

March 13, 2016

**Maryland Youth
Camp Safety
Advisory
Council**

Annual Report on Youth Camps for summers 2015 and 2016

Dear Secretary Schrader:

The Maryland Youth Camp Safety Advisory Council (the Council) is a Governor-appointed board in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (the Department) composed of youth camp professionals, public health experts, and concerned citizens.

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In fulfillment of Health-General Article, §14-404(c), Annotated Code of Maryland, we are writing to provide you with information regarding the number of youth camps, facilities, and campers in our state for the 2015 and 2016 summer camp seasons. Please find the attached pages in support of this requirement.

Camp has a positive impact on the lives of the over 600,000 youth that attend Maryland camps each year. Maryland is one of the few states fortunate enough to have comprehensive regulations protecting the health and safety of children attending these programs. Ensuring that these critical safety regulations are met at the more than 450 state licensed camps requires inspections during their operating season. **The Council strongly recommends that the state continues to fully fund the Youth Camp Program.**

In support of the Council's defined purpose to "advise and assist the Department in developing and reviewing [youth camp] regulations," The Council supports the Department's initiative to improve compliance among camps that currently operate without a license. The Council also advocates for better education on the licensing process as well as significantly stronger penalties for operating without a license. Additionally, we recommend that the Department receive further financial and human resources in order to identify programs that skirt regulations by operating without obtaining a license.

Additionally, the Council recommends that the Department receives increased IT support to assist in completing the online data collection system for the license applications, end of year reports, and incident reports. Online data collection will significantly decrease the time the Department spends collecting and inputting data and will increase the accuracy of information collected because it will be entered directly by the camps. Currently the Department collects these reports in hard copy through the mail, email, or by fax. An online data collection system would allow this time to be better spent analyzing youth camp data and researching how to reduce risk.

Thank you again for your support for the health and safety of Maryland's Youth Camps and the children we serve.

Sincerely,



Bill Morgan, Council Chairperson
The Maryland Youth Camp Safety Advisory Council

County	Type	Data		
		Count of License#	Sum of No. of Campers	Sum of Actual Camper Days
Allegany	Day Camp	1	211	1007
	Residential Camp	2	2037	10560
Allegany Total		3	2248	11567
Anne Arundel	Day Camp	59	21556	168877
	Residential and Day Camp	4	2971	20504
	Residential Camp	2	831	4896
Anne Arundel Total		65	25358	194277
Baltimore	Day Camp	82	47352	281419
	Residential and Day Camp	4	11512	56158
	Residential Camp	8	215	3082
Baltimore Total		94	59079	340659
Baltimore City	Day Camp	56	17100	184280
	Residential Camp	5	1178	18827
	Trip Camp	1		1562
Baltimore City Total		62	18278	204669
Calvert	Day Camp	7	2134	10423
Calvert Total		7	2134	10423
Caroline	Day Camp	1	51	255
	Residential and Day Camp	2	250	1332
	Residential Camp	1		
Caroline Total		4	301	1587
Carroll	Day Camp	14	13382	66640
	Residential and Day Camp	2	2295	13754
	Residential Camp	5	684	3922
Carroll Total		21	16361	84316
Cecil	Day Camp	8	2535	13649
	Residential and Day Camp	1	442	2652
	Residential Camp	6	8335	57738
Cecil Total		15	11312	74039
Charles	Day Camp	29	4743	24685
	Residential and Day Camp	1	683	4098
	Residential Camp	4	2278	14220
Charles Total		34	7704	43003
Dorchester	Day Camp	2	711	3536
	Residential Camp	2	2115	14765
Dorchester Total		4	2826	18301
Frederick	Day Camp	22	10634	52283
	Residential and Day Camp	3	873	4964
	Residential Camp	6	3178	21759
Frederick Total		31	14685	79006
Garrett	Day Camp	1		89753
	Residential and Day Camp	1	255	1203
	Residential Camp	2	711	4977
Garrett Total		4	966	95933
Harford	Day Camp	19	6050	40803
	Residential Camp	6	3125	20539
Harford Total		25	9175	61342
Howard	Day Camp	57	21621	121965
Howard Total		57	21621	121965
Kent	Day Camp	3	857	7917
	Residential and Day Camp	1	245	1467
	Residential Camp	8	5668	39249
Kent Total		12	6770	48633
Montgomery	Day Camp	185	108719	579952

