



Unami Lodge, One Cradle of Liberty Council, BSA Charles J. "Chuck" Benshetler Spirit of Camp Leadership Award Proposal

Purpose of Award

The purpose of The Charles J. "Chuck" Benshetler Spirit of Camp Leadership Award is to recognize those members of the Cradle of Liberty Council Summer Camp Staff who exemplify the best qualities that a camp staff member should possess. It is through the words and actions of these individuals that they are seen by their fellow staff members and put in the position of recognition.

Like Chuck, these individuals are always thinking about what is best for the scout camper and always trying to improve camp through their selfless actions. Chuck spent many years on camp staff and served in a multitude of positions during that time. He always set an example to the staff and tried to improve the camp in any little way that he could. It is in his memory and legacy that we recognize these brothers of the Order and Camp Staff which exemplify the same spirit of Camp Leadership.

Whether it is promoting the proper uniform, adding a new idea to a program area, leading a song at meals, counseling a scout with a problem, helping a scout learn a new skill, keeping morale among the staff, these individuals being honored with this award are always there to take on these such tasks and many more that may warrant their aid; just as Chuck would have cheerfully done.

Award Requirements

- Cradle of Liberty Camp Staff Member
- Order of the Arrow Member in Good Standing
 - Not restricted to Unami Lodge, One Members Only
 - Requires Good Standing Confirmation from the lodge of the nominee
- Member of staff three out of the past five years
 - Must be on Camp Staff during the summer camp year prior to awarding it
 - I.e. If the person receives the award at the 2010 Lodge Dinner then they must have been on staff for the 2009 Summer Camp Season
- Nomination must be approved by the Camp Director from their most recent tenure on staff
 - A nomination of the Camp Director must be approved by the Director of Camping



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How they are Nominated

- A nomination for The Charles J. "Chuck" Benshetler Spirit of Camp Leadership Award form must be filled out
- Form will include:
 - Name, Lodge, Chapter, Unit, Address, City, State, Zip, Phone, Degree
 - Years on Staff and which camp, Leadership positions held
 - What makes this person worthy of nomination
 - Who nominated and Camp Director approval with room for Camp Director to write their opinion
- Forms will be available at summer camp for anyone to fill out and hand to the camp director for approval
 - Lodge will ask for the award to be promoted among the staff by camp leadership

Award Rules, Restrictions, and Procedures

- The number of Adults must not exceed the number of Youth awarded
- Individuals who receive the award can only receive it once and are perpetually honored for their past service
- Recipients of the award are notified at the annual camp staff reunion in December
- Recipients receive their award at the Annual Lodge Dinner in January
 - The names will be added to a plaque joining all prior recipients of the award
 - Individually awarded a bolo designed in honor of Chuck
 - Wearing a bolo with his Class B uniform was a staple of Chuck
 - It is something that can be worn and used, showing people who look up to the recipients what they can hope to achieve
- Nominations must be approved for the award at the annual Awards/Rec Meeting following the general format for approval as laid forth in the rules and procedures.



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Proposed Rules and Procedures for the Spirit of Camp Leadership Award
(Article VIII: Recognitions and Awards, Section 4: The Charles J. "Chuck"
Benshetler Spirit of Camp Leadership Award)

Clause A: The Spirit of Camp Leadership Award was created by the Executive Committee in the Winter of 2009 in Memory of Charles J. Chuck Benshetler, a Vigil Honor Member and long tenured Camp Staff Member.

Clause B: The Lodge will award no more than ten (10) Spirit of Camp Leadership Awards a year. The number of adults selected shall not exceed the number of youth.

Clause C: The Lodge will announce the recipients of the award at the annual camp staff reunion and present them with the award at the Annual Lodge Dinner.

Clause D: The selection committee will be the same as those outlined in the selection of the Founders' Award (Article VIII, Section 2, Clause B) with the selection meeting taking place at the same time as that of the Founders' Award and will be administered by The Awards and Recognitions Committee. At least thirty (30) days notice of the meeting will be given to all those listed in Article VIII, Section 2, Clause B.

Clause E: All nominations for the Spirit of Camp Leadership Award are due on the fourth Tuesday of October of the current Lodge year and must be on an official and current nomination form in order to be accepted. This deadline coincides with that of the Founders' Award (Article VIII Section 2 Clause C).

Clause F: All nominations for a member of staff must be approved by the Camp Director for the current year and camp that the staff member is working. In the case that the Camp Director is nominated his nomination must be approved by the Council Director of Camping.

Clause G: Youth nominees under consideration may not vote, be in attendance of the meeting, nor have any part of the selection process.

Clause H: The votes for youth and adult nominees shall be held separately. Each person votes for no more than one-half of the number of nominees. A simple majority (50% plus 1) of the number of voters is required to be selected. If no one is selected drop the nominee who received the fewest votes and hold another ballot. Continue in this manner until at least one person is selected.