

Date: February 8, 2005  
To: ACA Council of Delegates  
From: Marla Coleman, ACA President

This is the official call to the 2005 meeting of the Council of Delegates of the American Camp Association. The meeting will be held at the Disney Coronado Springs Hotel in Orlando Florida on February 21-22, 2005. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, February 21, 2005: 2:00 pm – 6:30 pm  
Tuesday, February 22, 2005: 8:30 am – 1:30 pm (with a lunch break)

In 2004, we established significant changes in the structure of the Delegates meetings to allow for more participation and focused discussion. For 2005, we have continued this approach. The meeting will allow for a variety of methods of participation – including small group discussion, questions and answers, and real dialogue about a few critical issues. We will of course have our regular agenda features such as the Treasurer's Report and the State of the Association Report. An additional exciting feature will be the launching of the new charter agreement between ACA and each of the twenty-four Sections – that will be a fun event you won't want to miss!

We have also continued and improved two technology opportunities that we began last year – both opportunities for discussion BEFORE the meeting:

**Governance Message Board:** Visit the message Board to ask questions and share opinions. Topic experts will respond to your questions; then you and others can continue to discuss the "thread."  
<http://bb.acacamps.org/cgi-bin/ultimatebb.cgi?ubb=forum;f=53>

**On Line Open Hearing:** On February 15, 2005 at 12:00 pm Eastern, we will hold an on line opening hearing about the ACA-Accreditation and Standards issue. This technology allows anyone to participate and ask questions of topic experts in real-time in a live chat! Visit the Delegates Web Page information on how to participate:  
<http://www.acacamps.org/volunteers/delegates/>

The National Board looks to the Council of Delegates as a meaningful way to "link" with an important segment of our "ownership." These meetings are used to enhance leadership, to explore our partnership, and to discover trends and lessons learned. It is through these meetings – and year-round communication with the Delegates – that we truly plan for the future of ACA.

Nancy Frankel from the National Board will serve as host for the first day of Delegates meetings. She has already posted some details on the Discussion

Board – be sure to visit it often for updates: <http://bb.acacamps.org/cgi-bin/ultimatebb.cgi?ubb=forum;f=53>.

The Delegates meetings are open to anyone who wants to participate. However, only Delegates may vote on issues brought before the Council. Thus, we will ask you to register at the door for the meetings on Tuesday (when voting will occur). On Monday, simply join us for what I know will be exciting, important, and truly creative discussion!

If you have any questions, please email me ([marla@ACAcamps.org](mailto:marla@ACAcamps.org)) or our Staff Liaison, Susan E. Yoder ([syoder@ACAcamps.org](mailto:syoder@ACAcamps.org))