



LEGEND OF CAMPING

Purpose: To recognize professionals who have given over and beyond to the YMCA Camping Movement in the Mid America Region. It is understood that this is to be a "capstone" award, recognizing the career of an individual whose contributions have impacted the very core of the institution of camping.

Robert "Skip" Wilke: Skip attended his first MACC conference in 1968, and has attended annually since. In 1972 he served as chair of the MACC conference. He grew up attending YMCA Camp Widjiwagen in Minnesota. He served as YMCA Camp Menogyn's Executive Director from 1968-1982, worked with the International YMCA, and the International Camp Counselor Program. He currently serves on three different camp boards in his home state of Minnesota (YMCA Camp Widjiwagen, YMCA Camp du Nord, and YMCA Camp Menogyn). Skip has served on the MACC planning committee since the mid 90's, handling registration, photography, evaluation, binder assembly, and more. The Legend of Camping award is established in his honor, with the award's criteria being inspired by Skip's career, dedication, and legacy.

Criteria: An appropriate nominee for the Legend of Camping award will be someone who meets the following conditions:

- Has worked in YMCA Day or Resident Camping for a minimum of 15 years, with a minimum of 5 years at a camp in the Mid America Region.
- Has supported the Mid America Camping Conference through attendance, presentation, or other avenue.
- Has, throughout his or her career, contributed to camps and camping in tangible and substantial ways through innovation in categories such as facilities, growth, fundraising, program development, and beyond.
- Has contributed to the future of the YMCA Camping Movement by supporting and nurturing the next generation of camp leaders.
- Has contributed to the Camping Movement on a regional or national level through service on boards, committees, projects, and task forces relevant to YMCA Camping. (Examples include but are not limited to: Y-USA projects, ACA, Statewide or National Outdoor Education groups)
- Has demonstrated values consistent with the YMCA's Four Core Values, and serves as an admirable role model for youth, staff and community.
- Has stepped outside of the realm of camping to share his or her leadership and skills within the communities he or she resides.

Nomination: Any person may nominate an individual for this award by submitting a letter of nomination to the Mid America Camping Conference Chairperson detailing how the nominee meets the outlined criteria. Letter must be received at least two months in advance of conference in order for nominee to be considered for that year.

NOMINEE: _____

TITLE: _____ YMCA CAMP NAME: _____ YEARS IN POSITION: _____

PLEASE INCLUDE A LETTER DESCRIBING HOW THE NOMINEE MEETS THE CRITERIA AND WHY THEY SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS A LEGEND OF CAMPING.

NOMINATOR: _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____