

# CAMP OLYMPIA PARENT PACKET

## SPARK WEEK 2021



### 2021 TERM DATES

**SPARK WEEK 1:**  
JUNE 13 – JUNE 19

**SPARK WEEK 2:**  
JULY 4 – JULY 10



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# OVERVIEW

Dear Camp Olympia Parents,

Summer is right around the corner, and we are so thrilled to have you and your camper here this summer! Before all the fun can begin, there is important information and required forms in this packet that will help you get ready for the BEST SUMMER EVER! We encourage you to use this “Parent Packet” as a resource, but complete all required forms ONLINE by logging in to the [Forms Dashboard](#) from our website. Please take time to review the list of forms below, their deadlines, and how to complete them. ***In order for your camper to receive his/her cabin assignment, we must have his/her full tuition AND all required forms on file.***

We understand that due to COVID a lot has changed, but we want to ensure you that we have planned and are continuing to prepare an O-Mazing summer for your camper. Please continue to check our website for [COVID related updates](#). We can't wait for you to be here!

Campfully,  
*Camp Olympia Staff*

## ONLINE FORMS DASHBOARD

The “[PARENT LOGIN](#)” link is found at the very top of our [website](#).

Once you log into your account, you will be able to view:

- [FORMS DASHBOARD](#) - Complete forms online and print important documents for the summer
- [UPDATE ADDRESSES/PHONE NUMBERS](#) - Review and update contact information
- [FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT](#) - Review and update your financial information for tuition and other payments to camp
- [CAMP INTOUCH ONLINE COMMUNITY](#) - View photos, send emails to your camper, and read daily news during the summer
- [LOGIN DETAILS](#) - Change your e-mail or password

## REQUIRED FORMS

| REQUIRED FORMS  | DUE DATE               | TO COMPLETE   |
|---|------------------------|---|
| Activity Information  | <a href="#">May 3</a>  | Online - Forms Dashboard                                    |
| Additional Options Form   | <a href="#">May 3</a>  | Online - Forms Dashboard                                    |
| Health History  | <a href="#">June 1</a> | Online - Forms Dashboard                                    |
| Physician's Examination Form  | <a href="#">June 1</a> | Paper form in the “Parent Packet” - <a href="#">page 16</a> |
| Parent Insurance Card   | <a href="#">June 1</a> | Paper form in the “Parent Packet” - <a href="#">page 17</a> |
| Permission to Attend, Release, and Indemnity                                | <a href="#">June 1</a> | Paper form in the “Parent Packet” - <a href="#">page 20</a> |
| Special Participation Agreement In Relation to Risk of Coronavirus Exposure | <a href="#">June 1</a> | Paper form in the “Parent Packet” - <a href="#">page 22</a> |
| Camper Personal Information Sheet   | <a href="#">June 1</a> | Online - Forms Dashboard                                    |
| Camper Policy Agreement   | <a href="#">June 1</a> | Online - Forms Dashboard                                    |
| Parental Authorization for Camper Pickup                                    | <a href="#">June 1</a> | Online - Forms Dashboard                                    |

## OPTIONAL FORMS

| OPTIONAL FORMS   |                        | TO COMPLETE   |
|------------------|------------------------|---|
| Special Delivery | <a href="#">June 1</a> | Online - Forms Dashboard; Additional Options; Also found on <a href="#">page 25</a> |
| 2021 Yearbook    | <a href="#">June 1</a> | Online - Forms Dashboard; Additional Options; Also found on <a href="#">page 25</a> |

\*Completed paper forms may be uploaded as a PDF in the Forms Dashboard.\*

**TUITION PAYMENTS** are due by **May 10** — Invoices will be sent via email by **May 4, 2021**

STAY IN TOUCH WITH CAMPTHROUGHOUT THE YEAR

[FACEBOOK](#)

[TWITTER](#)

[INSTAGRAM](#)

[YOUTUBE](#)





## We want to welcome you to the Olympia family!

We have been the Girls' and Boys' Camp Directors at Camp Olympia for over fifteen years. Being parents ourselves of one camper and one staff member, we know you will be entrusting us with your most precious possession. We do not take that responsibility lightly. We are committed to providing the best possible camping experience for your child. We love camp and the benefits that it gives to children, and this year in particular, we appreciate this experience even more. Camp Olympia is a special place where children learn responsibility and cooperation, as well as gain independence and self-esteem. Camp builds character and values in children that help them achieve success in life. If you ask our longtime campers and staff what they cherish most about the camp experience, most will tell you it is connecting with others and developing true, long-lasting friendships. We are blessed to work in an environment where such friendships are formed.

We understand how important it is for you to be a part of your child's camping experience. Each day, we will write an update called "The Camp Connection" and post it on our website so you can stay connected with what is going on at camp. Also, we will post over 100 pictures online each day to bring home the excitement of camp to you. In this packet, we want to share with you information to help you prepare for camp as well as answer the specific questions parents ask most often.

However, if you have further questions, please don't hesitate to call us at 936-594-2541 or send us an email: [mmauldin@campolympia.com](mailto:mmauldin@campolympia.com) or [cmauldin@campolympia.com](mailto:cmauldin@campolympia.com). We'd love to hear from you.

Campfully,

*Michelle and Cody Mauldin*



## OUR MISSION:

**Camp Olympia is dedicated to having fun together, helping people grow in **body**, **mind** and **spirit**.**

We believe it is of the utmost importance that you know our values. Below are descriptions of the key words from our mission statement.

**DEDICATED.** We're sold on the value of camping. The real life experience that camping provides cannot be matched for educational value. Preservation of this opportunity for future generations is a must. As we offer a program promoting adventure, challenge, fun, and growth to people of all ages, we will continue to affirm the value of camping and its many benefits.

**FUN.** Fun keeps people coming back for more. We want our facility and program to be enjoyable for everyone who comes through our gates. We create a family atmosphere where FUN begins as an attitude and becomes a way of life. At Olympia, fun is second only to safety.

**PEOPLE.** There is nothing of greater value than human life. We consider safety our top priority in evaluating, planning, and programming for any individual or group at Camp Olympia.

**GROW.** The physical, mental, and spiritual growth of every person at Olympia is important. We want people to leave Olympia with more esteem for God, others, and themselves, and to feel positively challenged to work and plan for a successful life. Our program and facilities have been designed with the positive growth of people in mind.

**BODY.** We encourage physical activity and new challenges throughout our daily schedule, allowing time to rest and reflect on the day's events.

**MIND.** We provide a safe haven for working through real life situations and resolving conflict with the help of peers and counselors.

**SPIRIT.** Growth at Camp Olympia is encouraged daily with a wholesome Christian atmosphere, and non-denominational Christian Vespers are offered on Sundays.





# THE OLYMPIA SUMMER TEAM

Hello from Camp O! I'm Debbie Stubblefield and I serve as the Administrative Director for camp. I was fortunate to have been a camper at Olympia starting at age seven, then worked as a counselor while attending Texas A&M University, and have been on the year-round director staff since 2004. My husband, David, and I met at Olympia as counselors and have two sons, who currently are campers here at Olympia. We are truly a camp family believing in the benefits that the camp experience provides is unlike anything else!

Camp Olympia is blessed with an outstanding year-round staff. All have a passion for camping and are dedicated to the Olympia team. We are all always here to help you and can be reached at any time by phone or email.



**Debbie Stubblefield**

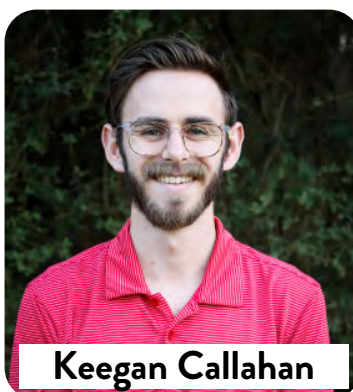
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**LaMarc Broussard**

**LaMarc** started his camping career with Olympia in 2016. He has worked as a Counselor, Summer Assistant Director, Intern, and has been a year-round **Assistant Director** since 2019. LaMarc is part of our media team, overseeing our videography department and is also in charge of our challenge course. Throughout the school year, he helps recruit and interview counselors for the summer.

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**Keegan Callahan**

**Keegan** started here in 2016 as a Counselor, worked as a Summer Assistant Director and as an Intern, and now as an **Assistant Director** on our year-round team! Keegan is in charge of billing for camp, activities, and our fabulous pool! Throughout the year, Keegan is in charge of tours for potential camp families, as well as recruiting our awesome summer staff!

