



Dear 2020 New England Camp Conference attendees, vendors, members and friends,

As a responsible organization that seeks to serve its members well, the ACA, New England Board of Directors has made the difficult decision to cancel our **in-person** New England Camp Conference in New Hampshire this year due to the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). We cannot in good conscience proceed with an in-person event given the current situation.

However, we are excited to announce that we are not cancelling the conference. We are shifting to a virtual model with the goal of providing a meaningful experience for those who expected to attend. The ACA, New England staff and the conference organizers are busy looking at alternative ways to conduct the conference virtually on the same dates of March 26, 27, and 28. We ask for your patience as we develop this plan. We will have more information for you next week.

We are thankful to all the staff and volunteers who have already put in many hours of work to plan the conference who now will continue to work to provide alternate ways for participants to access information and training. We are also thankful to all the members who reached out with guidance on the most prudent way to move ahead.

We know that many of you are deeply concerned about the summer ahead and ACA, New England will continue to support camps as we work through this unprecedented challenge to our community. We are working on additional ways to provide the support you need as you plan your summer. You can rely on us and we will rely on your support, as well, as we navigate the impact of the challenging and everchanging landscape ahead.

Key points for you to know:

- No sessions or meetings will take place at the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown in Manchester, NH in March.
- We recommend that you cancel your hotel reservations and travel plans to Manchester.
- Prepare to participate in the virtual 99th Annual New England Camp Conference on March 26 -28.
- More details will be sent to you next week, (the week of March 16, 2020).

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