

[ICC2026 Pre-Congress Training]

ICDC Alumni Assemble! The ICDC Trainers Course is Now Open!

With the 13th International Camping Congress (ICC 2026) set to take place in Chongli THAIWOO Ski Town, China from November 6–10, 2026, this global camping event ushers in its “China Moment.” **Alongside it, ICDC Trainers Course will also be grandly launched in China from October 31 to November 6, 2026!**

ICDC Trainer Certification Training is held only in conjunction with the International Camping Congress (ICC) and the Asia-Oceania Camping Congress (AOCC), taking place once every 3–4 years. The course is typically scheduled just before the opening of these major events, making it a highly limited opportunity.

1. Empowering the Industry

ICDC Trainers Course aims to cultivate professional instructors for the ICDC curriculum. Participants are required to possess extensive theoretical knowledge and practical experience in the camping industry, along with a thorough understanding of The ICDC – International Camp Directors Course.

ICDC Trainers Course, exclusively created and officially certified by the International Camping Fellowship (ICF), is the globally recognized "gold standard" in the field of camp management. It is designed to empower camp directors, project leaders, and core management personnel.

All courses are taught and guided by ICF-appointed, certified ICDC Trainers from both local and international backgrounds.

As of now, there are only 7 certified ICDC Trainers in Mainland China.

(1) Becoming an ICDC Trainer signifies:

A. Ascending the International Stage: Serve as an ICF officially certified trainer, imparting the

most cutting-edge and systematic camp management knowledge to camp leaders worldwide.

B. Shaping the Future of the Industry: Directly influence and shape the mindset and capabilities of the next generation of camp leaders, driving the advancement of industry standards.

C. Connecting with a Global Network: Integrate into the ICF global community of mentors, collaborate with top international experts, and engage in continuous intellectual exchange and professional development.

D. Elevating Personal Value: Transition from a practitioner to an educator and advocate, achieving a milestone leap in your professional career.

2. Top-tier Faculty

(1)[United States]Connie Coutellier:

A. ICDC Trainers Course & Co-author and Lead Instructor of the ICDC – International Camp Directors Course

B. Lifetime Member of the American Camp Association (ACA)

C. Executive Director and Camp Director of Wyandot Camp

D. Global Camp Consulting Trainer

Connie has nearly 50 years of experience in camp management and operations. She has authored four bestselling books in the camping industry: *Management of Risks and Emergencies*, *The Outdoor Book*, *Camp is for the Camper*, and *Day Camp from Day One*, published by the American Camp Association. She has served as the National President of the American Camp Association (ACA), Chair of the Standards Committee, and Director of Professional Development. She has provided consulting services and training across the United States, as well as in Canada, Mexico, Hong Kong (China), Australia, Turkey, China, Japan, Malaysia, Russia, and Chile. She believes that camps bring people together, creating memories and fostering lifelong friendships in some of the world's most beautiful places.



(2)[Singapore]Tennant Kiu:

- A. Director of International Camping Fellowship (ICF)
- B. Supervisor of the ICDC – International Camp Directors Course
- C. National Course Trainer in Singapore
- D. Bachelor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, National University of Singapore
- E. Master of Business Administration, University of Hull, UK

With over 25 years of experience in camp management, Tennant began his career as a camp counselor and has since gained extensive experience serving as a camp director and mentor. Additionally, he has delved deep into experiential education and holds professional qualifications such as certification in the design and facilitation of experiential learning, as well as being a certified Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP) Practitioner.



(3)[Colombia]Juan Mario Gutierrez:

- A. Founder & Camp Director of Kajuyalí Camp
- B. Training Mentor in Inclusive Education
- C. Consultant for Family and Corporate Teams
- D. Personal Coach

When the concept of camps was still little known in Colombia, Juan had already worked as a camp counselor in the United States. At the start of his entrepreneurial journey, he had no funding and had not yet gained the trust of the community, yet he always firmly believed that camps could positively change people's lives. Thirty years have passed, and the Kajuyalí Camp he founded has now evolved into a well-structured and mature operational system, bringing profound and positive changes to over 32,000 families through outdoor education.



3. Systematic Development

This 7-day Trainer Certification Training employs a closed-loop model of "theoretical empowerment + practical immersion" to comprehensively shape qualified ICDC Trainers.

(1) Exclusive Core Curriculum for Trainers (2 days)

A. Learn "How to Become an ICDC Trainer" (Gain in-depth mastery of professional training skills such as course design, principles of adult learning, facilitation techniques, classroom interaction, etc.)

(a)"Facilitation Skills in the Classroom": Promote high engagement and effective interaction.

(b)"Curriculum Alignment": Ensure teaching aligns with the ICDC framework and learning outcomes.