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**Nick Deckert**

**Nick** started at Olympia in 2013, worked as a Summer Assistant Director and Intern before joining our year-round staff as an **Assistant Director** in the summer of 2017. Nick is now in charge of our O'Crew (staff program for 17-year-olds) and our Counselor Leadership Program (CLP). Nick also runs our year-round Retreats Program, ensuring that all groups attending have a great time.

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**Andy Hatcher**

**Andy** started at Camp Olympia as a Counselor in 2014, worked as a Summer Assistant Director from 2015 - 2018, and now has joined the year-round staff as an **Assistant Director**. He is in charge of our waterfront, where he oversees extensive lake activities. During the school year, Andy also is responsible for staff recruiting and transportation.

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**Madison Flowers**

**Madison** started at camp as an intern in 2016. She then joined our year-round staff as an **Assistant Director** in the summer of 2017. Madison oversees many aspects of camp including leading our photography team, marketing efforts, horsback program, Jr. Golf Academy, nightly programs, and Sunday Vespers.

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**Jasie Hatcher**

**Jasie** joined our year-round staff as an **Assistant Director** this year, with 4 years of summer camp experience. She heads up all summer activity scheduling. During the year Jasie also manages the scholarship program and coordinating camper parties in various cities.

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# INFORMATION PARENTS WANT TO KNOW

## OPENING DAY ARRIVAL

Camp's opening days are on **SUNDAYS!** We will begin opening our gates by **12PM** and ask that families arrive in their allotted time as we will stagger check-in times alphabetically. We will email you your check-in time in the week prior to Opening Day. Our goal in the process is to create a clean "bubble" inside of camp. We also ask that you and your family **stay in your car** unless otherwise directed by a Camp Olympia staff member.

Upon arrival at camp, we will check-in your camper and conduct an initial health screening, including a temperature check. At this time, you will present a copy of your negative PCR test upon entry. Following the health screening, we will direct you to your cabin.

Once you get to your camper's cabin, a staff member will meet you at your car and unload your camper's belongings. **Please do NOT exit your vehicle.** You and your camper will say your goodbyes and the counselor will escort your camper to the cabin. All camper belongings will be disinfected prior to being moved into the cabins.

If you have **medications** to drop off or need to speak with a **nurse** before leaving, there will be an area to stop your car and speak to a nurse while staying in your car and while practicing safe social distancing. Also, we will have your camper's activity schedule ready to hand to you, and there will also be an opportunity to purchase a few items from our outdoor Country Store kiosk prior to leaving our gates.

We will have our annual **car decorating contest** so don't forget your car paint, balloons, streamers, and other fun decorations. This is a fun and easy way to earn merits and you might even see your picture on the website later!

We ask that you use the **bathroom** before getting to camp as bathroom availability will be limited.

## CLOSING DAY DEPARTURE

Camp's closing days are on **SATURDAYS!** Our gates will begin opening at **10:00 AM** for our **SPARK campers** and your pick-up time window will be emailed to you in the week prior to closing day. We also ask that you and your family **stay in your car at all times** unless otherwise directed by a Camp Olympia staff member.

Upon arrival, at your designated pick-up time, you will drive through Camp's front gate and be greeted by a staff member. This staff member will ask for identification which we ask you will put against your car window, keeping a barrier between you and our staff. That staff member will cross-check your identification with the approved names you listed on the [Parental Authorization for Camper Pickup Form](#) (found within the online Forms Dashboard), which indicated who you have specified to be allowed to pick up your camper. Once cleared to proceed, you will be directed to the pickup area. Here, you will remain in your car and your camper will meet you at your vehicle while the counselors load your camper's belongings into your vehicle. Once you have your camper

and belongings, you will drive the rest of the loop following traffic to head out of camp. Note, any camper **medication** will be placed within the camper's trunk prior to pickup thus eliminating the need to stop by the Nurses' Station.

## CLOSING DAY PROGRAM

We will **NOT** be hosting our traditional Closing Day Program and lunch this year. We will, however, email our slideshow and term video after camp for you to enjoy with your camper. Additionally, official camper/cabin pictures will not be available to purchase while at camp. Instead, these will be available through our online photo service.

## EARLY BIRD 2022

Despite changes to our Closing Day procedures, campers still will have the opportunity to sign up to be [Early Birds for 2022!](#) Being an Early Bird has its advantages! Campers that sign up on or before Closing Day will secure their spot for 2022, earn 50 merits and receive their Early Bird t-shirt!

Parents may choose to complete their camper's 2022 Application online prior to pickup or in a designated "pit stop" parking area prior to leaving camp. Early Bird t-shirts will be packed in trunks (or worn by campers) for applications received ahead of time. For applications received on Closing Day, Early Bird t-shirts will be distributed to campers upon exit.

## COVID PROTOCOLS

Our COVID Prevention Plan is [online](#). This plan will continue to evolve as more guidance from the State, CDC and the American Camping Association is provided leading up to camp. Please review all of camp's prevention protocols as well as preventative measures for you and your family to take prior to camp.

## TRANSPORTATION & TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

Camp Olympia will NOT be providing bus transportation for pick up or drop off this summer (from the airport as well as our other Houston/The Woodlands area pick-up locations) in an effort to limit COVID exposure. All campers must be driven to camp by parents/guardians. If you have a camper who lives out of state or country and requires flying in to attend camp, we require that you make arrangements to fly in at least 72 hours prior to camp's opening day. A COVID test must be conducted within 72 hours of opening day, with a negative test result presented at arrival. We also ask that during your travels, you practice social distancing, mask wearing, safe cleaning practices, and quarantining as best as possible.



# INFORMATION PARENTS WANT TO KNOW

## PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Please confirm the accuracy of the parent contact information listed in our system by logging in via the [Parent Login](#) on our camp website and accessing the Update Addresses/Phone Number link. For divorced families, please include contact information for the parent(s) who has custody of the camper. Please contact the camp office at 936-594-2541 or [campinfo@campolympia.com](mailto:campinfo@campolympia.com) with any questions or concerns.

Camp's closing day procedure requires an identification check, to confirm that the camper is only released to the authorized parent/guardian noted on the Parent Authorization for Camper Pickup form found within the online **Forms Dashboard**. **You must also identify on this Parent Authorization for Camper Pickup form if a particular parent/guardian is NOT to pick up your camper on closing day due to custody reasons.**

## MEDICAL CARE

We have two registered nurses on site during each term. They treat minor illnesses and injuries, provide a little TLC, and decide who needs to see the doctor in Trinity. Depending on the attention needed, campers may be taken to an urgent care or hospital in Huntsville, which are approximately thirty-two miles from camp. You will be contacted if your camper needs outside medical attention. It is an American Camp Association accreditation standard and a Camp Olympia policy!

Any camper or staff member exhibiting symptoms of illness will be seen by one of our nurses. If determined that the person has symptoms of a contagious illness, the person will be taken to our isolation area until such time that the symptomatic person can be evaluated by a doctor, tested for COVID or other contagious illnesses, and/or transferred off of camp, if needed. We are enhancing our standard protocol for when to send a camper or staff member home, based on current government directives and recommendations. We anticipate having COVID testing available in our nurses' station if the need for testing arises. Temperature checks and overall health screenings will be done each morning by cabin counselors and recorded in each camper's cabin book.

Please encourage your camper to communicate with his/her counselors if he/she feels ill while at camp. Campers feeling ill will be taken to the Nurses' Station and evaluated. If your camper exhibits symptoms of a contagious illness, he/she will be quarantined. If it is determined that your camper has coronavirus or influenza-like symptoms, parents will be contacted so arrangements can be made for the camper to go home until cleared by a doctor to return.

Parents are responsible for any doctor, hospital, and/or pharmacy charges that might be incurred by their camper from illness or injury.

***Your child will not be allowed at camp unless his/her Medical Forms have been completed and received. Your camper will not receive his/her cabin assignment OR check-in pass until all required forms have been received by camp.***

## CABIN ASSIGNMENTS

Cabins at camp are assigned by sex and age with cabins grouped into clusters. SPARK campers have their own cluster of cabins. If you have a cabinmate request, we ask for you to submit it via email to [campinfo@campolympia.com](mailto:campinfo@campolympia.com), if you have NOT already noted it on your camper's application. Please limit your cabinmate request to *one* camper. We do not guarantee cabinmate requests, though we do our best if the requested campers are close in age. **Cabin assignments will be emailed to you approximately one week prior to the start of your term** if your camper tuition has been paid in full AND all of your camper forms have been submitted.

