

Eleanor P. Eells Award for Program Excellence

(MUST BE COMPLETE TO BE CONSIDERED)

Purpose: The Eleanor Eells Award for Program Excellence, presented at the national conference, is designed to honor programs that:

1. develop effective, creative responses to the needs of people and/or societal problems using the camp environment
2. encourage continued development of such ideas
3. stimulate the exchange of creative ideas
4. present to the public examples of positive contributions camp has made on the well being of individuals and society.

Nominations are judged on creativity and imaginative planning; relevance to the needs of participants; involvement of the target participants in the planning or implementation; adaptability and potential for replication; cooperative efforts with other organizations, agencies, or camps; and, the ability of program to meet stated objectives.

Eligibility: To **qualify** for nomination, a program must (one or more):

1. have been in operation for at least one year (planning and development time do not count).
2. understand and make use of intergrouping — combining groups that have differences e.g., physical abilities,

ethnic and cultural backgrounds, religion, and home environment.

3. develop programs suited to the needs and interests of teenage campers.
4. broaden the range of services to persons with disabilities.
5. emphasize awareness of interpersonal relationships and development of interpersonal skills.
6. conduct continuing innovative and effective staff-development programs.
7. offer support activities or leadership that significantly expands the opportunities for human growth and enrichment through camping (for non-camp organizations).

Membership in ACA is not required.

Number of Awards: No more than six.

Nominations are due by October 15th. Mail to:

Awards Committee Chair
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Contact name _____ Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Work phone _____ Home phone _____

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Title of program _____

Purpose or objectives of program (effective and creative responses to needs of people and/or society) _____

Need for program (stimulation of creative ideas; example of positive contributions) _____

Number of participants _____

Description of participants _____

Explain program operation _____

Length of time in operation _____

Special resources used in program _____

Budget and funding source _____

Program results _____

Will program continue to expand? _____

Recognition earned and/or evidence of program's impact _____

Note: Please enclose any printed materials that help describe the program, the need, or the outcome.

If this program received an award, who would accept the award
in behalf of the program?

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Work phone _____ Home phone _____

Fax _____ E-mail _____

Nominated by (if other than contact person):

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Work phone _____ Home phone _____

Fax _____ E-mail _____

About Eleanor P. Eells

Eleanor P. Eells was a leader and inspiration within the camping movement. She was active in the development of social service camping and a pioneer in therapeutic camping. She was a founder of the Fund for Advancement of Camping (later called the Future Advancement of Camping), worked on the national standards program, and the first camp directors certification institute. However, she is probably best known as the author of *Eleanor Eells' History of Organized Camping: The first 100 years* which chronicles the field from 1861 to 1961.