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		Count of License#	Sum of No. of Campers	Sum of Actual Camper Days
Montgomery	Residential and Day Camp	1	1025	5009
	Residential Camp	1	400	2000
Montgomery Total		187	110144	586961
Prince Georges	Day Camp	75	24091	118198
	Residential and Day Camp	1	267	1602
	Residential Camp	1	420	1680
Prince Georges Total		77	24778	121480
Queen Annes	Day Camp	5	769	3821
	Residential and Day Camp	2	1851	10620
Queen Annes Total		7	2620	14441
Saint Marys	Day Camp	5	4779	23708
Saint Marys Total		5	4779	23708
Talbot	Day Camp	10	2273	18413
Talbot Total		10	2273	18413
Washington	Day Camp	16	5084	33591
	Residential and Day Camp	1	121	605
	Residential Camp	4	3817	26250
Washington Total		21	9022	60446
Wicomico	Day Camp	8	5318	26388
	Residential and Day Camp	1	116	580
	Residential Camp	1	168	898
Wicomico Total		10	5602	27866
Worcester	Day Camp	4	2211	12829
Worcester Total		4	2211	12829
Grand Total		759	360247	2255864

Note

There were no licensed youth camps in Somerset which is why there is no data in the report.

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		Count of License#	Sum of No. of Campers	Sum of Actual Camper Days
Allegany	Day Camp	2	282	1362
	Residential Camp	2	2002	10010
Allegany Total		4	2284	11372
Anne Arundel	Day Camp	56	27413	135023
	Residential and Day Camp	2	3939	23320
	Residential Camp	1	812	4826
Anne Arundel Total		59	32164	163169
Baltimore	Day Camp	31	37182	189665
	Residential and Day Camp	4	10318	51557
	Residential Camp	1	130	650
Baltimore Total		36	47630	241872
Baltimore City	Day Camp	20	8837	42898
	Residential Camp	2	432	3024
Baltimore City Total		22	9269	45922
Calvert	Day Camp	7	2341	11464
Calvert Total		7	2341	11464
Caroline	Day Camp	1	57	285
	Residential and Day Camp	2	265	1405
Caroline Total		3	322	1690
Carroll	Day Camp	10	5345	26243
	Residential Camp	4	1044	5307
Carroll Total		14	6389	31550
Cecil	Day Camp	6	3007	14473
	Residential Camp	4	4542	32108
Cecil Total		10	7549	46581
Charles	Day Camp	12	5440	26639
	Residential and Day Camp	1	632	3792
	Residential Camp	3	2013	12611
Charles Total		16	8085	43042
Dorchester	Day Camp	1	152	710
	Residential Camp	1	21	105
Dorchester Total		2	173	815
Frederick	Day Camp	11	9749	47449
	Residential and Day Camp	1	901	5597
	Residential Camp	6	3435	23647
Frederick Total		18	14085	76693
Garrett	Residential and Day Camp	1	184	906
	Residential Camp	1	287	2009
Garrett Total		2	471	2915
Harford	Day Camp	9	3965	19373
	Residential Camp	5	3295	18216
Harford Total		14	7260	37589
Howard	Day Camp	33	18709	92230
Howard Total		33	18709	92230
Kent	Day Camp	3	1319	6309
	Residential and Day Camp	1	192	1152
	Residential Camp	7	6239	40281
Kent Total		11	7750	47742
Montgomery	Day Camp	148	100279	498506
	Residential and Day Camp	1	1008	4938
Montgomery Total		149	101287	503444
Prince Georges	Day Camp	39	16346	80016
	Residential and Day Camp	1	380	2280
Prince Georges Total		40	16726	82296

County	Type	Data		
		Count of License#	Sum of No. of Campers	Sum of Actual Camper Days
Queen Annes	Day Camp	3	602	2864
	Residential and Day Camp	1	1008	5751
Queen Annes Total		4	1610	8615
Saint Marys	Day Camp	4	2786	13668
Saint Marys Total		4	2786	13668
Talbot	Day Camp	5	2097	10302
Talbot Total		5	2097	10302
Washington	Day Camp	10	3538	17422
	Residential Camp	3	3806	26149
Washington Total		13	7344	43571
Wicomico	Day Camp	5	4691	22926
Wicomico Total		5	4691	22926
Worcester	Day Camp	1	568	2785
Worcester Total		1	568	2785
Grand Total		472	301590	1542253

Note

There were no youth camps licensed in Somerset County which is why it is not included in the data.