

Author Guidelines for ACA “CARE Packages”

ACA “CARE Packages” are designed to be “Research to Use” for camp professionals that help them apply research findings through practical strategies and techniques. The author provides 1-2 sentences that highlight the research concept and the research question as it applies to the camp experience, then provides brief bulleted key findings followed by recommendations on practical camp applications. Lastly a source for the study (article, presentation, thesis) must be provided. The end result should be a focused, succinct “tip sheet” no longer than 600 words that translates research into applied practices.

The audience for the research-based CARE Packages is primarily camp professionals (remember that group includes administrators, directors, seasonal staff, program specialists, maintenance, food services, etc). However, other camp professionals such as Section Executives and Section Board members as well as others may also use the information in their newsletters and other educational events in their sections. The acquisition of CARE packages will likely be web-based so current contact info must be provided for potential follow-up.

Guidelines for CARE Packages

1. Title for CARE package and contact information of primary author (email)
2. Provide 1-2 sentences to describe the research concept and/or the research question for the study (Heading: Key Concept)
3. Provide 1-5 bulleted Key Findings (Heading: Key Findings)
4. Provide several bullets of specific techniques, strategies, and applications that a camp professional could use in practical and quick ways (Heading: How To Use)
5. One graphic (table, chart, etc) will be permitted.
6. Provide bibliographic source for the completed research (article, presentation, thesis) (Heading: Source)
7. CARE Package must not exceed 600 words (single space and 12 pt fonts)
8. Once completed, send to Deb Bialeschki (moon@email.unc.edu) for review. You will be notified of acceptance after editorial review.

We hope these CARE Packages will provide a “user-friendly” way to translate important research relevant to the camp business and experience into realistic applications. A “CARE Package” template has been designed for your use (see attached). If you have any questions, please contact Deb Bialeschki at moon@email.unc.edu.

Thanks for your interest!