



DFI TITLE XX CAMPING SERVICES PROGRAM

Calculating Cost for Resident Camper Nights and/or Cost for Day Camp

In the past there has been some confusion about the way camper night cost for resident camp and camper day cost for day camp is calculated.

Resident Camps: The camper night is the actual cost of one resident camper who stays in camp through one night. Resident camps cannot use camper days as campers arrive and leave on fractions of a day.

Day Camps: Camper days for day camping is the actual cost for a camper spending a minimum of 5½ or 6 hours (including travel time) in day camp. Day camps which operate for fewer hours per day should calculate these short days as one half of one day. Programs which operate for two hours or less per day, less than four days per week, or one week or less per year in most cases should not register for DFI Title XX participation.

Three Steps in Calculating Cost:

There are three steps in calculating the cost for a camper night or day:

1. Obtain a total figure for your actual cost of operating your resident or day camp(s), based on the previous summer's experience or a budget which meets the frame of reference (below).
2. Subtract the cost of all materials, services, or wages provided by a local, state or national government agency from the total cost as stated in **point 1** (above.)
3. Divide the cost as defined in **point 2** (above) by the total number of resident camper nights or day camper days as the case may be.

Frame of Reference:

The frame of reference for filing these cost figures should be that the cost figures entered on the camp application is a sworn statement of actual cost or not greater than actual cost. They are provided with the understanding that the cost figure is subject to audit. Any funds collected by the agency/camp in excess of the actual cost established by an audit would, of course, have to be repaid as provided for in the contract between the agency/camp and the American Camp Association, Illinois.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please call us at (312) 332-0833.

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