

COCA-I Gold Ribbon Operation Standards:

The intent of the standards is to educate and encourage accountability for COCA member organization staff and volunteers regarding medical and psycho-social best practice principles when planning and operating a pediatric oncology camp program.

In the development of these standards the COCA Gold Ribbon Committee acknowledged that member organizations operate in creative and diverse ways. Even though the common thread of COCA camps is providing care and support to children with cancer, programs include adolescent/young adult survivors, siblings and families in their community of supportive care. In addition, programs use one or a combination of delivery models to achieve their outcomes from traditional overnight resident camps, day camps, family camps, travel/excursion camp and in-hospital recreational-therapeutic experiences as well as a variety of duration.

Similarly, COCA organizations find creative locations in which to provide activities. Some programs own their facilities, some rent or lease facilities with or without program staff, while other camps use donated facilities, hotels, and resorts or utilize government owned parks and wilderness lands.

It is the intention of the COCA Gold Ribbon Standards to be a dynamic and continually updated document. One that will be reviewed regularly by a team of oncology camp providers & oncology medical and psychosocial health care providers with the intent to include innovative advances and developments in pediatric oncology medical treatments and psychosocial care.

These standards are not intended to be a “how-to” guide for the operation of a pediatric oncology camp, but instead are intended to help staff, volunteers and camp organizations educate themselves in vital areas specific to their setting, population and pediatric oncology practice and to document their policies and procedures in providing beneficial and safe medical and psychosocial experience for their camp.

The standards are intended to be used in conjunction with an outside verification process, not to judge camps’ practices or policies, but to allow objective verification so as to add credibility to the Gold Ribbon Accreditation status to parents and the health care partners and donors.

CHILDREN'S ONCOLOGY
CAMPING ASSOCIATION



Gold Ribbon Accredited Status
2021 Statement of Compliance



Statement of Compliance for: _____

1. I hereby concur with the COCA-I Operation Standards as set forth by the Children’s Oncology Camping Association, International.
2. I hereby confirm the camp I represent (my camp) is operating under the applicable federal, state, and local laws, codes and regulations, and that all required permits and licenses have been obtained. The compliance with legal requirements of the jurisdictions within which a camp is located is the responsibility of the camp; enforcement is the responsibility of the appropriate government official. Where the COCA-I Operation Standards require higher performance than the legal requirements, a camp must comply, and maintain compliance, with the COCA-I Best Practice Operation Standards to remain as a COCA-I Gold Ribbon Accredited camp.
3. I affirm that my camp continues to meet the standards as in the current applicable COCA-I Operation Standards.
4. Upon being awarded COCA-I Gold Ribbon Accredited Camp Status, my camp will receive from COCA-I a limited, terminable, non-exclusive license to use the COCA-I Gold Ribbon Camp logo for my camp. I acknowledge that my camp's ability to use the COCA-I Gold Ribbon Camp logo shall automatically and immediately terminate if my camp ceases to be eligible for COCA-I Gold Ribbon Camp Status.
5. I understand my camp's right to use the COCA-I Gold Ribbon Camp logo or any other COCA-I trademark is conditioned upon my camp being a member in good standing of the Children’s Oncology Camping Association, International, my camp's completion and delivery to COCA-I of a signed Statement of Compliance, and COCA-I’s confirmation that Gold Ribbon Camp Status has been earned by my camp. I further understand that my camp may not display or use the COCA-I Gold Ribbon Camp logo or any other of COCA-I’s trademarks if:
 - a) my camp has not paid the necessary fees for COCA-I membership status;
 - b) a legal representative of the camp has not signed and returned this Statement of Compliance; COCA-I Gold Ribbon Camp Status has never been earned or has been removed for any reason; or
 - c) Upon notice from COCA-I, my camp fails to promptly cease any use of the COCA-I Gold Ribbon Camp logo or any other COCA-I mark.
 - d) My Camp acknowledges that all use of the COCA-I logos or marks inure to the benefit of COCA-I.

What COCA-I Gold Ribbon Standards Do Not Cover:

In the development of the standards many practice areas were omitted. The committee felt that the expertise of the association was best placed in the realm of medical and psychosocial support. Through the process the committee recognized that many important practices of general camping industry and not-for profit management already exist.

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RECOMMENDATION of the COCA –I Gold Ribbon Committee that in addition to COCA-I Gold Ribbon Standards, each camp should hold accreditation from a camping industry association and meet or exceed all local, state/provincial and governmental regulations in the following areas:

Camping Industry Best Practices-

- **Business Operations**
- **Human Resources**
- **Facility Operations**
- **Transportation**
- **Program Design & Delivery**

Not For Profit Industry Best Practices-

- **Governance**
 - **Finance & Accounting**
- **Human Resources**
- **Volunteer Management**

I have reviewed COCA-I's Operation Standards and I do hereby affirm that my camp meets the requirements established in the Statement of Compliance above. I further affirm that my camp adheres to all of the current applicable standards for COCA-I Gold Ribbon Accredited Camp Status under which it was last awarded. On behalf of my camp, I wish to continue the COCA-I Gold Ribbon Accredited Camp Status.

I understand and agree, on behalf of my camp, that COCA-I Gold Ribbon Accredited Camp Status is subject to my camp's continued compliance with the requirements of this Statement of Compliance.

I represent and warrant that I have the necessary authority to execute and agree to all of the terms of this Statement of Compliance on behalf of my camp.

To maintain ongoing COCA-I Gold Ribbon Accredited Camp Status, I attest with my signature below, that another Camp representative (Staff or Board Members) and the Medical Director of the applicant camp have reviewed and agree to all the terms of this Statement of Compliance.

Representative of Camp :

Date: _____

Print Name

Signature

Title