

## **2023 American Camp Association National Conference**

February 21-24, 2023 • Orlando, Florida

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#### Are there any incentives/discounts for registering early?

Yes, those registering on or before **December 16**, **2022**, can register at a discounted "early bird" rate on both 1<sup>st</sup> Person and Additional Person registrations. If you miss the early bird deadline, you can still save on those registrations by registering prior to **January 31**, **2023**.

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

Yes, after the first ACA member or nonmember from an organization registers at the 1<sup>st</sup> Person registration rate, others from the same organization may register at the Additional Person registration rate.

## Is it true that ACA offers complimentary registration for full-time students?

It is indeed. A photocopy of both sides of a student ID that confirms full-time student status must be submitted with your registration. Complimentary student registration <u>does not</u> include meal functions or ticketed events; however, students are welcome to purchase these tickets. For the ticketed closing luncheon, 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. Daily registration must be submitted via fax or mail using the printed registration form. It is not available in the online registration process. See the registration page for more details. 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 tickets 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/convention center catering, the only special dietary needs we can accommodate are "vegetarian" and "kosher." This preference must be submitted on your registration form.

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

All speakers <u>MUST</u> register for the conference — for either the day of their session or for the full conference. Speakers enjoy a significantly reduced full registration rate that includes keynote/event tickets. If you are attending only on the day(s) you are presenting, you may attend on that day for free; however, event tickets for that day are not included. Completed registration forms are needed for all presenters. We realize this in no way is meant to compensate for your time and expertise. ACA recognizes 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 <a href="ACAcamps.org/conference/kindred">ACAcamps.org/conference/kindred</a>. The Kindred registration process varies according to group. ACA handles registration for some Kindreds, while others offer their own registration services.

#### What is an ACA Kindred group?

ACA serves the interests of niche communities of camp professionals within the field of camp. These groups represent those who work in similar organizations, have similar business models, or serve similar types of campers. Learn more: ACAcamps.org/about/partnerships/kindred-groups.

#### How can I learn more about the program content?

The program is currently in development. Presenters submit proposals for consideration utilizing the online submission tool. Also, the Conference Team develops or recruits sessions based on feedback gleaned from needs assessment tools, post-event

surveys, 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 *Building Communities of Belonging*.

#### Can I earn ACA Continuing Education Credits (CECs) for participating?

Yes! The number of available CECs will be determined in November when the program is selected by the National Conference Program Review Team. Learners setting goals for CEC attainment can plan on approximately 19–21 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?

Session submissions for the 2023 ACA National Conference may be submitted through the CFP site through September 16, 2022. Visit ACAcamps.org/conference/cfp for more details.

#### Is there conference-related social media available?

#### National Conference Facebook Group

Join the <u>conference Facebook group</u> to begin your conference experience early. Connect with your fellow attendees, get breaking news, and more . . .

#### Twitter

For all the tweeters out there, use the hashtag <u>#ACANat23</u> during conference. Also, make sure to follow <u>@acanatconf</u> for conference updates.

#### Are there volunteer opportunities at the event?

ACA welcomes volunteers with a variety of short and long-term options. In some cases, a rebate on registration fees is offered in exchange for significant services. Visit <u>ACAcamps.org/conference/volunteer</u> for more information.

## Should I register first or make hotel reservations first?

Space for the conference is not limited; however, hotel guest rooms are. To secure your room at the conference hotel, we suggest you proceed in making hotel reservations first. However, remember you can save by registering early. For more details, visit <a href="https://examps.org/conference/hotel">ACAcamps.org/conference/hotel</a>.

#### What airport should I use?

Orlando International Airport. For more details, visit https://www.orlandoairports.net/.

## What ground transportation options are available from Orlando International Airport?

The Orlando International Airport is located approximately 15 miles away from the Rosen Centre Hotel. For information on available transportation options, visit orlandoairports.net/parking-transportation.

## What are the expected temperatures for Orlando in February?

The average temperatures for Orlando in February are: High: 74°F, Low: 53°F.

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

weathercentral.com/weather/us/cities/fl orlando.html

accuweather.com/en/us/orlando-fl/32801/weather-forecast/328169

#### What is the appropriate dress for the conference?

Casual! Please come in clothes that are comfortable for moving around, enjoying sessions, and stepping outside. Session room temperatures vary, so wear layers and plan accordingly. Bring comfortable shoes/boots for walking.

## How can I learn more about Orlando, Florida?

Visit Orlando has created a custom website for attendees of the 2023 ACA National Conference. **NOTE:** Before purchasing any tickets, be sure to check the expiration dates and possible blackout dates. Some tickets are only valid for the current year (until December 31, 2022), so it may be necessary to wait until next year to purchase tickets for 2023 dates. <a href="mailto:orlandomeeting.com/delegate/aca-national-conference-23/">orlandomeeting.com/delegate/aca-national-conference-23/</a>

ACA does not endorse or guarantee any special offers. Any questions should be directed to the contact information available on the site.

## What is your media and filming policy at conference?

Filming, photography, audio recording, and live streaming are strictly prohibited in common, shared, open areas and during all sessions without prior written approval from the American Camp Association.

# 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 other conferences?

ACA local offices and groups of ACA offices offer conferences on a local or regional level. These events offer high-quality education, excellent networking opportunities, and in some cases, access to a variety of exhibitors. For more information, visit: ACAcamps.org/staff-professionals/events-professional-development/events.

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