

*The 2010 National Trails Awards presented by American Trails*

**NOMINATION FORM**

The National Trails Awards Program is one way American Trails recognizes the tremendous contributions of volunteers, professionals, and other leaders who are working to create a national system of trails for all Americans.

Please use this form to submit nominations for National Trails Awards, to be announced at the 20th American Trails National Symposium Awards Banquet in Chattanooga, Tennessee, November 16, 2010.

Nominations should be made for actions that took place during the period between June 1, 2008 – May 31, 2010. See the American Trails website at [www.AmericanTrails.org](http://www.AmericanTrails.org) for previous award winners. **The deadline for submitting nominations is June 30, 2010. (Deadline date is tentative and subject to change. Please check the American Trails website at [www.AmericanTrails.org](http://www.AmericanTrails.org) for the most up-to-date information.)**

*~~ Instructions & Award Categories and Criteria can be found at the end of this document ~~*

**AWARD CATEGORY (please mark an 'x' next to one category only)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Service Award                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning/Design Award                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Trails State Award                    | <input type="checkbox"/> State-of-the-Art Technology Award          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service Award                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Trails and the Arts Award                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Award                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Trails for Health Award                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kids and Trails Award ( <b>New Award</b> ) | <input type="checkbox"/> Trails Public Service Award                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Media Award                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Advocacy Award (1 per State, DC, PR) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Trail Sharing Award            | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Worker Award (1 per State, DC, PR)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership Award                          |   |

**NAME OF NOMINEE (person or organization):** \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Representing: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATED BY:**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Representing: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

**PLEASE SEND YOUR NOMINATION EITHER VIA:**

- EMAIL to [symposium@americantrails.org](mailto:symposium@americantrails.org)

**OR**

- **On a CD mailed to:**

*If sent via USPS:*

**American Trails  
National Trails Awards Nomination  
PO Box 491797  
Redding, CA 96049-1797**

*If sent via FedEx, UPS or DHL:*

**American Trails  
National Trails Awards Nomination  
21750 Rolling Hills Drive  
Palo Cedro, CA 96073**

**AND SUBMIT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

- 1) Completed Nomination Form.
- 2) 2-page maximum ELECTRONIC FILE (Text or Microsoft Word Doc) with a description of nominee & reason for nomination.
- 3) Two HIGH RESOLUTION electronic files (300 dpi in either JPG, TIF or EPS format) of individual, project, team, or company (nominations submitted without photos WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED).
- 4) OPTIONAL: You may submit up to 3 exhibits (articles, documents, maps, etc.) demonstrating work done toward meeting the award criteria.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW:**

- ***Award Nomination Form must be submitted & postmarked no later than June 30, 2010. (Deadline date subject to change.)***
- One nomination per category, per form.
- Except for the Lifetime Service Award, all efforts eligible for recognition must have occurred between June 1, 2008 – May 31, 2010.
- Some awards are intended to recognize an individual, while others may recognize a project, team, or company.
- Trail projects and efforts to be considered for award will include work done on trails or trailheads and related facilities, improvements in education and information about trails, and service contributing to the betterment of trail opportunities.
- The American Trails Board shall have sole responsibility for determination of award recipients.
- The awards will be presented at the 20th American Trails National Symposium Awards Banquet in Chattanooga, Tennessee on November 16, 2010. Plan to attend and support the efforts of these worthy recipients!

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**Any questions, please contact American Trails ~ [symposium@americantrails.org](mailto:symposium@americantrails.org) or (530) 547-2060**

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**AWARD CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA**

**Lifetime Service Award:** For an individual demonstrating longstanding, significant, and exemplary service to trails planning, implementation, and recreation.

**Best Trails State Award:** This award recognizes a state which is facilitating an outstanding statewide system of trails. The nomination should address any aspects that have led to the establishment of the statewide trails network including master planning, legislation, funding, and program implementation. The nomination should also include specific projects, plans, policies and/or initiatives that have furthered establishment and expansion of the trails network during the past two years. (Once a state wins, it will not be eligible for nomination again until after two successive awards cycles (or a minimum of four years) have passed.)

**Community Service Award:** This honors a trail organization that performs exceptional community service relating to but beyond trail work per se. This service could include actions or projects that contribute to making their communities better places to live, improve the natural environment, support worthy causes, and/or demonstrate in other ways preeminent volunteerism.

**Corporate Award:** A business or corporation must have demonstrated significant, sustained, and exemplary service to trails planning, implementation, and/or recreation.

**Kids and Trails Award (NEW AWARD):** This new award honors efforts to engage children and youth in outdoor experiences using, but not limited solely to, trails. Creative interpretive, educational and/or recreational design components are included along with innovative programs which stimulate children's imagination and promote their interest in and appreciation for the natural environment while developing healthy life styles.

**Outstanding Media Award:** Nominee(s) must have demonstrated significant and sustained efforts to provide positive public exposure and education in the field of trail use, planning, design, or implementation. The nominee must have demonstrated a willingness and receptiveness to provide free public service exposure about trails.

**Outstanding Trail Sharing Award:** The award recognizes innovative and successful trail sharing efforts, programs, and systems.

**Partnership Award:** The partnership must have benefited agencies or services within the field of trail planning, design, or implementation. The partnership can be between private organizations, public agencies, or public and private interests. The partnership must have contributed toward positive public exposure for the field of trail planning, design, or implementation.

**Planning/Design Award:** Nominee(s) must have demonstrated problem solving through innovative methods on a trail project. The project must have included successful aspects of public participation and/or public agency involvement and have been planned to enhance the recreational trails opportunities within the project area.

**State-of-the-Art Technology Award:** The award recognizes a trails-related product, process, or service that has significantly met a need, addressed an issue, or increased efficiency in trail design, development, or maintenance.

**Trails and the Arts Award:** The award recognizes outstanding public art projects, interpretive signs, or other creative structures associated with trail related improvements.

*Award descriptions continued on next page...*

**Trails for Health Award:** The award recognizes a community's commitment to improving access to trails and promoting their use and importance for increasing physical activity. The award is for commitment to long term change through community design, trail planning, heightened awareness of active community environments, physical activity promotion, and increased trail use.

**Trails Public Service Award:** The nominee must work for an agency and may hold an elected or appointed office at the federal, state, or local level and must have demonstrated significant and consistent support of trail planning, design, or implementation through strong leadership and/or legislative efforts. The nominee may be a paid employee or a volunteer.

**Trail Advocacy Award:** (1 award per State, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico): Nominee(s) must have demonstrated successful efforts to influence public policy relating to trail planning, trail protection, trail development, or maintenance.

**Trail Worker Award:** (1 award per State, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico): Nominee must have made outstanding contributions and provided consistent support for trail planning, development, or maintenance. This award is intended to recognize the commitment and efforts of a private or public sector individual in working for enhanced trail recreation in their local area or state.

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