

THE CANADIAN CAMPING ASSOCIATION/ASSOCIATION DES CAMPS DU CANADA (CCA/ACC) is a nonprofit, national federation of nine provincial camping associations: British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Newfoundland and Labrador, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The camps in Prince Edward Island maintain links with camps in Nova Scotia. The CCA/ACC represents over 700 camps across Canada.

FOUNDED IN 1936

The first meeting of the Canadian Camping Association/Association des camps du Canada (CCA/ACC) was held on May 20, 1936 at the Central Y.M.C.A., Toronto. At this meeting, the participants created an Association, adopted a constitution, named officers and initiated steps to nominate a board of directors. The first officers of the Association were: Taylor Statten, president; Mary Edgar, vice-president; Dr. George S. Patterson, secretary and Mary C. Donaldson, treasurer. At the time, the primary objective of the CCA/ACC was to "further the interests and welfare of children, youths and adults through camping as an educative, recreative, and character developing experience." Over the years this primary goal has remained the focus of the Association with the addition of several other goals.

MISSION

The CCA/ACC is dedicated to the development, growth and promotion of organized camping. Canadian camps provide safe, healthy, nurturing, natural, recreational and educational communities. Camps contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual development of the campers.



Taylor Statten, Founding President of CCA/ACC Director of Camp Ahmek, Algonquin Park, Ontario

OBJECTIVES

- to present the image of organized camping on a national level
- to administer national camping affairs
- to act as a liaison between provincial camping associations
- to provide guidance, advocacy and resources for camping leaders
- to encourage the development and maintenance of high standards in camping and to disseminate information concerning pertinent developments and regulations.
- to develop and promote research and disseminate results
- to train camping leaders through the Canadian Camp Directors Course
- to administer a national awards program



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