



Join the Ohio Campground Owners Association today!

Are you the owner of a privately owned, tax-paying campground, operating for a profit in the State of Ohio? If so, you are eligible for membership with the Ohio Campground Owners Association (OCOA). Simply complete the enclosed new member application and return it to the OCOA office along with your dues payment and a copy of your current *license from the Ohio Department of Health* by September 1, 2022.

Overview of OCOA Member Benefits

Legislative/Regulatory Representation - OCOA Passed Campground Liability Bill to Protect YOU!

OCOA's lobbying firm, Government Advantage Group, monitors legislation and administrative rules concerning Ohio's private campgrounds. OCOA has saved you money by fighting taxes on campground services, expensive changes to grey water systems and costly ODH and EPA proposals. OCOA recently passed *House Bill 229* which *limits liability for campgrounds* for risks that are "inherent to camping". The bill became effective May 28, 2022.

Strength in Numbers – COVID-19 Campground Impacts: The need for a strong state association has never been more apparent than during these past couple years of uncertainty during COVID. When the nation was hit with the COVID-19 virus in the spring of 2020, the impact of statewide business closures in Ohio was devastating. OCOA was able to impact our own fate through our strength in numbers and critical advocacy efforts. As a direct result of OCOA's work, campgrounds were permitted to open that spring well before many other outdoor recreation businesses in Ohio. OCOA's efforts continued leading up to the following camping season when we were able to work with the Governor's office to lift all campground-specific orders and restrictions prior to camping season long before other statewide orders ended. The tireless efforts of OCOA leadership and members during that time were invaluable to our industry. Our strength in numbers as an organization has been apparent over these few past years as our members continue to work together to make an impact.

Free Listing in Ohio Campers Magazine: All members receive a listing and map locator on the state and regional map in the *Ohio Campers Campground & Travel Guide* – OCOA's official directory with distribution of 180,000 and in the online electronic version located on our website.

Online marketing: Members receive a free listing on OCOA's website www.ohiocampers.com. The website features information on camping, tourist activities, and information on member campgrounds. Members are also featured on our consumer Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages.

OCOA E-Newsletter and Communications: OCOA sends routine communications to members keeping them informed of important information. A more formal e-newsletter is sent several times throughout the year to members with industry updates, educational opportunities, and government affairs.

RV and Travel shows: OCOA attends a number of travel shows to promote camping and tourism in Ohio. The Ohio Campers Magazine is distributed at these shows and there is also the opportunity to distribute your campground's rack cards at the OCOA Booth at no charge. In addition, the Ohio Campers is also distributed at dozens of travel shows and key locations throughout the region.

OCOA Conferences: Educational opportunities are offered at OCOA's spring and fall meetings. Each spring OCOA holds an educational conference offering classes on various topics and a trade show featuring industry exhibitors. Each fall, OCOA hosts a regional tour of campgrounds in Ohio. The tour allows members to gather ideas, network and ask questions of fellow owners. *All new members may send 2 attendees from their campground to the POOT tour free of charge.*

Workers' Compensation Discount: We offer a group-rating program that provides members greatly reduced workers' compensation premiums.

OCOA Listserv and Members-Only Facebook Group: Stay in touch with your colleagues online. You may send/receive emails to/from your fellow campground owners through one single email address via the OCOA Listserv and post and see posts from other owners on the OCOA Members-Only Facebook Group. These tools make it easy to network, ask questions and gather information from your colleagues.

Overview of ARVC Member Benefits



The Ohio Campground Owners Association (OCA) is a proud partner of the National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds (ARVC). All OCA members enjoy the benefits of both OCA and ARVC. ARVC, a leader in the outdoor hospitality industry, is the only national association dedicated to representing the interests and needs of private RV parks and campgrounds in the US and Canada. ARVC is deeply committed to providing their nearly 3,000 members exclusive access to continuing education, networking, business and marketing tools, member-only benefits and discounts, and advocacy at the local, state and national levels.

As an ARVC member, you'll benefit from:

Exclusive money-saving programs and discounts: By leveraging the buying power of thousands of member parks, ARVC is able to negotiate significant discounts from national suppliers on products and services that are essential to the successful operation of your business. These special pricing programs include everything from digital marketing and propane to equipment purchases and music licensing. For more information visit arvc.org/Marketplace.

Powerful legislative and regulatory advocacy programs and resources: ARVC monitors state and national policy issues that affect RV parks and campgrounds and take action to protect your interests.

Professional Development/Industry Education Program: Advance your industry expertise through a wide variety of flexible educational enrichment options and curriculum choices through ARVC's Outdoor Hospitality Education Program (OHEP) and by attending ARVC's Outdoor Hospitality Conference and Expo.

Networking opportunities with peers, industry experts and suppliers: ARVC's nationwide network of fellow park owners and operators, vendors and industry experts is the best place to share experiences and exchange ideas.

A complimentary listing on GoCampingAmerica.com: ARVC's online RV park and campground directory is visited nearly one million times each year by campers planning their next adventure. As an ARVC member, you receive a complimentary listing in this exclusive directory, giving your park visibility to a nationwide audience.

Marketing, Management and Operational Resources and Programs: ARVC provides a members' only website, and monthly e-newsletter, all filled with innovative ideas, operational strategies, industry insights, expert perspectives and vendor resources to help you improve your park's operations and find the products and services you need.

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Privately owned and operated campgrounds serving Ohio's recreational needs

2023 New Member Application

****Please return this application, along with your dues payment and copy of your current license from the Ohio Department of Health to the OCOA Office on or before September 1, 2022.****

Campground Information:

Campground Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone/Fax _____

Directions to Park _____

Owners Name(s) _____

Address _____

Email Address: _____

Website: _____

Please send our mail:
_____ to the campground _____ to our home

Dates of Operation:
_____ All Year (or) From _____ To _____

Total # of Sites _____

Primitive _____ #with Electric and Water _____

Membership dues are computed as follows:

Parks with 1 – 510 sites:

ARVC	\$ _____	($\$152.00 + \1.41 per site)
OCA	<u>+\$210.00</u>	(calculation example below)
Total Dues:	\$ _____	

Example: a campground with 100 sites
 $100 \times 1.41 = \$141$ so $\$141 + \$152 = \$293$

ARVC	\$293.00
OCA	<u>+\$210.00</u>
Total Dues	\$503.00

Parks with 511 sites or more:

ARVC	\$874.00
OCA	<u>+\$210.00</u>
Total Dues:	\$1084.00

If you are unsure of your dues, please feel free to contact the OCOA office for assistance at (614) 221-7748. OCOA's membership year runs from September 1st – August 31st. ARVC's membership year runs January 1st – December 31st.

****Return the following to the OCOA office: This application, your dues (checks payable to OCOA) and a copy of your current license from the Ohio Department of Health.**

Signature of applicant Title Date

OCA encourages support by individuals and organizations in addition to campground owners. There are two different categories of membership available:

ACTIVE MEMBER – Those campgrounds who are: privately owned; tax paying; operating for a profit; holds a current State of Ohio Health Department License.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – Any individual, corporation, association, or organization, public, or private, who subscribes to the purposes of the Association and is not eligible for any other classification of membership.

Those interested in Active Membership should fill out this application, all others should contact the OCOA office at 614-221-7748.