



CLARENCE B. “WILLIE” SHELLNUTT PROGRAM AWARD

Clarence B. “Willie” Shellnutt 1919-1970

BACKGROUND:

Clarence “Willie” Shellnutt was, for several years, Director of Recreation in Lebanon, New Hampshire. He then moved into Student Union work as Program Director at the University of Massachusetts where, despite a heavy work schedule, he also attended classes and earned his B.S. degree. He advanced to the Student Union at Boston University and then to the Union at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, where he did an outstanding job as Director.

No member worked harder for the New Hampshire Recreation Society. “Willie” edited its first newsletter in 1954, was Society President in 1956-57. He initiated the first Governor’s Conference on Recreation when it resumed in 1969.

“Willie” was a dynamic leader who could infuse others with his enthusiasm. He used this quality, in addition to his talent for creating and directing interesting and innovative programs, to develop Lebanon’s recreation program into one of the finest in the state of New Hampshire.

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 Program Award is a citation for a program that fills a local need in an outstanding manner.
- Programs for consideration for the Shellnutt Award should be ongoing or reoccurring programs.
- Programs of short duration will be considered.

SUBMISSION:

- Required:
 - Detailed description of the program
 - Dates of the program
 - What was the local need that this program fulfilled
 - What is the duration of the program
- Recommended:
 - News articles
 - Photographs
 - Flyers
 - Other reasons or back up material for nomination

SELECTION:

The New Hampshire Recreation and Parks 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.