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Snow Camp Programs

Welcome to the Standard of the Month! Each month, the Standards and Accreditation Committee will research and review one standard and share clarification, examples, or other helpful information regarding that standard with the ACA membership. If you have a standard you would like to know more about, email standards@albertacamping.com to have it added to the list.

This month, we bring section 7.6 to your attention. As we head into the winter season, it is a good idea for those camps with Snow Camp Programs to review this section of standards.

Here is a brief summary of this section:

7.6.1 Reminds us that Snow Camping should have detailed procedures (including but not limited to health and safety, transportation, emergencies and training).

Campers and staff must be physically fit and aware of the risks and demands of the activity, and medical/registration forms need to show that they are prepared.

Staff must prepare, train and assess conditions for all snow camping programs. There must be a sufficient number of staff (3:8), with appropriate first aid training.

Snow camping programs must not take place in avalanche terrain without a professional guide.

Snow Camping, as with all Camping Programs, should follow Leave-No-Trace Principles of Minimum Impact Camping.

For those of you running snow camp programs, we wish you a wonderful season! May your days be full of adventure, and your nights fill you with the warmth of fires, friends and hot coco.

See you next month,



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