

2026 New England Camp Conference Session Proposal Information

Submission deadline: Wednesday, October 15, 2025

ACA, New England's 2026 New England Camp Conference will be March 26 - 28, 2026 in Manchester, NH for 800+ camp professionals from all experience levels throughout the six New England states. We look for sessions at all levels that cover a variety of topics to offer a balance to attendees.

We invite you to submit a proposal for a workshop session that will share new knowledge or a new perspective, address topics relevant to the camping industry today (and in the near-future), and enhance the work of camp professionals. All related expenses for conference registration and session preparation and delivery will be the responsibility of the presenter unless otherwise requested by the presenter and agreed upon with ACA, New England.

As you prepare to submit your proposal here's a snapshot of the info we are asking for, so you can be prepared when you complete <u>the proposal submission form</u>.

Speaker(s) Information

- Name; pronouns; organization/camp/affiliation; job title; email address; phone number; mailing address
- Type of speaker you are (e.g. camp professional, educator, consultant, etc.)
- Biography (750-character limit) and headshot (jpg or png file)
- Session type (individual speaker, multiple speaker, panel)
 - o If you select multiple speaker or panel you will be required to submit the above for additional speakers.
- Prior speaking experience (ACA conferences/other and a brief description)
- Information about speaker(s) that contributes to the diversity of our conference speakers
- Honorarium request, if applicable
 - Nearly all of our presenters volunteer or donate their time for the benefit of the camp community. We have limited funds to support honorarium requests. Speakers should not assume payment based on previous conference presentations.

Session Information

- Session title (100-character limit; no caps or special characters please)
- Session description (750-character limit)
- Skill level the session is most appropriate for (fundamental, intermediate, advanced)
- Availability to present March 26 28, 2026
- Three learning outcomes (300-character limit per outcome)
- Preferred session type (e.g. 75-minute educational session; 45-minute educational session; 45-minute discussion-based/round table; affinity/special interest gathering)
- Presentation style (e.g. lecture, presentation, moderated panel, activity-based (needing open space), discussion-based, noisy)
- Primary topic area (leadership; activities; program design & development; business; operations; staff; health and wellness; youth development; and trending topics and emerging issues
 Please click here for a PDF with more detailed descriptions of each topic area.
- Target audiences (e.g. day camp, overnight camp, non-profit camps, mid-career professionals, business office/administrative staff, etc.)

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