## REGARDING PHONES

We want to create an unplugged environment for our campers while at camp. Campers do not have access to a phone and are not permitted to bring cell phones to camp. Instead, campers are encouraged to write home as often as possible. Please feel free to call and talk with our staff or your camper's counselor at any time for information, concerns, or suggestions about your camper's stay. When requesting to speak with a counselor, a message will be taken and the call returned at a specific time. You can reach us by phone at 936.594.2541 or by email at [campinfo@campolympia.com](mailto:campinfo@campolympia.com).

## VACATIONING PARENTS

Please leave your vacationing address and phone number if the need arises for us to reach you. **We require at least one emergency contact who can pick up your camper within a reasonable time window.** If you have additional names to be notified in case of an emergency, please leave this with the office - we recommend more than one.







# INFORMATION PARENTS WANT TO KNOW

## FOOD

Camp Olympia takes pride in providing healthy and delicious meals for children to enjoy. Our well-balanced meals offer several food choices. Campers are encouraged to drink a lot of water and to eat salad and fruit at meals. Please indicate any allergies or dietary needs on the [Health History Form](#) within the online [Forms Dashboard](#). If needed, our Chow Hall Manager can talk with you prior to opening day to discuss your specific dietary needs.

## COUNTRY STORE & MERIT SYSTEM

Our merit system works as an incentive rather than a disciplinary measure. It is based on the theory of logical consequence. Positive behavior results in a merit received; negative behavior results in a demerit taken. This system promotes a positive environment and encourages personal responsibility.

Campers can choose to save their merits, spend them on clothing, games, toys, etc. during their weekly trip to the Country Store, or donate a portion of them to our Camp Olympia Philanthropy Club, which benefits a children's charity each year. Money is only accepted through online store orders at this time.

The [Country Store](#) will be open on Opening Day for families to shop, but it will look different! Instead of coming inside our store, we are bringing the store to you. Upon arrival, we will have a tent set up with our most popular items (T-shirts, pillows, ball caps, etc.). Though camp is not accepting outside packages, orders through the Country Store will be delivered to your camper.

## ITEMS TO LEAVE AT HOME

To provide campers with the best camping environment we can, we ask that campers **NOT** bring the following items with them to camp: **money, candy, food items, guns, knives, firecrackers, silly string, radios, iPods/MP3 players, video cameras/GoPros, laptop computers, diffusers, iPads/Tablets/Kindles/Nooks, video game players, cell phones, Apple watches/smart watches, or hoverboards.** Also, we discourage bringing expensive clothing and jewelry or valuable equipment. Since Olympia takes over 100 photos daily, posts them online, as well as gives you a picture of your child with his/her cabin, we recommend not bringing cameras to camp. Digital cameras that are brought to camp may only be used at designated times deemed appropriate by counselors. If not used in an appropriate manner, digital cameras may be taken up and returned to the camper on Closing Day.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

If cancellations occur within seven days prior to your camp term, half of the tuition will be refunded. No deductions will be made for late arrivals or early departures. In cases where a camper is withdrawn upon doctor's orders, a refund of \$100 for each remaining day will be refunded upon request. Please note that if your camper tests positive for COVID and/or has direct exposure to COVID within the week prior to camp, tuition will be refunded.

Camp Olympia reserves the right to dismiss any camper whose behavior is detrimental to other members of the camp community and reserves the right to not invite the dismissed camper back to camp. Any camper bringing illegal drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, Juuls, vapes, or smokeless tobacco to camp will be subject to dismissal. Any camper that leaves his/her cabin without a counselor or counselor permission after lights out will be dismissed from camp. Please refer to the [Camper Code of Conduct](#) for other conduct violations that could lead to a dismissal from camp and a refusal of future admittance. In the case of misconduct or rules violation, there will be no refund of camp fees.

## UNTIL NEXT SUMMER

We would love to hear about all of your special news and accomplishments throughout the year. We will keep in touch with you with our camp newsletters, birthday merits, merit parties, emails from Merit, special events, and more!

Additionally, if you are on social media, we encourage you to like our [Camp Olympia Facebook Page](#) and follow us on [Instagram](#) to stay up-to-date on all that is happening at camp all year long!

Did you know that we host merit parties during the school year? Our parties are fun and an excellent opportunity to see camp friends, get merits, win a prize, and introduce your friends to the camp family. Don't miss out on all of the fun! Let us know by emailing [Jasie Hatcher](#) if your family is interested in finding out more about the benefits of hosting a merit party and how easy it can be.

We also have several Special Events at camp throughout the year, including our Family Camp Weekend, Mother/Daughter Weekend, Mom/Son Weekend, and Father/Son Weekend. Check out our [website](#) for dates and details on these Special Events and mark your calendar now!





# STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CAMPER!

## E-LETTER REPLIES

E-letter Replies allow your camper to quickly respond to your emails or letters without using a computer. It is the fastest way for a camper to get a letter to you! This service is particularly beneficial if you plan to travel while your camper is at camp or if standard mail from camp takes more than a day or two to arrive to your home. Your camper writes a handwritten letter on a special bar-coded piece of stationery and turns it in with his/her cabin's mail. Our office staff will scan this bar-coded letter to the Camp InTouch system, where it will appear in your online account. You will receive an email alerting you when you have received an E-letter Reply, and you can then view the handwritten letter from your camper in your online account! This feature does require CampStamps to view the letters (see CampStamp details).

If you decide to attach these to the email you send your camper or send them with your camper to camp, please remind them to use these! Also, let them know that only black or blue ink will show up on the scans and if they use another color, you will not be able to see what they send.

***In order to use the E-letter Reply feature, you can either:***

- 1) Send E-letter Reply stationery with your child to camp (Note: it does not cost anything to print the stationery so you will not have to commit to paying for something that your camper may not utilize.)
- 2) Attach E-letter Reply stationery to one of your emails by checking the checkbox "I would like a handwritten E-letter reply to this email." This checkbox is located just above the "Send Email" button within the Email page.

## WHAT ARE CAMPSTAMPS?

CampStamps are credits you can purchase to enhance communication with your camper. To add CampStamps to your account, click on the "CampStamps" link at the top of the Email page. Then, select "Buy More" to make your purchase. There is also an option to "Give Some" of your CampStamps. If you have created Guest Accounts for friends or family, you can give CampStamps to them.

### CampStamps are offered in the following packages:

- 10 for \$10
- 15 for \$14
- 20 for \$18
- 30 for \$25

### Cost in CampStamps

- Plain text email to camper = 0 CampStamps
- SmartWords or Sudoku = 1 CampStamp
- Email Stationary = 1 CampStamps
- Send E-letter Reply Request = 0 CampStamps
- View E-letter Reply = 1 CampStamp

## IMPORTANT TIPS

- Stationery and other enhancements will not appear until you preview the email.
- Emails are limited to 50 printed lines. Stationery and word games further limit the number of lines you can type. Please make sure to add any stationery or word games BEFORE you start writing your email; if you do so after, you may have to shorten your message.
- CampStamps carry over from season to season, so any unused stamps will be available for future use.
- Please note that you must enter credit card information to purchase CampStamps. This CampStamps account is separate from your Camp Olympia account, and therefore, we are unable to use your card on file for this purchase.

## NEED ADDITIONAL HELP?

Within each of the Email, News, and Photos pages, there is a "Help" link in the top right area. This "Help" section has answers to many of the most common questions. If you are unable to find an answer to your question, select the "Help Ticket" option and type in your question/issue to have a customer service representative respond.

## NEWS

Stay up-to-date with everything happening at camp during your camper's stay! Each day, one of our directors will post "The Camp Connection" to inform you of the events occurring at camp!



# First-Time Campers and Their Parents

## HOMESICKNESS

We understand that sending your child away to an overnight camp can be intimidating. Please don't worry! We are fully prepared and equipped to handle smooth transitions into our summer camp program, and after reading this, you will be too!

If you have any questions about preparing your child for camp or dealing with homesickness, please let us know. We have some great materials that we would be glad to give you dealing with these issues. We recommend an excellent resource book, by Dr. Christopher Thurber and Dr. Jon Malinowski, named The Summer Camp Handbook. This book is now available for online reading at <http://www.summertimehandbook.com/>.

We want to make sure that you and your child have a great experience and find Olympia to be your second home!

## BEFORE CAMP

Be positive and get excited when talking about taking your child to camp, the daily schedule, expectations of camp, etc. Go to our website to look at pictures and videos together.

