approx. every 10 minutes. M.A.R.T.A.'s airport station is attached to the Airport, right off baggage claim. One way fares are only \$3.50 and within 20 minutes, you can be downtown. Hyatt Regency Atlanta is connected to Peachtree Center Train Station via Peachtree Center Mall. 20 minutes from Airport. (Airport pickup at baggage claim, TH Terminal. To get to Hyatt, take M.A.R.T.A. to the Peachtree Center Station and exit Northeast towards Peachtree Center Mall.)
www.itsmarta.com/airport.aspx

What is the hotel close to?

Discover the vibrant setting of downtown Atlanta. Step right outside for a fascinating look at Atlanta's rich culture and history on world-famous Peachtree Street. Stroll to historic sites, cultural attractions, world-class shopping, and fine dining. Local attractions include the Georgia Aquarium, Peachtree Center Mall, King Center and MLK Historic District, the Georgia Dome, CNN Center, Fox Theater, High Museum of Art, Turner Field, Centennial Olympic Park, and a variety of other popular attractions and museums. Explore the New World of Coca Cola or take in a music concert. The Atlanta Braves, Hawks, Falcons, and Thrashers play in nearby sports venues. Discover the best of the city — and countless downtown attractions. For more details visit www.atlantaregency.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/activities/index.jsp.

If I plan to drive, what are the best driving routes?

Information on the best driving routes is available at www.atlantaregency.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/services/maps/index.jsp.

Hotel Address: Hyatt Regency Atlanta, 265 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30303

If I plan to drive, what is the parking fee?

Hyatt Parking

Hotel parking (indoor valet) with in/out privileges. (There is no self-service hotel parking available.)

The charges are as follows:

- 0-1 hour \$ 8.00
- 1-2 hours \$12.00
- 2-4 hours \$16.00
- 4-6 hours \$20.00

- 6-24 hours \$29.00

Note: Vehicles with clearance over 7', oversized vans, Winnebagos, and buses cannot be accommodated in hotel parking lot. Local open-air lots can be recommended. Contact Concierge at 404-460-6437.

Non-Hyatt Parking

Should the hotel underground lot become full, additional non-Hyatt parking is located in the SunTrust building, 1/2 block from the hotel.

Are there other parking options?

Yes! One of the most economical ways to park for the conference is to utilize MARTA. You can park at any of the following MARTA stations long-term (cost per day is listed below) and then take the train in to Peachtree Station, which is adjacent to the hotel. For information on parking, go to <http://www.itsmarta.com/parking-information.aspx>.

- North Springs (\$8/day)
- Sandy Springs (\$5/day)
- Dunwoody (\$5/day)
- Doraville (\$8/day)
- Brookhaven (\$5/day)
- Lenox (\$5/day)
- Lindbergh Center (\$8/day)
- College Park (\$8/day)
- Kensington (\$5/day)

You can also check this website for information on other parking lots near downtown/the hotel:

<http://www.atlantadowntown.com/guide/getting-around/parking/garage>

Does Hyatt Regency Atlanta offer day care options?

The hotel offers some babysitting services. You will need to contact them directly for more details.

What are the expected temperatures for Atlanta, Georgia in February?

The average temperatures for Atlanta in February are: High: 57°F, Low: 37°F.

For the most current weather conditions or forecast, click on one of the following links:

www.weather.com/weather/today/Atlanta+GA+30303

www.weathercentral.com/cgi-bin/weather/forecast.cgi?forecast=zandh&pands=30303

www.srh.noaa.gov/ffc/?mystation=KATL

If I want to exercise while at Conference, what are my options?

Hyatt Regency Atlanta recently unveiled Hyatt Hotels & Resorts' new fitness program, Stay Fit at Hyatt. From the 5,000 square foot fitness center to the outdoor pool and sundeck, there is something for everyone to enjoy. The StayFit gym at the downtown Atlanta Georgia luxury hotel features the latest in Life Fitness cardio and strength-training equipment complete with personal integrated LCD television, including: treadmills; elliptical machines; recumbent bikes; exercise cycles; free weights; weight stations; exercise mats; resistance bands and balls; StayFit towels; exercise programs; YogaAway; exercise programs; and a Fitness Concierge. Prefer the freedom of running or walking outside? Visit the Fitness Concierge for maps of local walking and jogging trails.

What is the appropriate dress for the conference? Casual! Please come in clothes that are comfortable for moving around, enjoying sessions, and stepping outside. Bring comfortable shoes/boots for walking.

What dining options are available at Hyatt Regency Atlanta?

Perks

Proudly brewing and serving Starbucks coffee, Perks offers sandwiches, salads and snacks 24/7.

Avanzare

Savor USDA steaks, chops, and seafood cooked to perfection in this popular downtown Atlanta restaurant.

Kafe København

Stop in for a quick and delicious breakfast or lunch in a relaxing open-air atmosphere.

Avanzare Lounge

Tantalize your taste buds with selections from the full bar menu and extensive wine list at this Atlanta bistro-style restaurant and lounge.

Twenty-Two Stories

The Hyatt's new lobby bar, Twenty-Two Storys, is based on a concept that tells a first-hand perspective of the hotel's past, present, and future.

How can I find out information on the area around the hotel?

Visit: www.atlantaregency.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/services/local/attractions/listings.jsp.

How can I learn more about Atlanta, Georgia?

For more, visit the following Web sites:

- www.atlanta.com/
- www.atlanta.net/
- www.exploregeorgia.org/
- www.atlantacitytourist.com/atlanta-tourist-office.html