

### **ACA, Ohio Awards/Nominations**

In 1997, the American Camping Association, Ohio established a means of paying tribute to those who make an extraordinary contribution to the advancement of the camp experience in Ohio and who have played an important role in creating today's ACA Ohio. All recognition awards are presented at our January Ohio Camping Conference (OCC). It is not a requirement that each award be presented annually.

There are four recognition awards:

#### **Buckeye Award**

The *Buckeye Award* is the highest honor presented to a member of American Camp Association, Ohio. To qualify, a candidate must:

- Be known for his/her outstanding service in the field. It should be easily recognized that no other award would do justice to the magnitude of the contribution of this nominee.
- Have an affiliation with the American Camp Association for at least ten (10) years and with ACA, Ohio for at least five (5) years.
- Have high moral character, personal integrity and exemplify a spirit of devoted service to the field.
- Be an active participant in National and Local ACA programs.

#### **Oak Leaf Appreciation Award**

The *Oak Leaf Appreciation Award* is presented to an ACA, Ohio member who has demonstrated service or special contribution to the overall philosophy of the American Camp Association movement and the ACA, Ohio Program.

#### **Friends of Camping Award**

The *Friends of Camping Award* is presented to an individual, group or organization that has made significant contributions to camping through related fields. Membership in the American Camp Association is not a requirement. Contributions or relationships can be administrative, legislative, professional, or specific participation in local development.

#### **Program Excellence Award**

The *Program Excellence Award* is designed to honor programs that develop effective, creative responses to the needs of people and/or societal problems using the camp environment and encourage continued development of such ideas. To be eligible for this award, a program must have been in operation for at least one year (planning and development time does not count) and be part of an accredited camp.

The Awards Committee of the ACA, Ohio Local Council of Leaders administers the Award Program. The ACA Ohio membership is given the opportunity to nominate individuals or organizations for awards. **All nominations are due by December 23.**

Please take the time to review the criteria and names of past honorees on the ACA, Ohio website at <http://www.acacamps.org/ohio/awards-aca-ohio>

If you would like to nominate a person, group, organization or program for any of the four awards please email the following:

- Name and contact information of the nominee
- Your name and contact information
- Brief description of the nominee including WHY you are making this nomination
- Any other information that would be pertinent to the particular nomination

Please send your nomination to

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