

# Government Relations

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**Join the Congressional Camp Caucus**  
***Promoting Camps. Empowering Youth.***  
***Strengthening Communities.***

## Why a Congressional Camp Caucus?

Each year, more than 26 million children attend day and overnight camps across the United States. Camps play a vital role in youth development, education, and workforce preparation—while also supporting families, rural economies, and international cultural exchange.

The Congressional Camp Caucus will provide a bipartisan forum for Members of Congress to:

- Prioritize child safety by strengthening camp safety standards, supporting rigorous staff training, and ensuring secure environments for all children
- Champion access and equity in camp experiences to expand opportunities for every child
- Support rural economies and workforce development by advancing policies on rural development
- Protect and promote the camp community by safeguarding the J-1 BridgeUSA Camp Counselor Program, uplifting small businesses and nonprofits, and recognizing camps' role in building life skills, character, and youth mental health.

The **American Camp Association (ACA)** is the leading national organization advancing the field of camp through research, professional development, and advocacy. As part of its mission to ensure safe and high-quality camp experiences, ACA administers **the only national accreditation program for camps**.

- ACA Accreditation is a voluntary process, separate from state licensing, through which camps agree to comply with ACA's national standards for safety, health, and risk management
- ACA Accreditation involves an in-depth review of policies and an on-site visit by trained ACA volunteers
- ACA Accreditation provides a framework of practices that accredited camps uphold, often going beyond what state laws require

## Who Should Join?

Members of Congress who are:

- ✓ Passionate about youth development
- ✓ Connected to—or interested in connecting with—camps in their districts
- ✓ Supporters of character development, education, outdoor learning, workforce development, or cultural exchange
- ✓ Committed to bipartisan solutions that build stronger communities

## Participating in the Congressional Camp Caucus will allow:

- Access to timely briefings on camp and youth-related policy issues
- Opportunities to engage with constituents through local camp visits
- Ability to co-lead initiatives that protect and expand camp opportunities
- Visibility and leadership in supporting America's next generation

## Ready to Join?

We invite you to help lead this important initiative. To join the Congressional Camp Caucus or learn more, please contact:

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