



ACA Southeastern
Camping Conference
September 22-24, 2008

Deadline: May 21, 2008
CALL FOR RESEARCHERS

The Southeastern Section of the American Camp Association invites researchers to present results of camp-related studies at a Symposium to be held during the ACA Southeastern Camping Conference, Sept. 22-24 at the Marriott Executive Park in Charlotte, NC.

The symposium consists of two presentation formats: verbal presentations and poster presentations. The author(s) will be asked for a preference but that cannot be guaranteed. A blind review will occur with all submissions with no distinction around presentation format. The verbal presentations will be moderated and will consist of 20-30 minute time slots followed by a brief question and answer period. Related topics will be grouped together to form topical sessions. The poster session will be held for a two hour time block during unopposed program time.

We welcome student research as well as studies completed by faculty or other researchers.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD

Student researchers may want to consider submitting their project for consideration for the Outstanding Student Research Award (\$50.00). This will be awarded each year to a deserving student who has contributed to the camp research body of knowledge. The purpose of the award is to encourage students to undertake camp research.

SYMPOSIUM SUBMISSION DETAILS

The focus of this symposium is to communicate the practical applications of research to camp professionals. The research symposium proposals should include (and will be rated on) the following areas: relevance of purpose and research question(s) to professional needs and interests, theoretical context, methodology, analysis procedures, conclusions, and practical camp applications.

The submission of research proposals is an email process. Proposals must be no longer than three single-spaced pages in 12 pt Times New Roman font. The expectation is that the research presented has not been previously presented or published. Submissions should be sent to Dr. Erik Rabinowitz at rabinowitz@appstate.edu.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE AND TIMETABLE

Call for Papers closes May 21, 2007 (12:00 pm)
E-mail notification by June 30, 2007

PRESENTER EXPECTATIONS

If a proposal is accepted for presentation, we expect the author to attend the conference to fulfill that obligation. It is expected that people speaking at the conference will register for at least one day. Professionals share a joint responsibility to help "grow" the profession, so we appreciate the contributions made by the researchers through their participation in the Symposium and the conference in general. Student researchers who are considering submitting their project for consideration for the Marge Scanlin Outstanding Student Research Award are encouraged not to submit to this symposium with the same research they are considering for the award as this will make them ineligible to receive the award; however, other research projects are welcome.

REVIEW EXPECTATIONS

Summaries will undergo blind peer review by a review team with expertise in camp and youth development research and other related areas. Papers may be rejected due to ineffective development of the summary, weaknesses in the study itself, lack of developed practical applications, or time and space limitations. Recent research that connects with the conference theme will be given priority.

REVIEW GUIDELINES

The three page abstracts will be rated based upon the following categories:

- * Relevance of research purpose and question(s) to professional needs and interests
- * Theoretical Context
- * Methodology
- * Analysis procedures
- * Conclusions
- * Practical applications

We hope you will submit your research for consideration and look forward to offering a premier symposium on camp-related research.