

Eleanor P. Eells Award For Research in Practice

(MUST BE COMPLETE TO BE CONSIDERED)

The Eleanor P. Eells Award will focus on recognizing program excellence as well as research in practice at camps. A total of 6 nominees will be selected for recognition at the National Conference and throughout the year. Evaluation and selection of the final awards will be completed by the National Awards Committee and the Committee for the Advancement of Research and Evaluation (CARE) as a collaborative initiative to recognize excellence in all areas at camp! Membership in ACA is not a requirement. Two awards will be given out:

- Eleanor P. Eells Award for Program Excellence
- Eleanor P. Eells Award for Research in Practice

Purpose: The Eleanor P. Eells Awards are designed to honor programs that:

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

Additionally, Research in Practice Awards will focus on programs that:

1. Generate or apply innovative, quality research or evaluation
2. Use research or evaluation findings to improve program practice, and
3. Share research or evaluation findings with others.

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

Nominees for the Research in Practice Award will also be judged on research/evaluation innovation, rigor, and utilization; adherence to ethical research or evaluation standards; and, the camp's use and sharing of the research and/or evaluation findings.

Eligibility for the Research in Practice Award: To qualify for nomination of the Eleanor P. Eells Award for Research in Practice, a program or camp must have been in operation for at least two years (planning and development time do not count), demonstrate adherence to ethical standards for research or evaluation, and:

1. Have developed and implemented or applied an exemplary research or evaluation project at camp.
2. Have used research or evaluation findings to improve camp practice.
3. Shared research or evaluation findings with others.

Nominations are due by October 25th. Mail to:

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Please complete the below for the Eleanor Eells Award for Research in Practice

Contact name _____ Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Work phone _____ Cell phone _____

Fax _____ E-mail _____

Title of Program: _____

How long has this camp been in operation (excluding time for planning and development)? _____

How did the research and evaluation at this camp meet ethical standards? _____

How did this camp develop and implement or apply an exemplary research or evaluation project? _____

How did this camp use research or evaluation findings to improve camp practice? _____

How did this camp share research or evaluation findings with others? _____

Please include any links to or documents of the research or evaluation report, or other supporting documentation of this camp's research and evaluation-related efforts.

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

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Work phone _____ Cell phone _____

E-mail _____

Nominated by (if other than contact person):

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Work phone _____ Cell phone _____

E-mail _____