

Provisional One Application

OCA Camp Membership has many benefits to support the success of your camp.

Current Benefits for Provisional One Applicants

Education, Training and Resources

The OCA endeavours to develop educational opportunities relevant to the current and future needs of Members:

- Annual educational events with preferred Members' rates include the Annual Conference, Counsellor and Health Conferences and other educational seminars throughout the year.

Accreditation Program - OCA Year-round Standards

Since 1965, the OCA Accreditation Program has helped camps create a safe and healthy experience for the children and staff in their care. While some Year-round Standards duplicate government regulations, many OCA Year-round Standards exceed those regulations. The Accreditation Program is an alignment of Government Regulations and Best Camp Practices.

Advocacy

Following confirmation of OCA's Letters of Patent in 1932, our Association has been the voice of camps in Ontario, lobbying all levels of government on behalf of Members across Canada.

- Recent lobbying includes the Ministry of Education, Transport Canada, Service Canada, Ontario Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA).

Mentoring

The OCA will provide each new Provisional One Camp with a Mentor who will support and advise them through their Accreditation process. Mentoring includes support in all matters.

Networking

OCA Members have been operating camps since the 1850s. Today's camp professionals support and share their experiences and expertise with other Members. Members are offered valuable networking opportunities at events and meetings.

Business Management and Operations Support

Businesses are increasingly reliant on collaboration and building long-term relationships. The OCA offers these elements and is seen as the leader in the Canadian camp industry. OCA's website was developed to provide resources and meet the needs of Members, customers, businesses and governments. Additionally, OCA Membership offers the following benefits:

- New Crisis Response Resource Manual on [OCA Website's home page](#).
- 24-hour access to the OCA Summer Hotline (416-708-8131).
- Access to preferred purchasing power and updates from OCA Preferred Vendors.
- Preferred credit card rates from *HiTech Merchant Services*.
- Tailored insurance packages: *FCA Insurance Brokers*, Nancy Brown.
- Mentoring, training and support for your Year-round Standards Visits.

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Communications

Quality publications allow Members to keep up-to-date about what's happening in the camp industry:

- 2019 Camps Guide, Crisis Response Resource Manual, OCA Camp Safety Plan Resource & Templates, LGBTQ+ Tips Resource, Annual Report, Awards Recognition Booklet.
- OCA's quarterly e-newsletter.
- OCA Weekly email that includes timely notices regarding government legislation and trends in the camp industry.
- Online communications from OCA Board Members, Committees and Task Forces.

Future Benefits Once Your Camp Becomes Accredited

Use of Safety and Credibility Logo (may be used by Accredited Camps only)

- **Permission to use the OCA Accredited Camp Member Logo will be given to your camp once you receive your final letter from the Standards Committee that you have become Accredited. This important symbol is a publicly recognized sign of quality, safety and professionalism.**

Promotion

*OCA promotes **fully Accredited** Member Camps in the following ways:*

- Online listing on OCA's website, regularly the highest organic ranking for searches on Ontario Camps.
- A camp listing in the annually printed Camps Guide.

Voting Rights

Only Accredited Camp Members are eligible to vote. Accredited Camp Members have three (3) votes at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and any other Special Meeting called by the OCA Board of Directors.

Volunteering

The OCA offers many volunteer opportunities on event committees, year-round committees and on the Board of Directors.