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**Markel Renews Partnership with American Camp Association®**

**Richmond, VA, March 14, 2011** – Markel Specialty announced the renewal of its American Camp Association (ACA) Mission Partner Sponsorship for the next three years at the 2011 ACA National Conference in February. This announcement follows the completion of the Markel-funded *Healthy Camp Study*, a five-year project that monitored injuries and illnesses in U.S. day and resident camps.

Markel's new Mission Partner Sponsorship will build on the success of *The Healthy Camp Study* by providing injury- and illness-monitoring tools to camps and expanding ACA's online education offerings on health and wellness.

"We are pleased to continue this partnership with Markel," stated Peg Smith, ACA's Chief Executive Officer. "This partnership has allowed us to provide the first illness and injury data specific to the camp experience. By renewing this partnership, Markel and ACA are continuing to develop critical tools and information for camps regarding health and wellness."

Ian Garner, Markel's Director of Camp & Youth Organization Relations, stated, "We are proud to continue our tradition of supporting the camp community by renewing our Mission Partner Sponsorship with ACA to help fulfill their mission of enriching lives and changing the world through the camp experience. Markel is committed not only to protecting camps with insurance but also to providing industry support, risk management tools, and safety education for camps."

*The Healthy Camp Study Impact Report* is now available on the ACA web site at [www.acacamps.org/research/enhance/reduce-injury-illness](http://www.acacamps.org/research/enhance/reduce-injury-illness).

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**ABOUT ACA**

The American Camp Association® (ACA) works to preserve, promote, and enhance the camp experience for children and adults. ACA-Accredited® camp programs ensure that children are provided with a diversity of educational and developmentally challenging learning opportunities. There are over 2,400 ACA-accredited camps that meet up to 300 health and safety standards. For more information, visit [www.acacamps.org](http://www.acacamps.org).

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