



What is CAMP®?

The Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program (CAMP) is the signature training offered by National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC). CAMP® is led by qualified preservation professionals in support of local preservation commissions and the NAPC mission to "build strong local preservation programs through education, advocacy, and training."

The goal of CAMP® is to provide high-quality, engaging and informative training to preservation related boards and commissions of all types through presentations, hands-on exercises, group discussions and networking (mentoring) opportunities. Trainers include commissioners, local, state and national staff members, attorneys and commission partners.

Who Attends CAMP?

CAMP is designed to provide continuing education and support to local design review commissions and Main Street organizations, their staff and partners, such as neighborhood organizations, local and statewide non-profits, community leaders and public officials. Sessions are customized for the state or local community, where applicable.

How to Plan a CAMP:

For more information please email us at director@napcommissions.org or call NAPC at 757-802-4141. Call us to customize your CAMP®. Tell us a little about you, your community and local issues and we'll help you decide which CAMP and which individual sessions will work best for you. CAMP® is offered in the following formats:



CAMPCore®: This is a daylong, or two consecutive half-days, event with three trainers who cover the basics that every commission needs to be effective. Topics may include Chair Training, Legal Basics, Meeting Procedures, Building Public Support, Reading Plans, Identifying and Designating Historic Resources, Standards & Guidelines, and Hands on Design Exercise.

CAMPCustom®: This is a daylong, or two consecutive half-days, event with three trainers who cover the sessions of your choice. This is for clients who either have already had CAMPCore® or receive this training locally and need more "advanced" topics. Clients choose any 5 general sessions and 1 workshop from the CAMP Menu with the guidance of the NAPC staff and trainers.

CAMPOne®: One Presenter, One Focus. This is a 1 to 3 hour session with one trainer. Choose any one topic from the CAMP Menu or request a specific topic and/or speaker. This is ideal for those looking for a conference speaker or for a community that has a burning issue that needs to be addressed quickly.

CAMP® for Real Estate Professionals: This is a daylong, or two consecutive half-days, event with three trainers who cover the basics for realtors, appraisers, and mortgage professionals. The purpose of CAMP® for Real Estate Professionals is to provide the basic information that anyone who is selling or working with older properties needs to know. Additional planning may be needed to obtain state certification if this is important to the applicant. NAPC is currently certified in Tennessee and West Virginia. Topics include the basics of historic zoning, loans and tax incentives for historic properties, identifying local historic styles, skills for selling historic properties.

CAMP® for Legal Professionals: This is a daylong, or two consecutive half-days, event with three trainers who cover the basics for legal professionals. The purpose of CAMP® for Legal Professionals is to provide the core information for legal professionals who work with historic preservation in terms of design review commissions, Section 106 reviews, or real estate development. Additional planning may be needed to obtain state certification if this is important to the applicant. It includes Introduction to Historic Preservation, National Historic Preservation Act, Effective Enforcement of Local Historic Preservation Ordinances, Covenants, Easements and Other Tools to Foster Successful Preservation, Public/Private Partnership, Innovative Financing Using Federal & State Historic Tax Credits and New Markets Tax Credits.