

MICHAEL BEETH SPIRIT SCHOLARSHIP  
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MIKE BEETH has been closely involved with the Spirit Scholarship program since its 1992 inception. Mike's connections to Canyon Camp go back "Many Moons Ago" as a young camper from Stockton, Illinois; as a twelve year staff member of the Canyon Camp Staff and as a key leader of the Cub Scout Great Western Day Camps that originated with Bill Kline here at Canyon Camp.

For many decades Mike has shared his Time, Talent and Treasure to make Canyon Camp a better place for Scouts to learn outdoor skills as well as maturing life lessons. Through his personal involvement Mike was an instrumental participant and supporter of the early Monroe Kiwanis Work Weekends that have now continued for forty-three years. For his volunteer efforts Mike has been recognized as a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow. Mike received the District Award of Merit in 1985 and the Silver Beaver award in 1987.

In 1985 Mike was instrumental in organizing a Staff Reunion bringing back multiple generations of former and current staff members to preserve and share memories and to recognize how all attendees were influenced by their Canyon Camp Experience. From the 1986 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Canyon Camp through the more recent 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, Mike has been the constant organizational catalyst creating events that permit staff alumni and friends of Canyon Camp to have opportunities of fellowship and memory sharing. Mike maintains the single most accurate contact roster of Friends and Staff Alumni and frequently shares information electronically. A Website maintained by Mike permits the sharing of important Canyon Camp history.

Staff members who receive the Michael Beeth Spirit Scholarship will likely be known for their loyalty to Canyon Camp as well as their desire to assure every young camper has a positive experience while at Canyon Camp. Scholarship recipients will likely also exhibit a consistent willingness to model and encourage fellow staff members to share their summer experiences with each new generation of summer camp staff to assure the preservation and continuation of all that constitutes the evolving Spirit of Canyon Camp.

Tonight we express GREAT GRATITUDE to Michael Beeth for his years of service to Canyon Camp and his dedicated support of the Spirit Scholarship Program.