



2022 American Camp Association National Conference

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What health & safety measures are in place for this event?

The American Camp Association (ACA) is committed to providing opportunities to engage in the safest and most enjoyable in-person experience possible. To achieve this, we are focused on a multilayered approach to mitigating COVID-19 at all ACA in-person events, including the requirement for participants to either be fully vaccinated or show proof of a negative COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test within 72 hours of the beginning of the conference. ACA will continue to follow federal, state, and local health official guidance for all events and will make any adjustments as necessary. These requirements align with best practices that promote the safety of our participants and staff as our guiding principle. For specific measures planned for the national conference, please visit ACAamps.org/conference/health.

Will ACA require proof of full vaccination or a negative COVID-19 PCR test to attend this event?

Yes, ACA requires proof of full vaccination or a negative COVID-19 PCR test result within 72 hours of the first day of an event to gain access to the conference in person.

Will ACA require indoor masking at this event?

Yes, mask wearing is required of all attendees regardless of your vaccination status. Outdoor masking may be required in certain situations where physical distancing is not possible.

Are there any incentives/discounts for registering early?

Yes, those registering on or before **December 16, 2021**, 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 nonmember 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 ID 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 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.

ACAamps.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 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 [ACAamps.org/conference/kindred](https://acaamps.org/conference/kindred). 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: [ACAamps.org/about/partnerships/kindred-groups](https://acaamps.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 *Surviving & Thriving*.

Can I earn ACA Continuing Education Credits (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?

Session submissions for the 2022 ACA National Conference are now closed.

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 [#ACANat22](#) during conference. Also, make sure to follow [@acanatconf](#) 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 [ACAamps.org/conference/volunteer](https://acaamps.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 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: [ACAamps.org/staff-professionals/events-professional-development/events](https://acaamps.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 [ACAamps.org/conference/hotel](https://acaamps.org/conference/hotel).

What airport should I use?

The Portland International Airport (PDX). For more details, visit travelportland.com/plan/portland-international-airport-pdx/.

What ground transportation options are available from Portland International Airport (PDX)?

The Portland International Airport (PDX) is located approximately 10 miles away from the Oregon Convention Center and the conference hotel. For information on available transportation options, visit travelportland.com/plan/portland-international-airport-pdx/.

What are the expected outdoor weather temperatures for Portland in February?

The average temperatures for Portland in February are: High: 54°F, Low: 40°F.

For the most current weather conditions or forecast, visit weather.gov/pqr/.

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 Portland, Oregon?

Visit travelportland.com to learn all about Portland.

What do I do if I have questions about my safety while visiting Portland?

Portland is a large city with numerous vibrant neighborhoods for visitors to enjoy. The overwhelming majority of Portland offers a safe and open environment for the public. Additionally, our friends at Travel Portland remain in close communication with the Portland Police Bureau and city officials to monitor the current climate while providing up-to-date information to ACA's conference leadership. If you have questions or concerns about your safety while attending ACA's National Conference in Portland please email: customerservice@ACAcamps.org.

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