Battling homesickness starts with parents! Address the problem ahead of time by simply talking about homesickness. Let them know that it's okay to be homesick. Bringing it to light can help your child process the reality of actually being away from home soon.

Do not vocalize how much you are going to miss your child. Often, parents are equally as apprehensive. Keep this to yourself. Your camper would remember these feelings—allowing for convenient excuses to go home and “take care of their parents.”

Never make a deal. When talking with your child before camp, avoid telling him/her, “If you give camp a try and don't like it, I will come and pick you up.” Although these deals are made with good intentions, they almost always have negative effects.

Sit down together and create strategies for your child to deal with homesickness. Whether it is simply having them help pack their trunk, talking to their counselors about their feelings, or staying busy while at camp — establish these coping mechanisms now.

## DURING CAMP

Write or email frequently! Campers love to hear from Mom and Dad. Handwritten notes are special but emails are easily handled and get to your child quickly.

Have confidence in your child's counselor. The staff at Olympia has dealt with many cases of homesickness throughout the summers. It is part of our job, and the staff is trained in knowing how to help campers overcome homesickness.

Parents, keep yourself busy. Keep yourselves busy while your child is gone. Take a vacation, catch up with friends, tackle those projects you keep putting off. The busier you keep yourself, the less you will dwell on the empty household.

Also, log in to [campolympia.com](http://campolympia.com), check your WALDO App, or the WALDO Gallery at [waldo.photos/galleries](http://waldo.photos/galleries) (Code: Olympia21) for photos of your smiling camper. Seeing that your camper is having a good time will put your mind at ease. Encourage your camper to get in front of the camp cameras!

## NIGHTLY PROGRAMS & COSTUMES

Don't forget to pack your costumes for our O-Mazing programs, there is something for everyone.  
It wouldn't be camp without fun and crazy costumes!

### COOKOUT

Dress in camouflage or dark clothes and get ready for field games, ranger dogs, and s'mores!

### TALENT SHOW

Come prepared with an act or prepare one with the friends you make at camp and show off your talents on stage!

### GOING FOR GOLD

The Olympics are back and we can't wait to see who your favorite team is! Dress up as your favorite athlete, sports team, or even root for a country of your choosing!



# WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

## LABEL EVERYTHING!

### MARK YOUR CAMPER'S FULL NAME ON EVERYTHING

Your camper's clothes will be laundered at least once during SPARK Week. FYI ... we discourage bringing expensive outfits, jewelry or equipment to camp. Below is a minimum suggested needs list.

Campers should bring their belongings to camp in a FOOTLOCKER/TRUNK NO MORE THAN FOURTEEN INCHES TALL in order to fit underneath your camper's bed. It is fine to pack some items in a labeled laundry or duffel bag.

| 1 WEEK | NEEDS LIST                             |
|--------|--|
| 2      | laundry bags                           |
| 6      | towels (for showers and pool/lake use) |
| 4      | washcloths                             |
| 1      | pillow                                 |
| 2      | sets of twin sheets (flat & fitted)    |
| 1      | lightweight blanket                    |
| 10     | pair of socks                          |
| 9      | shorts                                 |
| 10     | t-shirts / tanks                       |
| 1      | long sleeved shirt                     |
| 9      | underwear                              |
| 2      | pajamas                                |
| 2      | jeans / long pants                     |
| 1      | raincoat poncho                        |
| 1      | lake shoes                             |
| 2      | pair of tennis shoes                   |
| 1      | shower shoes / flip flops              |
| 3*     | swimsuits                              |
| 1      | swim shirts                            |
| 1      | swim shorts                            |
| 1      | flashlight                             |
| 1      | cap / visor                            |
| 1      | insect repellent                       |
| 1      | sunscreen SPF 15 +                     |
| 2      | <b>NOSE CLIPS</b>                      |
| 1      | <b>WATER BOTTLE WITH FLIP TOP</b>      |
| 7+     | stationery/ stamps                     |
| 1**    | shower caddy / toiletry bag            |
| 5 +    | bandana / buff / face mask             |
| 1      | bottle of hand sanitizer               |

## DRESS CODE

In keeping with a wholesome safe environment, we encourage all campers to wear well-fitted, appropriate clothes, shoes, and swimwear. Camp is a very active environment, and at times, boys and girls will be participating together in activities.

Swimwear should provide complete coverage, fasten securely, and be designed for active wear. We encourage female campers to wear a one-piece swimsuit, however two-pieces are allowed if they have only one tie accompanied by another fastener. (Triangle bikini tops and bottoms that tie are prohibited.) Also, swim shorts are required when participating in lake activities such as blobbing and rocketing, wakeboarding, and waterskiing. Colored sports bras provide adequate coverage and support, and therefore, are acceptable tops for water activities. However, in all land activities, a tank-top or t-shirt needs to be worn over a sports bra or swimsuit.

Tank tops and sleeveless shirts should fit appropriately and not have large, gaping arm holes that hang down past a sports bra or to the middle of the ribs. Shorts should be of a modest length. Closed-toe shoes are needed for all land activities, and lake shoes are recommended for our lake activities.

Our staff reserves the right to ask campers to change clothes or put on additional clothing if deemed not appropriate for the active, co-ed camp environment.

Your camper can help prevent injuries or embarrassing situations by arriving to each activity dressed appropriately.

### DO NOT PACK

money, candy, food items, guns, knives, firecrackers, silly string, radios, iPods/MP3 players, video cameras, GoPros, tablets, laptops, video games, cell phones, smart watches, hoverboards, or diffusers.

#### \*\*TOILETRY ITEMS:

- LIQUID SOAP
- SHAMPOO
- 2 TOOTHBRUSHES
- TOOTHPASTE
- HAIRBRUSH
- AND ALL OTHER NECESSARY ITEMS

Please pack  
**2 NOSE CLIPS**  
for use during  
certain lake  
activities

PLEASE  
BRING A  
MINIMUM  
OF 5 FACE  
COVERINGS

#### WATER BOTTLES WITH A STRAW OR FLIP-TOP

(WE DO NOT WANT ANY AREA OF THE WATER BOTTLE THAT HAS TOUCHED SOMEONE'S MOUTH TO MAKE CONTACT WITH OUR REFILLING STATION)

#### SHOP OUR ONLINE COUNTRY STORE

[campolympia.com/campstore](http://campolympia.com/campstore)

**\*GIRLS\***  
**AT LEAST ONE SWIMSUIT SHOULD BE A ONE-PIECE**

**FOR ALL YOUR CAMP OLYMPIA GEAR!**





# SPARK

## ACTIVITY BROCHURE

### Summer 2021



With the completion of the **Activity Choice Form online**, you are indicating your understanding of the activities you and your camper choose as well as those activities conducted throughout the term as “special events” or “extra activities”, and you are acknowledging that you have read this material.

Please note that if a change in camper's activity schedule is needed, campers will only be allowed to change an activity for one that is listed on their activity preference form. The number and size of the activity classes are set based on the preferences of all of our campers, and therefore, limited spots are available.

This activity section is designed to inform you and your camper of Olympia's activities and to help in choosing from the activities offered during SPARK Week. We want to answer as many questions as possible as well as give your camper a feeling of familiarity even before he/she arrives.

SPARK Week campers will have a unique camp experience because they will get to participate in many of the activity highlights at camp with all of their fellow SPARK campers during our “Breakout” time, rank 10 of the 19 different SPARK week activity choices for their scheduled activity classes,

plus participate in a variety of O-mazing nightly camp programs.

After reading through the activity information, **SPARK campers will rank 10 activities from the choices available**. From the ranked activities, campers will *receive an individualized schedule with four activity periods on Monday and Wednesday and another four activity periods on Tuesday and Thursday*. It is Olympia's goal to give each camper an activity schedule with their top choices; however, class minimums must be met and maximums kept in order to have a productive and efficient class.

## SPARK ACTIVITY CHOICES

|               |            |               |
|---------------|------------|---------------|
| Arts & Crafts | Fishing    | O-Sports      |
| Baseball      | Football   | Soccer        |
| Basketball    | Frisbee    | Softball      |
| Board Games   | Gymnastics | Swimming      |
| Charm         | J-Journeys | Tennis        |
| Cheer/Dance   | Lacrosse   | Textile Arts  |
| Drama         |            | Track & Field |

## BREAKOUT ACTIVITIES

All SPARK campers will have the opportunity to experience many of the most popular areas of camp during “Breakout” times together as a SPARK group.

|               |             |                     |
|---------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Archery       | Horseback   | Puppies in Training |
| Blobbering    | Inflatables | Rocketing           |
| Climbing Wall | Jump Pad    | Water Slide         |
| Free Swim     | Mini Golf   | Water Wars          |

## ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

**J-JOURNEYS** is a class for our junior campers designed to give your camper an awesome outdoor adventure. During this class, campers will trek through the Piney Woods, do scavenger hunts around camp, and have a blast learning about the great outdoors.

