






2019 Accreditation Overview





The National Standards Commission knew that somewhere over the rainbow...



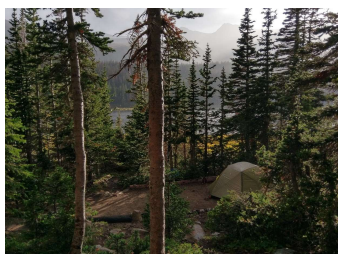


Buried deep...



And after many discussions...

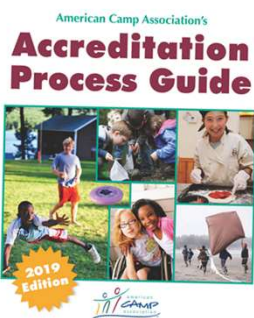




They would find the pot of gold...



AND...Here it is!



Guiding the NSC Work...



From the 2016 Accreditation Task Force:

Develop a Foundation for Accreditation

Consider Camps on Campus – Do they need a separate mode?

Improve Visitor Quality/Technology

How do we/can we incorporate program quality



What They Did...

- Reviewed standards through various lens
- Consulted with authoritative sources
- Landed on "let's re-organize"
 - Allowed us to reduce redundancies
 - Combined
 - Deleted (a few)
- Requested input from internal & external audiences
- Discussed various processes
- Reviewed language used



Clarified WHO ACA Accredits

- U.S.-based camps with at least one program that occurs in the United States or its territories.
- Programs with a **primary audience** of campers five years and older.
- Program sessions being at least **three days in length**, with a specific purpose and goals.



MODES



- Resident Camp
- Day Camp
- Short-term camp
 - ✓ Resident
 - ✓ Day
- Rents to others



Keys to the New Accreditation Model

- Improved organization of the standards to eliminate redundancy
- Continued emphasis on health, safety, and risk management for campers and staff
- The process has considerations for camps on non-owned, non-accredited sites
- The process has considerations for operators with multiple camps



SECTIONS OF STANDARDS

American Camp Association's
Accreditation Process Guide



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- Core Foundational
- Administration
- Facilities
- Health and Wellness
- Staff Qualifications, Training, & Supervision
- Program
- Program Aquatics

The New Sections Include:

Core Foundational:

- Goals and objectives
- Youth/social development
- **Rights and Dignity**
- Environmental awareness



Administration: from Operational Standards, some Human Resources, Policies and procedures from other areas

Facilities: from Site, Food Service, Transportation, maybe some Program



What's in there? (cont.)

- **Staff Qualifications, Training, and Supervisions** (supervision of staff and campers)
- **Health and Wellness:** many current HW standards. MORE standards for short-term camps!
- **Program (with subsections):** general, specialized activities, horses, aquatics, & trip/travel



What's New?

PROCESSES

- Multi-camp operations
- Customized Score Forms
- Health Dept. Reviews
- Allows some DNAs for using non-accredited sites
- CSA is now WDR
- Standards Course is now APW

STANDARDS

- New sections
- Standards combined
- No separate trip/travel section
- Staffed public facility is now VENDORS
- 3 "new" mandatory standards





5-YEAR CYCLE – AMOST DONE

- Continue to move camps to the 5-year visit cycle (final year!!)
- Camps due a visit in 2019 are “in the mix”
- Eligible camps are **randomly selected**
- If you get any questions about this, please direct them to the Standards Specialist.



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Questions?

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