



2015 Annual Statement of Compliance

The Manitoba Camping Association (“MCA”) promotes organized camps for children and families in Manitoba. As part of its role, the MCA provides accreditation to camps in the Province of Manitoba. Each camp that qualifies for Manitoba Camping Association accreditation will operate under certain standards and practices.

A **Manitoba Camping Association Accredited Camp** describes the operation of a site and/or the program of a camp by an owner/director adhering to certain standards and practices (“MCA Accreditation”). The MCA Accreditation may be sought by a camp operating on property owned by someone else.

As part of the MCA Accreditation process, a visit to the camp to establish compliance with standards related to the campsite, and with standards related to the camp program and operation must occur. The accreditation visit occurs while the camp is in operation, on a normal camp day.

In order to apply for MCA Accreditation, the applicant camp must sign the statement of compliance and agree to an on-site visit. Once MCA Accreditation has been achieved, a legal representative of the applicant camp must sign the statement of compliance annually, and must agree to an on-site visit as determined by the MCA at least once every three years.

Should a camp achieve MCA Accreditation and change their director, an on-site visit is required during the year in which such change of director took place in order to maintain the camp’s MCA Accreditation.

Statement of Compliance

I, _____ (insert name), the _____ (insert position (i.e.: director, manager, etc.) of _____ (insert name of camp) (the “**Camp**”), located in _____ (insert town, lake, etc.), Manitoba, say:

1. I hereby concur with the definition of camping as set forth by the Manitoba Camping Association:

The Manitoba Camping Association defines organized camping as a sustained group experience of no less than 30 hours over a minimum of 4 consecutive days with at least fifty percent of the time consisting of outdoor activities taking place in one of the following formats; resident, wilderness, day or family camp, based on the following principles:

- Fostering the physical, mental, social, spiritual, emotional and moral welfare of the participants
- Dedicated and committed to an environmental ethic that preserves the integrity, stability and beauty of the biotic community



2. **I hereby confirm that the camp listed below is operating under the applicable Provincial and local laws, codes and regulations, and required permits and licenses have been obtained.**

The compliance with legal requirements of the jurisdictions within which a camp is located is the sole responsibility of the camp. Any enforcement with respect to legislation or laws is the responsibility of the appropriate government official/agency. The MCA is not an enforcement agency and does not represent itself as a legal agency to enforce the law or applicable legislation. Where the MCA Standard (as listed in the attached Annual Standards of Compliance Checklist) requires higher performance than the legal requirement, a camp must comply with the MCA Standard.

3. **If continuing my Camp's accreditation, I affirm that the Camp continues to meet the standard verified by the MCA accreditor on the accreditation visit, which took place on the ___ day of _____, 201_.**

4. **I understand that the Camp's MCA Accreditation may be revoked if:**

- a) false information is knowingly provided to the accreditation visitors or the standards chairperson or his/her representatives; or
- b) if it is verified that compliance with the mandatory standards is not being continually maintained at the Camp; or
- c) if the MCA has been notified by appropriate federal, provincial or local authorities that laws which significantly affect the health and safety of campers or staff at the Camp have been violated, or the MCA has documented reason to believe that such violations have occurred;
- d) at the discretion of the MCA board (the "Board"), following a Board review being taken, circumstances warrant revocation.

With respect to 4(d) above, upon the revocation of its MCA Accreditation, the Camp has the right of appeal to the Board in the event of such action. The Board has the final and absolute authority in such matters.

5. **The Camp has complied and will continue to comply with all the applicable mandatory standards for MCA Accreditation.**

As the legally authorized representative the Camp I do hereby affirm that the Camp meets the requirements established in the Statement of Compliance above and adheres to the mandatory standards for MCA Accreditation. The Camp wishes to continue our camp accreditation.

Signature

Position

Date