

Outdoor Ministries Association of the Church of the Brethren



To: Camps and Camp Boards/OMCs, Camp Staff, OMA Members and Supporters, Districts
From: Outdoor Ministries Association Steering Committee
Subj: 2012 Staff and Volunteer Recognition Nominations and Environmental Grant Applications

October 2011

Greetings on behalf of the Outdoor Ministries Steering Committee! We hope this letter finds you doing well!

2012 OMA Recognition Nomination for Camp Staff and Volunteers

Enclosed with this letter you will find the 2012 OMA Recognition Nomination forms for Camp Staff and Volunteers. These forms are for nominations that you, your board or other appropriate persons can use to acknowledge volunteers and staff persons involved in the camping program in your district. Behind every successful camp are many staff people and volunteers keeping everything together and running smoothly. It is important to find ways to honor those persons and let them know they are appreciated.

All you have to do to nominate a person is to fill out one, or both of these forms (one is for a camp staff member, and the other is for a volunteer) and return it to Gieta Gresh at the address below by February 20, 2012. At our OMA Steering Committee meeting in March we will review all nominations and choose one from each category to be honored at the OMA Luncheon at the 2012 Annual Conference.

If you are re-nominating someone, please update your nomination with new or additional information.

Please note that the form must be filled out completely so we can make an informed decision. Forms not completed will be returned for further information. If you have questions about the nomination process contact Gieta Gresh at 410-479-2861 or chiefgieta@yahoo.com.

2012 OMA Environmental Grant Application and Information

Also enclosed with this letter is the 2012 OMA Environmental Grant Application and information. Procedures and details of the grant process are on the page titled, "2012 GRANT FUNDING GUIDELINES FOR O.M.A. ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS." Return Environmental Grant Applications by February 20, 2012 to the Camp Mardela address below. If you have questions about the grant process contact Gieta Gresh at 410-479-2861 or chiefgieta@yahoo.com.

IMPORTANT: Because these packets have been sent to everyone on our OMA mailing list, it is important to communicate with your camp's contact person to avoid duplication of nominations or grant applications. CONSULT YOUR CAMP DIRECTOR OR CAMP CONTACT PERSON BEFORE SUBMITTING A NOMINATION OR A GRANT APPLICATION.

We also ask you to help us spread the word about OMA: encourage others in your district to join OMA; contact us with address changes; promote your camp's events and programs; be an advocate of your District camp.

Camping continues to be a vital ministry in the life of the Church of the Brethren. Thank you for your contribution and support.

Sincerely,

Your Outdoor Ministries Association Steering Committee

**Return Staff & Volunteer
Nominations by Feb 20, 2012 to:**

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Denton, MD 21629

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2012 GRANT FUNDING GUIDELINES FOR O.M.A. ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS



Objectives:

This program is intended to encourage Brethren camps throughout the Denomination to develop new and innovative programs in the field of environmental education. This program seeks to fulfill the church's stewardship mandate (*see Creation: Called to Care, a position paper of the 1991 Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren*).

Procedure:

The OMA Steering Committee on an annual basis will award grants toward a project in the area of environmental education. The area of environmental education will be broadly defined as the application of Christian principles and ethics to environmental issues and stewardship development in a camping setting. Multiple year proposals will be considered but funding for each year will be contingent upon satisfactory progress reports to the OMA Steering Committee. Although matching funds are not criteria for the initial grant approval, it is encouraged that the environmental grant be used as leverage in seeking other funding support. Second year funding will require matching funds and a progress report. Grants of \$500 will be awarded with a maximum of \$1,000 per project.

Applications shall be submitted digitally or neatly typed. Supporting documents, endorsements or further details may be included. The Steering Committee shall advertise the grant program in the OMA newsletter and by other means. A deadline for all proposals is February 20, 2012. Applications received after the deadline will be considered during the next granting cycle. The Steering Committee's decisions on the awards at its spring meeting will be final.

Each proposal shall include:

- Goal of project.
- Rationale of project:
 1. Plan for dissemination of results (evaluation of project).
 2. Deadline for submission (lead time before OMA meeting).
 3. Plan for use as teaching program.
- Outline of plan of action including personnel involved with their specific skills and abilities.
- Initiation date & place.
- Use of funds including a detailed budget.
- Length of time to complete project.
- Amount of funds requesting.

