

Defining the Camp

In an attempt to help identify how your camp fits into the ACA picture, you first need to be able to relate your programs to our definitions. To do this, make a list of all the different types of programs that you handle directly. (For example, list your summer overnight camp sessions, any day camps you may hold, special weekend events sponsored by your camp, weekend events sponsored by other groups at your site, environmental education programs, trips led by your staff, “off season” rental groups, troop camping, youth events, band camps, corporate retreats, etc.) This list should be as complete as possible, though you can add to it later as you think of more.

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Now, take each program through the Decision Tree on the next page. Answer the questions specifically for how you run the program. When you finally “land” at an ACA “mode” title (Day, Resident, Short Term Residential, and Rental/User Group), write the name of your program or session on the lines under that box. (Many camps will run programs that fall into all four of the modes – that is OK!)

As we go through the course, refer back to this exercise as needed to remind yourself about applicability. As you think of programs you forgot to list above, simply add them and take them through the Decision Tree later.