

American Camp Association 2017 National Conference

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Albuquerque, New Mexico

Are there any incentives/discounts for registering early?

Yes, those registering on or before **December 15, 2016** can register at a discounted 'early bird' rate on both 1st Person and Additional Person registrations.

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

Yes, after the first ACA member or non-member from an organization registers at the 1st 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 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. Daily registration must be submitted via the registration form. It is not available online.

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 MUST register for the conference, for either 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. 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 www.ACAcamps.org/conference/. The Kindred registration process varies according to group. ACA handles registration for some Kindreds, while others offer their own registration services.

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(s), we suggest you proceed in making hotel reservations first.

For more details, visit www.ACAcamps.org/conference/hotel.

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 Conference Team is developing sessions based on feedback gleaned from needs assessment tools, information shared with the National Education Council, 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 *Creating the Exceptional*.

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

Proposals will be accepted through September 15, 2016. Visit www.ACACamps.org/conference/cfp for more details.

What are my volunteer options?

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 www.ACACamps.org/conference/volunteer for more information.

What is the 2017 ACA National Conference Community Service Project?

As you pack your bags for Albuquerque, don't forget to include donation items for the 2017 National Conference service project. The 2017 ACA National Conference Planning Team has chosen to collect items for the **Albuquerque Public Schools Title I Homeless Project** as the service project for this year's conference. The APS Title I Homeless Project has weekly lunch programs at 9 High Schools. These programs provide a place and time for over 900 students experiencing homelessness to check in and get a meal, bus pass, or other needed items. The project provides hygiene "survival bags" to the students who are able to stay in school and work towards graduation, despite not having a place to call home. ACA could use your donations of camp or other day packs or string bags, with the following survival products inside for students experiencing homelessness: underwear (various ladies and men's sizes/boxers size XS-XL), socks (adult sizes), sports bras (varying adult and teenage sizes), deodorant, Chapstick, toothpaste/ toothbrush, combination shampoo/conditioner, soap, lotion, hair ties, hairbrushes & combs, gum, protein bar, or mints. We will collect donated items at the hospitality desk. See more at: <http://www.acacamps.org/conference/service>. Giving back to our host city....ACA helping local kids....A great partnership!

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/staff-professionals/events-professional-development/events.

What airport should I use?

Albuquerque International Sunport. For more details, visit www.abqsunport.com/.

What are my ground transportation options from Albuquerque International Sunport?

Albuquerque International Sunport is located approximately 5 ½ miles from the Albuquerque Convention Center and the nearby conference hotels. A wide variety of ground transportation services are available from Albuquerque International Sunport. For more information visit www.abqsunport.com/getting-around/ground-transportation/.

Approximate Transportation Costs:

- Sunport Shuttle: \$11.00 one way for the first customer, \$5.00 every additional customer, \$20.00 round trip. www.sunportshuttle.com/
- Albuquerque Cab Company: \$18-20.00 each way, www.albuquerquecab.com/
- Yellow Cab Company: \$18.00 to \$20.00 each way, 505-247-888 or 505-243-7777

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

This varies from hotel to hotel. Please check your hotel's website directly for more information.

Hyatt Regency Albuquerque: albuquerque.regency.hyatt.com/en/hotel/our-hotel/parking.html

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Albuquerque: doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/new-mexico/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-albuquerque-ALBSMDT/index.html

Hotel Andaluz: www.hotelandaluz.com

Hotel Parq Central: www.hotelparqcentral.com

Does the conference hotel(s) offer childcare options?

This varies from hotel to hotel. Please contact your hotel directly for more information.

What are the expected temperatures for Albuquerque in February?

The average temperatures for Albuquerque in February are: High: 55°F, Low: 32°F.

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

weather.com/weather/today/1/Albuquerque+NM+USNM0004:1:US

www.weathercentral.com/weather/us/cities/nm_albuquerque.html

www.accuweather.com/en/us/albuquerque-nm/87102/weather-forecast/349680

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

This varies from hotel to hotel. Please check your hotel's website directly for more information.

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.

What dining options are available at the conference hotels?

Hyatt Regency Albuquerque: albuquerque.regency.hyatt.com/en/hotel/dining.html

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Albuquerque: doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/new-mexico/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-albuquerque-ALBSMDT/dining/index.html

Hotel Andaluz: www.hotelandaluz.com/eat-drink/

Hotel Parq Central: www.hotelparqcentral.com/apothecary-lounge/apothecary-lounge.htm

How can I learn more about Albuquerque?

- www.visitalbuquerque.org/
- www.newmexico.org/
- www.abqtodo.com/