



## **Camp Echo is Proud to be Accredited by the American Camp Association!**

The American Camp Association is a community of camp professionals dedicated to enriching the lives of children and adults through the camp experience. A cornerstone of the ACA's efforts is its Accreditation process - a way of grading how camps are doing. The Standards against which camps are measured ensure that each camp complies with approximately 300 distinct health, safety, and program-quality benchmarks. Beyond a state's basic licensing requirements, ACA Standards address specific areas of programming, personnel, health care, emergency response, management practices, and youth development. Standards are applied to all activities in camp including aquatics, horseback riding, adventure and challenge activities, and travel and trip programs.

The ACA collaborates with experts from The American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Red Cross, and other youth service agencies to assure that current practices at your child's camp reflect the most up-to-date, research-based standards in camp operation. Camps and ACA form a partnership that promotes growth and fun in an environment committed to safety.

ACA Accreditation is the best evidence parents have of a camp's commitment to a safe and nurturing environment for their children. ACA Accreditation means that your child's camp cares enough to undergo regular reviews of its operation.

## **Camp Echo has met the ACA Accreditation Challenge!**

Camp Echo, a Catskills Overnight camp, is one of fewer than 2,500 camps that passed ACA Accreditation nationwide. Informed parents are best prepared to select a camp that meets their Standards for staff, programs, safety, and facilities; ACA Accreditation can help you select only camps that meet government-recognized best practices. So if you're looking for an accredited Catskills Sleepaway Camp, then look no further.

You can learn more about Accreditation of New York summer camps or Camp Echo's Accreditation status through the ACA-NY website at [www.aca-ny.org](http://www.aca-ny.org) or by calling 1-800-777-CAMP.