(c)"Professional Trainer Presence": Demonstrate clear expression, a professional image, and teaching depth.

(d)"Continuous Self-Evolution": Engage in reflective teaching, absorb feedback, and drive self-iteration.



B. One-on-One Mentorship Program (Each participant is assigned an experienced international ICDC trainer as a dedicated mentor, providing personalized guidance throughout the process)

(a)"Deepen Content Understanding": Thoroughly grasp ICDC course materials and core concepts.

(b)"Refine Training Techniques": Share best practices and develop a unique training style.

(c)"Unlock Personal Potential": Provide personalized feedback to help overcome challenges and inspire growth.

(d)"Develop an Implementation Plan": Assist in planning future teaching assignments and professional development pathways.



(2) Immersive Teaching Practice (5 Days)

A. Authentic ICDC Teaching Environment (Engage in intensive, round-the-clock teaching practice and personally instruct 17 core modules covering all aspects of camp operations.)

(a)"Deepen Content Mastery": Internalize the ICDC knowledge system and deliver content with precision and depth.

(b)"International Pedagogy": Develop skills in globally informed facilitation, assessment, and synthesis—sparking participant discussions and deepening learning.

(c)"Adaptive Teaching": Flexibly adjust instructional strategies according to diverse cultural contexts, ensuring course quality and consistency worldwide with high cultural sensitivity and professionalism.

(d)"Community Building": Guide participants to form deep connections through the unique collaborative atmosphere of "camp," fostering a lasting and active global professional network.



4、 Training Location

THAIWOO Ski Town is located in **Chongli District, Zhangjiakou City, Hebei Province**, nestled within a 40-square-kilometer mountain wilderness that showcases distinct seasonal changes.

Designed by the Winter Olympics planning team, it blends a North American-style resort with a national 4A-level scenic environment, evolving naturally with the seasons—transforming into a refreshing forest oasis in summer and a premier snow sports destination in winter. Together, **these elements create a multidimensional setting that combines "resort town + alpine terrain + snowfields + forest."**



The town features a cluster of **international brand hotels** such as Banyan Tree, Hyatt, and Element, along with **over 50 themed restaurants and comprehensive international conference facilities and supporting services**, forming a complete, high-quality service ecosystem designed for camp operations.



As China's first ski-themed camp certified by three major management systems, an accredited member of the International Camping Fellowship (ICF), and a council member of CCEA, THAIWOO has successfully operated **winter & summer educational programs**—serving tens of thousands of participants—including ski camps, Olympic-themed camps, mountain biking, forest leadership courses, and continues to integrate diverse large-scale events such as competitions, cultural arts activities, and professional forums.

Positioned as a "**mountain-based education complex**" THAIWOO provides ICDC Trainer participants with a multidimensional, tangible, and operational international case study in real-world camp education.



5. ICDC Trainer Certification Training

(1) Eligibility Requirements:

Completion of the ICDC (International Camp Director Course) and proficiency in English (as the language of instruction and communication).

(2) Training Schedule:

October 31 – November 6, 2026 (Registration on the morning of October 31; departure on November 6. For detailed arrangements, please refer to the agenda.)

(3) Venue:

THAIWOO Ski Town, Chongli, Hebei Province, China

(4) Training Fee:

·USD 1,050 per person

·Early Bird Rate: USD 950 per person

(Early bird deadline:March 1,2026)

All training participants will also be eligible to register for the ICC2026 at a “ Super Early Bird ” rate.

—*Fee Includes:*

Training venue, courses and instructors, Insurance, Certification, Course materials (ICDC Trainer Course copyrighted bilingual handouts), Accommodation, All meals during the program, Cultural activities, etc.

—*Fee Excludes: Personal expenses incurred during the training period*

—*Refund Policy:*

- *Cancellation 12 days or more before the start of the program: full refund*
- *Cancellation 6–11 days before the start of the program: 50% refund of the training fee*
- *Cancellation within 5 days before the start of the program: no refund*
- *Any transaction or handling fees incurred due to cancellation shall be borne by the participant.*

(5)Organizer: International Camping Fellowship (ICF)

The International Camping Fellowship (ICF) is a global networking platform for the camping community, founded in 1987.

ICF's mission in the camp education sector is akin to that of the International Olympic Committee in sports. It is dedicated to facilitating communication on global camp education matters, promoting shared understanding of camping philosophies worldwide, and fostering youth and young adult development through outdoor education to contribute to building a better society.

Over nearly four decades since its establishment, ICF has connected camping experts across the globe and actively supported the development of camps in multiple countries and regions.

Through ongoing initiatives such as the International Camping Congress (ICC), the ICDC – International Camp Directors Course, and the Camp Academy, ICF has exerted significant influence and played a proactive role in advancing the global camping movement.