



# Green Camp Visits

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Green Camp visits provide camps an overview of their environmental impact and the steps they can take that most reflect the three outcomes of Green Camps Initiative:

**Economic Savings | Reduced Environmental Impact | Education of Campers and Staff**

## Components of a Green Camp Visit

### Education

- Our education programs can be catered to campers, staff and/or community members to provide engaging education on all topics related to sustainability.
- We use fun activities to highlight topics of sustainability to educate and empower participants to implement change at camp and back in their home communities.
- Education topics are chosen during visit planning and include energy, water, waste, food systems and the human connection to natural systems.

### Surveys

- Surveys are used to collect information to create an initial profile of your camp facility and programs.
  - Staff awareness and involvement in sustainable practices
  - Current Carbon Footprint
  - Water and Energy use

## Green Audits

### 3 Types of Audits

1. Walk Through
  - A walk through audit of your facility will touch on all aspects of how sustainable development will benefit your site.
  - You will be provided with a write-up of recommended retrofits, programming ideas and other solutions to address sustainability issues at your site.
2. Lite Audit
  - A lite audit will focus on specific areas of interest in order to gather energy and water data to generate cost savings opportunities and more in-depth development of programming solutions specific to your site.
  - Results from audits can be used to apply for grant funding opportunities.
3. Deep Audit
  - A deep audit will provide an overarching assessment of your facilities operations to create a site-wide plan for accessing solutions that will most benefit your facility.
  - Reports will include cost/benefit analysis of suggested systems, available rebates/incentives in your area, reduced cost access to sustainable goods.

# Outline of Green Camps Visit

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## Objectives

- Assess the current environmental practices of camps
- Provide an outline of the cost-benefit analysis of implementing sustainable initiatives
- Include campers and staff in process so that they can return home with the tools to implement change.
- Create a strategy plan for implementing initiatives which best fit each unique facility.
- Show the camp how the tools and resources provided by GCI can help simplify the process of implementing sustainable initiatives.
- Provide tools to help camps engage their visitors with sustainable education.

## Pre-Visit

### Communications

- Have camp assign contact to organize visit details
- Send materials for surveys, audit options and other visit details

### Camp Survey

- Camp Profile
  - This will be completed by filling out the form found in your registration packet.
- Staff Surveys
  - Sent ahead of time to gather staff attitude and awareness of sustainable practices.
- Carbon Footprint
  - This survey will gather information to calculate the camps carbon footprint.

### Select Audits to be Conducted

- Water Audit
- Waste Audit
- Energy Audit
- Lighting Audit
- Commercial Kitchen Audit
- Appliance Audit

## Day of the Visit

- Ice Breaker
  - Team Building Activities to get to know group.
  - Education presentation on sustainability subjects (compost, garden, energy, water, etc.)
- Explain Green Camps Resources that will support us in sustainable growth of the facility and program.
  - Case Studies
  - Calculators
  - Audit Process
  - Sustainable Initiatives

- Education Materials
- Camp Tour
  - Green Audit
    - Gather data that will be used to conduct audit
    - Campers/students can help in this process
  - Provide examples of sustainable initiatives that could benefit the triple bottom line of the camp.
- Closing
  - Present initial results of audits
  - Visit highlights
  - Suggested immediate actions
  - Present options for purchase of sustainable goods and services for easily implementable initiatives.
  - What will happen next

## Post Visit

- Reports
  - Sustainability Strategy
    - Suggested initiatives and associated resources to implement in order to reach desired accreditation level.
    - Areas of highest environmental impact reduction.
    - Areas of best potential economic savings.
    - Suggested education curriculum to highlight sustainable initiatives.
  - Carbon Footprint
  - Audit Results
    - Comparisons
    - Charts
    - Graphs
  - Cost/Benefit analysis of suggested initiatives
    - No Cost Solutions
    - Up-front investment costs
    - Return on Investment
    - Simple Pay Back Times



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