**CLIMBING WALL** is something all of our campers will have a chance to participate in. It has 3 different challenging routes and is located on the back side of our O'Dome. The “belay” system is used on our all of our high elements which involves a safety harness and ropes

to assist when climbing. All elements are challenge by choice and safety rules/commands will be reviewed each time before this activity. Parents and campers are encouraged to discuss all safety regulations.

## COURT SPORTS

Is **Tennis** or **Basketball** your sport?

Olympia has courts and equipment for all of these. Basketball is played in our Olympia O'Dome and on the full-size covered outdoor court. On our covered tennis courts, campers will receive great tennis instruction to improve both their singles and doubles game.

## FIELD SPORTS

**Football** (flag), **Soccer**, **Softball**, **Baseball**, **Track & Field**, **Frisbee**, **Lacrosse**, and group running games use our four large athletic fields. These activities are fun but of course, like with any physical activity, the potential for injuries exists.

## HORSEBACK

**Horseback** is always a popular activity at camp! Campers love to spend time learning, caring for, and riding horses. Although our horses are accustomed to arena work, all animals can be unpredictable. Be aware of this and talk with your child about the need for respect and caution around them.

## LIFETIME LEISURE

**ARTS & CRAFTS** is a very popular activity for all age groups! Whatever the project, you can bet it will be FUN and campers will be able to bring it home! Note that heat, chemicals, or sharp objects may be used under supervision.

**BOARD GAMES** is perfect for campers who love learning strategy, challenging others, and having fun!

**CHARM** is a fun activity for campers of all ages to learn beauty tips and etiquette.

**CHEERLEADING** is a great way to show spirit. Campers will learn cheer techniques and routines, which may include lifts and tumbling.

**DANCE** is a fun way to get some energy out and learn some of the latest dances.

**GYMNASTICS** at camp involves flexibility and balance exercises, as well as tumbling on a padded mat or even the Jump Pad.

**PUPPIES IN TRAINING** is for campers to have an opportunity to interact with our 3 puppies at camp. Campers will spend time learning how to care for the puppies while on walks, give them baths, basic training for the dogs, and just love on them! At the end of the summer, camper families will have a chance to bid on the puppies and hopefully take one home. Money raised will be donated to the Camper Scholarship Fund here at camp.

**O-SPORTS** has the campers' favorite Camp Olympia games in one O-mazing activity! O-Ball, Spike-O, Koob, O-O, Sky-9, Toppleball, and other fun Olympia games will be taught and played during this one period activity. Your camper will learn strategy and new techniques to perfect his/her game and, of course, have a TON O' FUN!

**TEXTILE ARTS** has campers using different textiles, string, and fabrics to create a variety of crafts. They will create one of a kind projects to take home as well as lifelong skills.

## POOL ACTIVITIES

Our Pool is a favorite place to be during the warm days of summer! The facility includes a basketball goal, low diving board, trolley from a platform, giant slide, climbing wall, and water balloon battle station. Activities conducted at the pool for SPARK are Swimming Lessons and Free Swim. Any activity in or near the water has the potential for risks to occur. All scheduled pool activities have lifeguard supervision, and we follow American Camping Association standards for use of certified staff at the pool.

**Swimming Lessons** are mandatory for all SPARK campers because Olympia believes in the importance of every camper being a capable swimmer. Therefore, swimming lessons will be added to their activity schedule.

**Free Swim** is a great time to relax at the pool and visit with friends. SPARK campers get their own Pool Party where they can play in the shallow end of the pool and on each apparatus.

## TARGET SPORTS

Target sports take place on ranges designed specifically for each sport, like **Archery**. Archery involves the use of targets, bows, and arrows. This activity is enjoyable and makes for a good lifetime leisure activity, but involve some risk the parent and camper should consider and discuss the need for strict obedience to all safety regulations before participating.

## WATERFRONT

*Activities occurring on Lake Livingston which is a public lake*

Get ready for some fun at our lakefront we call **The Point!** All waterfront activities involve participation in Lake Livingston. SPARK campers may have the opportunity to participate in waterfront activities such as **paddleboarding, blobbing, rocketing, water sliding, log rolling**, and floating on a **water mat**. It is recommended that campers participating in any lake activities be comfortable in lake water and have at least a basic swimming ability. Lifeguards are present for lake activities. Life jackets are **mandatory** for all waterfront activities, with the exception of blobbing and water sliding. Life jackets are available for these activities

as needed or wanted. Though our Olympia staff takes many precautions, risks on the lake do exist. Many of the risks involved in waterfront activities stem from instances beyond our control: equipment problems, falls, wildlife, weather, ignoring of safety instructions, and other conditions or events inherent in water sports.

**Nose clips** will be worn while participating in the following activities on our lakefront: rocketing, blobbing, and sliding. For more leisure lake activities, such as paddleboarding, nose clips will be available if requested but will not be mandatory. **We recommend each camper bring 2 NOSE CLIPS!**

**ROCKETING** involves being pulled behind a boat on an inflatable that transports four to ten people. While rocketing, it is probable that participants will fall into the water. When this occurs, pick up is accomplished as quickly and safely as possible.

**BLOBBING** is a definite highlight for most campers! Blobbing is jumping from a platform and landing in a seat drop position onto a large inflatable, which is floating in the water and anchored in position. One at a time, campers jump onto the Blob and if other campers are still on the Blob, they are bounced into the air or into the water. Once in the water, the campers swim to the dock (about 20 - 30 ft.). At The Point, there are **TWO** blobs for double the fun!

**SLIDING** on our 100 ft. waterslide is fun for all! Campers climb a spiral staircase and then rushing water assists them down the giant slide into the lake. These campers then swim to the dock (about 10-20 ft.)

## EXTRA ACTIVITIES

Campers of all ages may experience these favorite activities outside of their individualized activity schedule.

The **Jump Pad** is an inflatable surrounded by grass that allows for up to 30 people to jump at once so entire cabins can have fun on it together. Of course, the potential for injury exists so no flips are allowed — just LOTS of jumping!

**Mini Golf, Ping Pong, O-O, and Sky-9** are fun, activities that campers play during free time at camp.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Olympia offers many fun and exciting special programs and events, in addition to all of our great activities! Some of these programs and events are included below.

**COOKOUTS:** What a fun night! Our SPARK campers will have one cookout during their term. Olympia's cookout site is located off of Caney Creek approximately two miles from main camp. The site is equipped with running water, electricity, and bathrooms. Campers and counselors are driven out to the cookout site where their meal has been cooked over a campfire. Of course, the meal always includes s'mores! This experience is designed for a feel of camping in the great outdoors and really promotes bonding with the other campers. During their cookout, campers and counselors

participate in any number of games, including sports or tag in the open areas. Precautions are taken to ensure your camper's safety, but as with any activity in the great outdoors, risk of injury, minor or serious, is a possibility.

**INFLATABLES:** All SPARK campers will get to participate in a party with a variety of different inflatable elements set up on our courts and fields.

**NIGHT GAMES:** These activities offer great fun and excitement for our campers! Some night games may be programmed for your camper, such as a stealth game

(where groups of campers and counselors try to make their way around camp without being detected) or a scavenger hunt. East Texas woods at night are intriguing and fun, but risks exist due to unforeseen obstacles or wildlife. Campers are reminded to use their insect repellent.

**Camp Olympia's overall camping program changes continually to ensure a new and exciting program for each of our campers. Therefore, this information is not to be considered all inclusive and is not designed to limit the Olympia program in any way.**

The **ACTIVITY CHOICE FORM** must be completed **ONLINE** by **MAY 3, 2021**

### How to complete your Activity Selection Online

- Go to [www.campolympia.com](http://www.campolympia.com)
- Click the [Parent Login](#) button on the bottom right of the homepage
- Login with your email address and password
- Go to your Forms Dashboard
- Select "Activity Preference"
- Make your 10 choices and click "Save Preferences"

### SPARK ACTIVITY CHOICES

Arts & Crafts  
Baseball  
Basketball  
Board Games  
Charm  
Drama

Fishing  
Football  
Frisbee  
Gymnastics  
Lacrosse  
J-Journeys

O-Sports  
Soccer  
Softball  
Swimming  
Tennis  
Textile Arts  
Track & Field

Your schedule will include **8 activity periods** but we ask that you **choose 10** to ensure you get your favorites.

