

# American Camp Association 2020 National Conference

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## When does registration for the 2020 ACA National Conference open?

Registration opens late August 2019.

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

Yes, those registering on or before **December 16, 2019** can register at a discounted 'early bird' rate on both 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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 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 closing keynote 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 online. See the registration page for more details.

[www.ACACamps.org/conference/registration](http://www.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 **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. If you are attending only on the day(s) you are presenting, you may attend on that day for free, however; event tickets 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 [www.ACACamps.org/conference/kindred](http://www.ACACamps.org/conference/kindred). The Kindred registration process varies according to group. ACA handles registration for some Kindreds, while others offer their own registration services.

## 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 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 *Connection*.

## Can I earn ACA CECs for participating?

Yes! The number of available CECs each day 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 19–22 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?**

Proposals will be accepted through noon Eastern on Monday, September 16, 2019. Visit [www.ACACamps.org/conference/cfp](http://www.ACACamps.org/conference/cfp) for more details.

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

- **National Conference Facebook Group**  
Join the [conference Facebook group](#) 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 [#ACANat20](#) during conference. Also, make sure to follow [@acanatconf](#) for conference updates.

**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](http://www.ACACamps.org/conference/volunteer) for more information.

**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 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](http://www.ACACamps.org/staff-professionals/events-professional-development/events).

**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.

For more details, visit [www.ACACamps.org/conference/hotel](http://www.ACACamps.org/conference/hotel).

**What airport should I use?**

The San Diego International Airport (SAN). For more details, visit <https://www.san.org/>.

**What are my ground transportation options from San Diego International Airport (SAN)?**

The San Diego International Airport (SAN) is located less than 10 miles away from the Town and Country San Diego.

For information on available transportation options, visit <https://san.org/to-from>.

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

A parking fee of \$20 per day applies for meeting attendees driving to the hotel. The resort address is 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108.

**What are the expected temperatures for San Diego in February?**

The average temperatures for San Diego in February are: High: 66°F, Low: 51°F.

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

[www.accuweather.com/en/us/san-diego-ca/92101/weather-forecast/347628](http://www.accuweather.com/en/us/san-diego-ca/92101/weather-forecast/347628)

[www.weather.gov/sgx/](http://www.weather.gov/sgx/)

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

For more information, please visit <https://www.towncountry.com/hotel/fitness-center>.

**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 hotel?**

- The Market – breakfast and snacks on the go
- Terrace Café – lunch and dinner
- Trixie Trailer Bar

For more details on these dining options, visit <https://www.towncountry.com/dining>.

**How can I learn more about San Diego, CA?**

- [www.sandiego.org/](http://www.sandiego.org/)
- [www.sandiego.com](http://www.sandiego.com)
- [www.sandiego.gov/](http://www.sandiego.gov/)
- [www.sandiegovisit.org/](http://www.sandiegovisit.org/)

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