



## **ROWLAND “KIM” PERKINS SPECIAL EVENT AWARD**

### **BACKGROUND:**

In 1998 the name of Kim Perkins was added to the Willie Shellnut Program Award. In 2008, the award was separated into two categories, with the Perkins award being awarded for outstanding special event programs.

Kim started his career in recreation in 1958 in Tilton-Northfield. A few years later he moved to North Conway and became the Community Center Director.

Kim served the NHRPA as President for two terms (1964-65 and 1974-75). He was the recipient of the “Wink” Tapply Professional Award in 1988. In addition to his continuing involvement with the NHRPA for over forty years, Kim has been a leader in recreation programming.

The small town of North Conway has sponsored some of the larger special events in the state. From events such as World Mud Bowl, to the Volvo Tennis Tournament to smaller events such as senior citizen cross county skiing and hiking programs for teens, Kim provided recreation opportunities for all ages, interests and abilities.

“Kim” Perkins not only followed in “Willie” Shellnutt’s footsteps, he led many NHRPA members down new paths through a commitment to creative and innovative programming.

### **ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA:**

- Eligible to submit are all public, local, county or state agencies; and private agencies in New Hampshire
- Programs submitted for consideration must have been active within the last 18 months preceding the awards deadline.
- The Special Event Award is a citation for an event that fills a local need in an outstanding manner.
- Special Events for consideration for the Perkins Award could be a one-time event; annual events or those of short duration.
- Events submitted should be innovative, unique and creative.

**SUBMISSION:**

- Required:
  - Detailed description of the event
  - Dates of the event
  - What was the local need that this event fulfilled
  - What is the duration of the event
  - How is this event innovative, unique and creative
- Recommended:
  - News articles
  - Photographs
  - Flyers
  - Other reasons or back up material for nomination

**SELECTION:**

The New Hampshire Recreation and Park Association Awards Committee will evaluate and make decisions on nominations. Only information that is submitted in the application will be considered. Selection will be based on a complete and professional application; the merits of the information presented and whether the candidate or program is the most deserving nominee.

**AWARD:**

The Awards Committee will present a plaque at the annual NHRPA Awards Banquet to the recipient who best exemplifies the criteria of the award.