Below is a worksheet to help you make your activity choices.

Once you have decided on the ranking of your choices, please complete the **ONLINE ACTIVITY CHOICE FORM**.

| RANK            | ACTIVITY | RANK             | ACTIVITY |
|-----------------|----------|------------------|----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | _____    | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | _____    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | _____    | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | _____    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | _____    | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | _____    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | _____    | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | _____    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | _____    | 10 <sup>th</sup> | _____    |





# FORM: MEDICAL FORMS

This form can be found through your [Parent Login](#) within your Forms Dashboard

## IMPORTANT DETAILS

**Due — JUNE 1, 2021**

There are THREE documents that complete the medical information portion of the Parent Packet: the online [HEALTH HISTORY FORM](#) (through the [Forms Portal](#)), the [PARENT INSURANCE CARD](#), and the [PHYSICIAN'S EXAMINATION FORM](#).

**1. HEALTH HISTORY** - In completing your camper's Health History Form, you will need his/her immunization history, medications, health care providers, and health insurance. Once you begin the History Form, you will have the option to "Save for Later" for up to six weeks. A great feature to the online Health History Form is that, after you initially complete your camper's Health History Form, you will be able to review and update annually.

**2. PARENT INSURANCE CARD** - Make sure to input your **CURRENT** medical insurance information in the space provided and check that it matches the copies of your insurance card that you provide.

- Include a readable copy of the front and back of your primary insurance card on the [Parent Insurance Card Form](#).

**3. PHYSICIAN'S EXAMINATION** - A Physician's Examination form, completed and signed by your physician within the last 12 months, is necessary to attend. Camp has provided a Physician's Examination Form within this packet. MyChart, or similar Well-Check report from your doctors office or a school/sports physical, signed by a doctor, will also be accepted.

**Your camper will not receive his/her cabin assignment, check-in pass, or be allowed to stay at camp if we do NOT have all required forms.**

## HEALTH PRACTICES

Camp Olympia is committed to providing the best possible camping experience for YOU! We are doing our best to create a healthy, symptom-free environment for our campers. We are asking for all parents, campers, and staff to be aware of any medical conditions or symptoms that could spread to members of our camp community.

Please do **NOT** bring your camper to camp if they are sick or exhibiting any COVID symptoms including:

- |                     |                   |                          |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| • Fever             | • Cough           | • Sore Throat            |
| • Runny/Stuffy Nose | • Chest Tightness | • Body Aches             |
| • Headache          | • Chills          | • Loss of taste or smell |
| • Diarrhea          | • Vomiting        | • Shortness of breath    |

In the two weeks leading up to Opening Day, if your camper has tested positive for/been exposed to COVID, you must notify camp. Additional arrangements will be made regarding your camper's attendance. If your camper has been exposed to COVID, he/she must follow the quarantine protocols outlined by the CDC.

- 10 days without testing
- 7 days after receiving a negative test result (test must occur on day 5 or later)

Per current state requirements, campers who have previously tested positive for COVID may only attend camp if they meet ALL 3 criteria below:

1. At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed *since recovery* (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications)
2. The individual has *improvement* in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath)
3. At least 10 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared*

Additionally, please keep your camper home if he/she is exhibiting any symptoms of Influenza-Like Illness. Many of those symptoms mirror the COVID symptoms above, but also include runny or stuffy nose, fatigue, and/or vomiting. If your camper exhibits Influenza-Like Illness symptoms prior to camp, he/she must be symptom-free and fever free for a minimum of 72 hours (3 days) without the aid or any fever-reducing medication prior to attending camp.

**Prior to camp, we ask that your camper self-quarantines for 10 days.** If face-to-face interaction with individuals outside your household is necessary (ex. attending school), physical distancing must occur and masks must be worn. Please do not schedule trips or social gatherings in the 10 days leading up to camp.



# FORM: Physician's Examination

This form can be found and uploaded through your Parent Login within your Forms Dashboard

Applicant's Name

Session

Birth Date

☐ Male ☐ Female

## Physician's Examination

HEALTH FORM 

This examination should be performed within 12 months of arrival at camp. Examination for some other purpose within this period is acceptable. Examination is for determining fitness to engage in strenuous activity.

|                      |                      |                      |                      |                               |                             |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Height               | Weight               | Heart                | Blood Pressure       | Hct/Hgb Test (if appropriate) | Urinalysis (if appropriate) |
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/>          | <input type="text"/>        |

### Health Assessment

Please rate the following:

V – Satisfactory  
X – Not satisfactory  
O – Not examined

|                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Eyes                 | Ears                 | Nose                 | Throat               | Extremities          | Glasses              | Lungs                | Genitalia            | Abdomen              | Hernia               | Posture              | Skin                 |
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

Date of last tetanus shot

Are immunizations up to date? ☐ Yes ☐ No

### General Appraisal

Please address any concerns from above.

### Allergies

List any allergies the applicant may have, including:

Food  
Insects  
Medicine  
Seasonal/Environmental

### Recommendations

List restrictions on the applicant at camp, including:

Special Diets  
Current Medications  
Swimming/Diving  
Strenuous Activity



Please mail completed form to:

Camp Olympia  
723 Olympia Drive  
Trinity, TX 75862  
Tel: 936.594.2541  
Fax: 936.594.8143

I have examined the person herein described and have reviewed the health history. It is my opinion that this person is physically able to engage in camp activities, except as noted above.

I examined the applicant today ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, date of examination

Name of Doctor

Signature

Date

Contact Information



# FORM: Parent Insurance Cards

Applicant's Name

Term

Birth Date

☐ Male

☐ Female

## PARENT INSURANCE CARDS

### PRIMARY INSURANCE - FRONT

Place your Medical Insurance card here

**FACE UP**

&

Photocopy

### PRESCRIPTION CARD - FRONT

Place your Prescription card here

**FACE UP**

&

Photocopy

### PRIMARY INSURANCE - BACK

Place your Medical Insurance card here

**FACE DOWN**

&

Photocopy

### PRESCRIPTION CARD - BACK

Place your Prescription card here

**FACE DOWN**

&

Photocopy

Please make sure that the Insurance Cards you provide match the Insurance information you previously submitted on the Health History form.

**THIS FORM IS REQUIRED. PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT FOR YOUR CAMPER TO ATTEND.**

This form may be uploaded as a PDF in the Forms Dashboard.



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campinfo@campolympia.com ★ www.campolympia.com





# FORM: Camper Policy Agreement

At Camp Olympia, we're sold on the value of camping! The real life experiences that camping provides cannot be matched. As we offer a program promoting adventure, challenge, fun, and growth to people of all ages, we want to help teach our campers responsibility. In order to create a positive and fun community for all, campers must accept consequences for their choices and actions that can hinder the Olympia experience for other campers and staff members. Any camper dismissed for disciplinary reasons will not be invited to attend camp the following year.

The physical, mental, and spiritual growth of every person at Olympia is important. We want people to leave Olympia with more esteem for God, others, and themselves, and to feel positively challenged to work and plan for

a successful life. Our program and facilities have been designed with the positive growth of people in mind. We want everyone who enters our "Positive Zone" to have a positive, fun, and memorable experience at Olympia.

Our Code of Conduct policies are important to help create a harmonious community where everyone is a part of the Olympia family. We believe that these policies will contribute importantly to producing a quality camp experience where your camper and others at camp can have an O-mazing summer. **Camp Olympia requires that every parent and camper thoroughly read, understand, and agree to abide by our camper policies.** It is important to discuss this agreement carefully with your camper(s).