Rational to be used in evaluating a proposal:

- Proposal indicates adequate thought leading to successful implementation.
- Quality of goals proposed (originality):
 1. Unique, innovative and original aspects of the project should be emphasized.
 2. One-time event or an on-going program.
- Number of camper days affected at the particular camp.
- Mechanism for results being disseminated to other camps and local groups.
- Effective use of funds including additional funds from local congregation, camp board, or outside groups.
- OMA Camp Membership Required.

Return all forms and enclosures by February 20, 2012 to:

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANT APPLICATION

Outdoor Ministries Association of the Church of the Brethren



Include all of the following information when submitting your grant application.
Please include details so that the OMA Steering Committee understands your proposal.

1. Project Title:
2. Date of Application:
3. Type of Application: Original ___ Follow-up ___ Re-File ___
4. Camp/Center:
5. Mailing Address:
6. Contact Person:
7. Project Purpose:
8. Justification for Proposal:
9. Proposed Activities or Goals to be Achieved:
10. Number of Campers affected by the Project: _____
11. Time Schedule: Start: _____; Completion: _____; Final Report to OMA: _____
12. Personnel Involved: (names and titles; identify special skills or abilities relevant to the project)
13. Funds requested from OMA: \$_____
14. Detailed Budget of total project (list or attach separately):
15. Matching Funds or Additional Funding Support:
16. Endorsements:

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Action by Steering Committee:

Accepted ___ Rejected ___ Returned for more information ___

Date of OMA Steering Committee Action: _____



OUTDOOR MINISTRIES ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP AWARDS NOMINATION FORM FOR:

CAMP VOLUNTEER AWARD

Nominees for such recognition may be members of district camp boards/committees, district board, counselors, directors or individuals committed to outdoor ministries. The nominees will be judged on long-term commitment, creativity, vision, service and leadership in the area of outdoor ministries and service to the total church.

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE: FEBRUARY 20, 2012

Please send answers OR this completed form to:

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1. Nominee Name: _____
2. Date Nominated: _____
3. ___ NEW nomination. ___ Update to a previous nomination.
4. Mailing Address of volunteer: _____
5. Volunteer's Phone: _____
6. Camp(s) Served by this person: _____
7. Capacity in which this person served:
8. Length of service:
9. List or discuss the contributions of this person to outdoor ministries:
10. List the contributions of this person to the total church:
11. What unique or original contribution has this person made?
12. What, in your judgment, qualifies this person to receive an award? Some areas you may include, but are not limited to: relationship with peers, relationship with campers or staff, commitment to the board, volunteerism at camp, skills used in camping program or facility.
13. Nomination made by: _____
14. Form Completed by: _____
15. Your Address: _____
16. Your Home Phone: _(____)_____ Your Work Phone:_(____)_____
17. Your E-mail: _____



OUTDOOR MINISTRIES ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP AWARDS NOMINATION FORM FOR:

CAMP STAFF AWARD

Qualified nominees for this award are persons employed in a Church of the Brethren Camp on a part-time or full-time basis. The nominees will be judged on long-term commitment to outdoor ministry, significant contribution to the development of a district outdoor ministries program, visionary leadership and a *minimum of ten years of service*.

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1. Nominee Name: _____
2. Date Nominated: _____
3. ___ NEW nomination. ___ Update to a previous nomination.
4. Nominee's Mailing Address _____
5. Nominee's Phone _____
6. Camp(s) Served _____
7. Staff position(s) held: _____
8. Length of service (minimum combined 10 years total): _____
9. List the contributions of this person to outdoor ministries: _____
10. List the contributions of this person to the total church: _____
11. What, in your judgment, qualifies this person for special recognition? Some areas you may include, but are not limited to: relationship with staff or board, relationship with campers, administrative skills, vision for outdoor ministries, leadership gifts or program/facilities development. _____
12. Nomination made by: _____
13. Form Completed by: _____
14. Your Mailing Address: _____
15. Your Home Phone: _(____)_____; Your Work Phone:_(____)_____
16. Your E-mail: _____