



# NCAP Circular No. 24

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## Alternative to Peer-on-Peer Abuse Training

In NCAP Circular No. 22, the National Camp Accreditation Committee announced that Scouting America's *Understanding and Preventing Youth-on-Youth Abuse Training for Camp Staff* was being phased out and would be replaced by *Understanding and Preventing Peer-on-Peer Abuse Training*. The revised training course on-line release date is uncertain. The course has been renamed *Understanding and Preventing Peer on Peer Abuse*

### Training.

Accordingly, this Circular clarifies that for the 2025 calendar year, a person who has completed **any of the following trainings in 2025** is considered to have completed *Understanding and Preventing Peer on Peer Abuse Training*:

- *Understanding and Preventing Youth-on-Youth Abuse Training for Camp Staff* (2024 version); or

- *Understanding and Preventing Peer on Peer Abuse Training*.

Once the final training program is released (anticipated in 2025), councils should use the updated training but any of the prior trainings taken in 2025 will be accepted through 2025.

This also applies training courses offered pursuant to RP-153.

Questions should be directed to [NCAP@scouting.org](mailto:NCAP@scouting.org).

## Request for Comment on "Verification" Provisions

The National Camp Accreditation Committee is initiating a program to improve the specificity of the Verification provisions of the National Camp Standards so that they provide clearer guidance to camps about what certifications, procedures, documents or other information are needed to demonstrate compliance with the National Camp Standard. The goal of the project is to remove vague and ambiguous verification language and replace it with language that focuses more clearly on the fundamental program quality, health, safety and risk management objectives of NCAP. Secondary goals include reducing the amount of paperwork required to complete an assessment and doing so while leaving camps reasonable flexibility in how they organize and demonstrate compliance.

NCAP is requesting that camp professionals and volunteers provide comment to NCAP identifying any Verification provisions

that they have found to be unclear or ambiguous with a statement of how the provision is unclear or ambiguous and recommendations on how it could be worded better or an alternative that provides equivalent assurance of program quality, health, safety and risk management in an easier, less burdensome or more efficient manner. All comments should be addressed to [NCAP@scouting.org](mailto:NCAP@scouting.org). While not required, NCAP appreciates it if you provide your name and a contact method in case there are questions.

NCAP is forming an internal team that will review the Verification provisions with input from assessment personnel and council comments gathered through

this process. The internal team will evaluate the best approach and provide recommended revisions. After preliminary review with internal stakeholders, NCAP will publish the proposed revisions in a future NCAP Circular for review by camps, camping professionals and volunteers to assess them for any unintended consequences or unforeseen difficulties. The internal team will review these comments and make appropriate revisions. The revised proposal will then be transmitted to the National Camp Accreditation Committee for final review and approval likely in 2027.

Please assist us in making NCAP better. Please submit any comments by September 15, 2025. Earlier is preferred.

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## Future NCAP Developments

NCAP is working on a guide to assist camps and councils with implementing revised Standard PD-112, Council Program Design, Safety and Risk Review. If you have any recommendations, please submit to ***NCAP@scouting.org***

NCAP is always open to feedback and questions. If you have questions that cannot be answered by your council NCAP chair or zone NCAP coordinator, please email ***NCAP@scouting.org*** or reach out to a relevant member of the NCAP national leadership team.

*Please always download and use current NCAP forms from [www.scouting.org/NCAP](http://www.scouting.org/NCAP)*