## CAMPER CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

1. I will not, at any time, be in possession of tobacco products, e-cigarettes/vapes, Juuls, drugs, alcohol, or any illegal substance. I understand that if any of these items are found on me or with my belongings that they will be assumed to be mine unless I can prove otherwise.
2. I will not, at any time, go into the cabin of the opposite sex for any reason whatsoever, nor will I go through cabin areas of the opposite sex without authorization from a counselor or staff member.
3. I understand that for my safety, it is important for a counselor to know my whereabouts at all times, and therefore, I will not leave my cabin group, cluster, activity, or camp programs/events without approval in order to meet up with others.
4. I will keep myself from physical conflicts/fights at camp.
5. I will not be a part of any form of bullying – physical, verbal, or relational. (Bullying covers a wide spectrum of actions and language, and it is Camp Olympia's discretion to apply appropriate disciplinary action based on the severity of a camper's bullying.)
6. I understand that profanity and vulgarity have no place at camp.
7. I will not damage Camp Olympia property or the property of others.
8. I understand the Camp Olympia dress code and agree to abide by the guidelines in order to help prevent injuries or embarrassing situations. The dress code is as follows: In keeping with a wholesome safe environment, we encourage all campers to wear well-fitted, appropriate clothes, shoes, and swimwear. Camp is a very active environment, and at times boys and girls will be participating together in activities. Swimwear should provide complete coverage, fasten securely, and be designed for active wear. We encourage female campers to wear a one-piece swimsuit, however two-pieces are allowed if they have only one tie accompanied by another fastener. (Triangle bikini tops and bottoms that tie are prohibited.) Also, swim shorts are required when participating in lake activities such as blobbing, rocketing, and wakeboarding/waterskiing. Colored sports bras provide adequate coverage and support and, therefore, are acceptable tops for water activities. However, in all land activities, a tank-top or t-shirt needs to be worn over a sports bra or swimsuit. Tank tops and sleeveless shirts should fit appropriately and not have large, gaping arm holes that hang down past a sports bra or to the middle of the ribs. Shorts should be of a modest length. Closed-toe shoes are needed for all land activities, and lake shoes are recommended for our lake activities. Our staff reserves the right to ask campers to change clothes or put on additional clothing if deemed not appropriate for the active, co-ed camp environment.
9. I understand that to fully appreciate the Camp Olympia experience, which involves interacting with my cabin mates and gaining independence, I will not bring my cell phone, Apple watch/smart watch, tablet, or iPod/MP3 Player with me to Camp Olympia. Camp Olympia has the right to take up these items if found, as they are not allowed at camp. If they are taken up, Camp Olympia does not assume responsibility for these items. \*I understand that there is one exception to this rule and that is if I am traveling to camp from the airport. I may travel with these items, but I am required to turn them in once I arrive at Camp Olympia.



# Camper Policy Agreement

10. I understand that it is a privilege to bring my digital camera to camp. With this privilege comes responsibility in taking appropriate pictures. I will only take pictures during times that are deemed appropriate by staff, such as all camp events, and I will NOT take any pictures in the cabin or bathroom. I also agree that shooting any video with my camera is not allowed. I understand that using my camera in an inappropriate manner will result in my camera being taken up and returned on closing day and may result in my dismissal from camp. I also understand that filming video and/or bringing video cameras/GoPros is not allowed at camp.
11. Finally, I understand that the consequences of not abiding by any of the aboved mentioned policies may result in immediate dismissal from camp and jeopardized the opportunity to return to camp in the future. In addition to these stated camper policies, I understand that I may be dismissed from camp for any conduct that negatively affects the camp experience for another camper or reflects unfavorably on Camp Olympia.

## SOCIAL NETWORKING POLICY

We have always taken the safety and well-being of our campers—your children—very seriously. After all, giving your children over to the care of other people is perhaps the greatest act of trust in which you as a parent can engage. We aim to do everything we reasonably can to earn and keep that trust. We also know we cannot do this without your help. With more and more children using the Internet, cell phones, and other technologies at younger ages, we appeal to you as parents to partner with us as child advocates to ensure that your children continue to have the safest, most wholesome childhood experience as possible. We would encourage you not only to consider the following in relationship to camp, but for your family as a whole since your children are exposed to a variety of people everyday.

At Camp Olympia, our pledge is to put your children in the company of the most trustworthy and appropriate young adults we can hire—counselors who are well-suited to the task of caring for campers. The effort we put into screening and selecting our staff is part of that pledge. During camp, our staff works with your child in the context of a visible, well scrutinized community that has many built-in checks and balances. Counselors are supervised by senior staff and are guided by clear, firm policies regarding behavior. Their actions are also visible to a community full of co-workers and campers. Our staff is hired for the camp season and is under contract at that time. After camp we cannot take responsibility for their off-season behavior since we cannot supervise it. It is the responsibility of the parent to interview and research any staff member if you want to hire him/her as a baby-sitter, nanny, or child companion outside of camp. We have great young people working at Olympia, but we want you to be an informed decision maker regarding contact between staff and campers outside of camp.

We recognize that campers and counselors develop close, trusting relationships with one another at camp and that these relationships are healthy, wholesome, and beneficial to campers and staff alike. We are aware that many campers will naturally want to keep in touch with their favorite counselors after camp. With new technologies and social networking capabilities, it is easy for campers to track down counselors outside of camp and to communicate with them. We want you as parents to be aware of this.

Therefore, our recommendation is simply for you as parents to be aware of your child's online activities, including social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, etc.), instant messaging, video websites, (ex. YouTube), apps and email. Also, be aware of phone activities including calls, text messages, and video chats through Skype and other services. Supervise your child's phone and computer use as you would any other aspect of his/her life in your home. Likewise, we request that you as a parent or legal guardian talk with your child about what contact information you would allow them to exchange with a camp staff member or other campers. In sharing contact information with a staff member or camper, you understand that you accept full responsibility for overseeing whatever contact occurs as a result.

We want to partner with you, the parent, in keeping children safe by being proactive in communicating our policies and offering advice on how to address this important topic with your child.

***Please indicate that you have read and agree to this Camper Policy Agreement below by logging in to your Parent Account. The “[Parent Login](#)” link is found at the very top of our website - [campolympia.com](http://campolympia.com).***



# FORM: PERMISSION TO ATTEND, RELEASE, AND INDEMNITY

NAME OF PARTICIPANT(S): (print) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAMES: (print) \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby request that my child be accepted to attend Camp Olympia.** I am aware that during my child's stay at Camp Olympia, my child will be participating in many physical activities and may encounter certain risks and dangers. These risks and dangers include, but are not limited to, serious bodily injury or death due to the hazards of being in a wilderness area, the forces of nature, and other risks and dangers because of the activities offered, and the nature of the grounds and facilities, at Camp Olympia. I am aware that Camp Olympia is located on a lake and has a swimming pool on the premises, and that my child will have the opportunity to participate in aquatic activities, including, but not limited to, swimming, boating, canoeing, and any other activity arranged for my child. I am aware that Camp Olympia offers challenge course activities with high elements up to 35 feet high for which a belay system is used as well as low elements approximately three feet high for which ground spotters are used. I am also aware that Camp Olympia offers other activities including, but not limited to, team and individual sports, miscellaneous games, archery, riflery, horseback riding, and all aspects of camping. Furthermore, I am aware that my child will be interacting with individuals from all around the world, and although certain precautions will be taken to ensure the health of all campers, Camp Olympia cannot guarantee my child will not be exposed to certain viruses, bacteria, and other potentially dangerous diseases. I understand it is my sole responsibility to decide on and implement any activity restrictions which I deem necessary for my child's personal welfare and safety. I understand that Camp Olympia will be filming and taking photographs during the camping term which will include my child, and that Camp Olympia might use such filming and photographs in promotional materials. Individually and on behalf of my child, I consent to my child being filmed and photographed and to use such filming and photographs for promotional purposes. I hereby give my permission for my child to ride in camp buses and vehicles.

**AS ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION FOR MY CHILD BEING PERMITTED TO ATTEND CAMP OLYMPIA AND PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES OFFERED BY CAMP OLYMPIA, I, INDIVIDUALLY AND ON BEHALF OF MY CHILD, HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS CAMP OLYMPIA, INC., CAMP MANAGEMENT, INC., CAMP MANAGEMENT FOODS, INC., WP REALTY, L.P. DBA WHISPERING PINES GOLF CLUB, OLYMPIA REALTY CORPORATION, THE SPIRIT GOLF ASSOCIATION AND RC HILCREST, L.P., AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS AND REPRESENTATIVES (ALL SUCH ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUALS BEING REFERRED TO COLLECTIVELY HEREINAFTER AS THE "RELEASED PARTIES") FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY TO ME FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE ON ACCOUNT OF INJURY TO MY CHILD OR MY PROPERTY AND ANY AND ALL COSTS AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ATTORNEY'S FEES, WHETHER CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE (WHETHER SOLE, JOINT OR CONCURRENT) OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, AS A DIRECT OR INDIRECT RESULT OF MY CHILD'S ATTENDANCE AT CAMP OLYMPIA AND/OR MY CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES OFFERED BY CAMP OLYMPIA.**





# PERMISSION TO ATTEND, RELEASE, AND INDEMNITY

I have read and voluntarily signed this Release and Indemnity, and I further agree that no oral representations, statements or inducements apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made. I understand this document includes a full and final release and indemnification of all claims.

