American Camp Association
Local Government Relations Monitoring Criteria

These criteria are designed to be used with the Government Relations Protocols. They should be reviewed in partnership with ACA staff.

**Basic Criteria**
- Does the topic have the potential to impact the public at large, camps or ACA – directly or indirectly?
- Does the topic relate to any existing ACA Public Policy Position Statement?
  - Camp safety
  - Children and nature
  - Children and Physical Activity
  - Criminal background checks
  - Public lands
  - School calendars
  - Year round education
- Does the topic relate to other ACA GA concerns?
- Does the topic align with obligations of a 501c3 organization?
- Would the topic jeopardize our 501c3 status?
- Does the topic fall within our mission focus and identified ends?

**Other Filters**
These filters may be needed to assess the situation but are not necessarily considered criteria. They should be asked before consideration of criteria most often.
- What is geographic scope – local, state, regional, national?
- Is there another organization better suited to handle this topic?
- What are the monetary and human capital implications of handling this issue?
- Is this a GA issue in the first place?