



## ACA Individual Member Benefits and Services

Thank you for your interest in the American Camp Association® (ACA), a community of camp professionals who, for more than 100 years, have been working together to help ensure the highest quality camp experiences for our nation's youth. As a leading authority on youth development, ACA works to preserve, promote, and improve the camp experience for all involved.

**Collectively, ACA members impact 6.9 million campers and learners annually.**

Camps and camp professionals affiliated with ACA benefit from collective knowledge, insights,

experiences, and connections. ACA's 7,000+ individual members are uniquely qualified to work proactively, individually and together, to effect positive youth development.

Camp has always been a particularly well-suited venue where many lessons can be learned effectively. ACA's exceptional programs and services help camp professionals provide children and adults with opportunities to:

- Improve relationship-building techniques
- Learn how to take responsibility
- Perform critical thinking

- Make sound decisions
- Make healthy living choices
- Become respected stewards of the environment

There are many benefits and services immediately available upon joining ACA (see chart on back).

**We welcome you** to become part of the team that diligently works toward enriching lives and changing the world.

## ACA Individual Membership Rates

Your member fee is paid on an annual basis. All members receive the same benefits, with the exception of student members, who receive free registration to ACA National Conference. Please see the attached list of benefits. Individuals may choose from a variety of memberships. Discounts may apply.

- **ACA Individual Membership:** \$200
- **ACA Standards Visitor:** Individual has received training to help administer ACA's standards program. \$95 (\$105 discount)
- **Volunteer:** Volunteer for your youth-serving program. \$95 (\$105 discount)
- **Educator:** Works professionally as a faculty/staff member at an academic institution. \$95 (\$105 discount)
- **Expanded Learning Staff:** Works for a program that provides expanded learning opportunities (e.g., afterschool, out-of-school time, or summer learning enrichment programs). \$95 (\$105 discount)
- **Retiree:** Retired from full-time camp or youth work but still works in camp OR is 65 years old. \$60 (\$140 discount)
- **Student:** Full-time student. \$35 (\$165 discount) — Students receive the electronic version of *Camping Magazine* only, and free registration to ACA National Conference.

### Current ACA Members work in many areas:

- Private camps
- Agency camps
- Municipal camps
- Religiously affiliated camps
- Club programs
- Afterschool learning programs
- Out-of-school time programs
- Environmental education programs
- Wilderness adventure programs
- Experiential education programs
- Therapeutic recreation
- College and university settings
- Elementary and secondary education
- Other places where expanded learning takes place

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## The Benefits of Becoming an ACA Individual Member Include:

- Access to resources to enhance or maintain **high quality programs and services**
- Access to education related to the **only nationally recognized accreditation program** for day and resident camps, comprised of health and safety standards recognized in courts of law.
- Enhanced **personal credibility and professionalism** within the camp and youth development communities
- Opportunity to **build professionalism among camp staff** and to develop high-functioning camp staff teams through ACA resources such as the staff-focused issue of *Camping Magazine*
- An **improved ability to communicate the value of the camp experience** to parents, staff, campers, the media, funders, legislators, and other stakeholders
- Access to **professional networks** including online social networks, discussion boards, and a listserv established for camp professionals
- Access to **crisis communications and risk management planning tools** for superior crisis response
- Access to **savings** on educational opportunities and services offered by ACA and by camp-related businesses
- Access to camp-related public policy and state/federal legislative information; the advantage of ACA's **advocacy on your behalf**
- Access to **systematic, scientific research** to take an **evidenced-based approach** to decision making

## ACA Individual Member Services

Networking with other camp and youth-development professional and camp-related businesses
ACA's 24/7 Crisis Hotline
Online communications toolkit — to guide you through all levels of media relationships
Research and survey tools for program evaluation and improvement, at a discount
Current research on business operations, enrollments, and staffing issues in camp, at a discount
Current research and outcomes tools related to youth development, at a discount
Leadership institutes, educational workshops, online courses, and Webinars for staff, at a discount
Staff training resources for you as well as your paid and volunteer staff, at a discount
Professional development center and resources (pilot 2010)
Professional networks such as the Camp Professionals Discussion Group
Free subscription to <i>Camping Magazine</i> , ACA's bimonthly magazine (\$29.95 value)
Access to <i>The CampLine</i> , ACA's triannual online publication addressing legal, legislative, and accreditation issues
Free ACA Buyer's Guide annually and access to 300+ business affiliates offering camp-specific products and services, at a discount
Discounts on camp-related DVDs, books, forms, and other publications via the ACA Bookstore
Free alerts to year-round jobs posted on the ACA Jobs site and free posting of your own resume (up to a \$75 value)
Additional services provided by local ACA offices — e.g., educational events and camp fairs (up to a \$2,500 value)
Ongoing national and local public awareness outreach by ACA, enhancing the credibility of the camp profession — over 400 million impressions annually
Free registration at National Conference for Student Members (\$100 value)
Discounts on ACA regional and local conferences
Opportunities to advance ACA's mission by serving on ACA committees and holding ACA offices

There are also products and services for camps. For more information, call us or go to [www.ACAcamps.org/camp/details.pdf](http://www.ACAcamps.org/camp/details.pdf).