## **PARENTS' AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE NECESSARY TREATMENT:**

I hereby give permission to the medical personnel selected by the camp director to order X-rays, routine tests, treatment, to release any records necessary for insurance purposes, and to provide or arrange related transportation for my child. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and order injection, anesthesia, or surgery for my child. I understand the information on this form will be shared on a "need to know" basis with camp staff. I agree to provide health history that is correct and complete as far as I know, and my child has permission to engage in all camp activities except as noted. I give my permission to photocopy all forms related to health history and medical treatment. In addition, the camp has permission to obtain a copy of my child's health record from providers who treat my child, and these providers may talk with the camp staff about my child's health status. I acknowledge and understand that the cost of any such medical care is my financial responsibility. I have read and understand the foregoing terms and conditions, including without limitation the release provision, and knowingly agree to each and every term and condition.

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Date

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

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Date

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian



# FORM: SPECIAL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT IN RELATION TO RISK OF CORONAVIRUS EXPOSURE

This form can be found through your [Parent Login](#) within your Forms Dashboard

## Special Participation Agreement In Relation to Risk of Coronavirus Exposure

Thank you for reading this Agreement carefully. It includes important information about Camp Olympia activities and describes certain protections sought by Camp Olympia if you, your child, or another family member becomes ill or suffers some other loss due to infection of the CoronaVirus (COVID-19) that may have been caused from being at Camp Olympia or from being exposed by someone else who was at Camp Olympia.

### PROCEDURES BEFORE CAMP:

Camp Olympia asks that your camper self-quarantines for 10 days leading up to the start of the camp term. If face-to-face interaction with individuals outside your household is necessary (ex. attending school), physical distancing must occur and masks must be worn. Please do not schedule trips or social gatherings in the 10 days leading up to camp.

Parents must monitor the health of their children and NOT send them to camp if they exhibit any symptom of COVID-19 in the 10 days leading up to camp.

If your camper requires flying in to attend camp, we ask that you arrange to fly in at least 72 hours prior to camp's opening day. A negative PCR test following your air travel, in the 72 hours leading up to camp, is required.

Camp Olympia will require each camper and counselor to take a COVID PCR test within 72-hours of opening day and have proof of a negative result in hand on arrival to camp.

### PROCEDURES DURING CAMP:

Camp Olympia and its staff will be taking more health precautions this summer. On Opening Day, check-in of campers will be staggered throughout the day. All campers must be driven to camp by parents/guardians, who will be required to stay in their car during drop-off on camp property. Any camper who arrives to camp with COVID-19 symptoms, including, but not limited to, a fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain or sore throat WILL NOT be allowed into camp. Also, if a camper has been exposed in the past two weeks to a friend or family member who has/had COVID-19, the camper WILL NOT be allowed into camp. Other precautions during camp include: wearing of face coverings while inside buildings when with others outside of pod, encouraging and enforcing more handwashing, more use of hand sanitizers, more disinfecting of doorknobs and high use areas, and daily temperature and health checks of campers, etc. The nurses on site, as always, will be monitoring the health and safety of all campers and staff, and they will determine if someone requires isolation and/or transferred from camp.

However, despite the best efforts of Camp Olympia, exposure to COVID-19 cannot be completely eradicated while attending camp. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious virus that spreads easily through person-to-person contact. Federal and state authorities recommend social distancing as a means to prevent the spread of the virus. **COVID-19 can lead to severe illness, personal injury, permanent disability, and death. Participating in Camp Olympia programs or accessing its facilities could increase the risk of contracting COVID-19.** Camp Olympia in no way warrants that COVID-19 infection will not occur through participation in its programs or accessing its facilities. The activities of Camp Olympia include a variety of traditional sports, games, activities, and events that will make it impossible to consistently implement any social distancing of 6 feet or less that may be recommended by any known government authorities. Camp is a place where campers, counselors, and staff are often in contact and near each other every day and every night. This includes but not limited to: eating at the table together at meals in the dining hall, playing sports where direct or indirect contact is made with one another, and sleeping inside the cabins where bunk beds are often less than six feet apart.



# SPECIAL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT IN RELATION TO RISK OF CORONAVIRUS EXPOSURE

NAME OF PARTICIPANT(S): (print) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAMES: (print) \_\_\_\_\_

## **Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risks:**

I, Parent, have read and understand SPECIAL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT. I acknowledge and assume the risks and dangers described above with my child being enrolled at Camp. I have discussed the activities and risks with my child, who understands them and wishes to participate in the activities of the Camp community, and I agree to the Release and Indemnity Agreement below:

## **RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT:**

**I, INDIVIDUALLY AND ON BEHALF OF MY CHILD, HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS CAMP OLYMPIA, INC., CAMP MANAGEMENT, INC., CAMP MANAGEMENT FOODS, INC., WP REALTY, L.P. DBA WHISPERING PINES GOLF CLUB, OLYMPIA REALTY CORPORATION, RC HILLCREST, L.P., AND THE SPIRIT GOLF ASSOCIATION AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS AND REPRESENTATIVES (ALL SUCH ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUALS BEING REFERRED TO COLLECTIVELY HEREINAFTER AS THE “RELEASED PARTIES”) WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL CLAIMS RELATED TO CONTRACTING THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND ANY LOSS, BODILY INJURY, OR DAMAGES ASSOCIATED FROM IT WHICH I OR MY CHILD MAY SUFFER, ARISING OUT OF OR IN ANY WAY RELATED TO MY CHILD BEING ENROLLED IN THE CAMP, AND ON OR OFF THE CAMP PREMISES. I FURTHER AGREE TO INDEMNIFY (THAT IS DEFEND AND PAY, INCLUDING COSTS AND ATTORNEYS FEES) THE RELEASED PARTIES FROM CLAIMS BROUGHT BY OTHER MEMBERS OF MY OR MY CHILD’S FAMILY, AND CLAIMS BROUGHT BY OTHERS, INCLUDING OTHER CAMPERS, WHO CLAIM A LOSS CAUSED BY MY CHILD. THESE AGREEMENTS OF RELEASE AND INDEMNITY INCLUDE CLAIMS CAUSED OR CLAIMED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE (WHETHER SOLE, JOINT OR CONCURRENT) OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES.**

Any dispute between Camp Olympia or another Released Party and me or my child shall be governed by the substantive laws (not including the laws which might apply the laws of another jurisdiction) of the State of Texas, and any mediation or suit shall occur or be filed and maintained exclusively in Trinity County, Texas, to the jurisdiction of which court or courts I hereby consent, for myself and my child.



# SPECIAL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT IN RELATION TO RISK OF CORONAVIRUS EXPOSURE

If any part of this agreement is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remainder of the agreement nevertheless will be in full force and effect.

This Agreement and Waiver of Liability does not supersede, circumvent, or cancel the CAMP OLYMPIA PERMISSION TO ATTEND, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND RELEASE, but instead works together in conjunction with it.

I, Parent or legal guardian, have read and accept the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and acknowledge and agree that it shall, to the fullest extent allowed by law, be effective upon me and my child, and our respective heirs, personal representatives, estates and family members.

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Date

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

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Date

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian



# ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

Please complete the Additional Options form online. It is this form that you can choose to participate in Paid Activities, select Special Delivery care packages, or pre-order a 2021 Yearbook.



## SPECIAL DELIVERY CARE PACKAGE

order your camper a care package stamped....

**SPECIAL DELIVERY**

Letters and care packages from family and friends make such a highlight in your camper's day. Camp Olympia has designed a "**SPECIAL DELIVERY**" care package stuffed with loads of **BIG FUN!** Packages include a terrific assortment of toys and games for your SPARK camper to enjoy. Special Deliveries are **\$42.00** and are packed at camp by people who know your camper! SPARK campers may receive **ONE** Special Delivery Care Package during their stay at camp.

## SUMMER 2021 YEARBOOK

2021 Yearbooks will be completed after summer and will include cabin photos, pictures from activities, nightly programs, and fun moments from each term.

Yearbooks are **\$40.00** each and will be mailed to you once published, or you can pick yours up at our Reunion Party in the Fall!

