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# FROST VALLEY YMCA

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**Frost Valley YMCA Receives ACA Eleanor P. Eells Award**

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Frost Valley YMCA has been selected to receive the American Camp Association's Eleanor P. Eells, the ACA's highest honor of distinction. The award will be presented to Frost Valley YMCA at the national ACA conference in February 2012, in Dallas Texas.

1. The award recognizes camp's which excel in the following program categories:
2. Motivate staff to develop effective, creative responses to the needs of people through camp.
3. Encourage the development of creative responses to societal problems through camp.
4. Stimulate the exchange of creative ideas with others.
5. Promote, in and out of camping, the positive contribution camp makes to the well-being of individuals and society.
6. Give recognition and honor to those whose programs exemplify these objectives.

Frost Valley's organizational commitment to its entire community is a cornerstone of its selection for the award. From the inception of the Ruth Gottscho Dialysis and Children's Kidney Program in 1975, the nation's first program to offer children with kidney disease an overnight camping experience, through 2011, with the launch of East Valley Ranch, a girls only equestrian summer camp experience Frost Valley's commitment to serve through camping has been a pillar of the camping world.

## **ABOUT FROST ELEANOR EELLS:**

Eleanor P. Eells was a leader and inspiration within the field of camp throughout her life. She was an active participant in the Settlement House and Social Service Agency camp movements and a pioneer in therapeutic camping.

Eleanor Eells had an equally important influence on the American Camping Association. She worked with FAC to support programs such as ACA's 1970s standards research and rewrite; the pilot Camp Director Certification Institute; the Camping Unlimited/Intergrouping Project; ACA's last reorganization; and securing government funding for campership use. Her greatest contribution was helping individuals and camps start new programs. When these programs were operating, she shared results with countless others.

## **ABOUT FROST VALLEY YMCA:**

Frost Valley YMCA is a 5,000 acre camp in the heart of the forever wild Catskill Mountains. We are, at heart, a summer camp all year long. But, we serve people through Camp, School Programs, Family & Group Retreats and East Valley Ranch. Please contact us for story ideas on these or any of our other many programs.