



Hello from Camp Olympia!

What are your plans for this summer? We are looking forward to our 53rd summer in 2020 because we truly believe that summer camp makes a positive impact on children. Here at Camp Olympia, we strive to create an environment where campers are encouraged to just be themselves, and through that, they have fun, make real connections with new friends, and create lasting memories. We are dedicated to having fun together, helping people grow in body, mind, and spirit. We are committed to providing the best possible camping experience for each camper.

Parents want the very best for their children, and we know that safety is of the utmost importance! We have an **award-winning safety record**, and we demonstrate our commitment to excellence by complying with the accreditation standards of the **American Camping Association (ACA)**. In addition to safety, we know that parents want their campers to grow from their experience . . . grow in confidence, maturity and kind-heartedness. Our program focuses on growing these qualities in each camper. The camp experience is like no other and is an invaluable part of a well-rounded education.

Campers want to hear about the FUN factor! Camp is the ultimate destination for fun with **over 45 different activities**, ranging from wakeboarding to golf to horseback riding! We offer individualized scheduling of our activities so **campers CHOOSE the activities** that they already know they love as well as something new they might want to try. These fun activities are in addition to the O-mazing camp programs each night! Of course, we know that the key part of fun at camp is having the best staff! That is why we hire **dynamic college-aged counselors** that have the heart to make

a positive impact in the lives of our campers. We strive for a **1:4 counselor to camper ratio** in each cabin, so counselors get to know their campers well. Olympia friendships last a lifetime!

We want you to get to know all about us! In addition to this informative brochure, be sure to watch our latest camp videos to see camp in action on our website, <u>campolympia.com</u>. Also, we always encourage families

to visit us here at camp too. We offer tours of our facilities throughout the year, and we encourage you to schedule a time where we can meet you and show camp to you. If you have any questions, just give us a call at **936-594-2541** or email us at campolympia.com.

Thank you for your interest in Camp Olympia. We look forward to meeting you and your family in 2020! *It will be Out of Sight!*

Sincerely, **Cody & Michelle Mauldin,**Boys' and Girls' Camp Directors

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WHY CHOOSE CAMP OLYMPIA FOR YOUR CHILD?

It is true - there are a lot of good summer camp programs out there, but there are many reasons that separate Camp Olympia to make it the BEST!

★SAFETY RECORD

Here at Camp Olympia, we have gone above and beyond many private camps to demonstrate our commitment to safety by complying with the accreditation standards of the American Camping Association (ACA). To earn accreditation, we comply with over 200 health, safety, and program quality standards. We invest in accreditation because the children we serve deserve our best. No environment is risk free. However, ACA camps voluntarily go through a rigorous risk management process to prevent illness or injury to campers and to have solid plans if an emergency does occur. We do our best to provide a supervised, positive environment with controlled boundaries to help children grow.

★LEADERSHIP

Camp Olympia has one of the largest year-round management and support staffs in the Camping Industry. Cody and Michelle Mauldin have been the Boys' Camp and Girls' Camp Directors here at Camp Olympia for over 15 summers. They lead an impressive college-age counselor staff in impacting all of the campers that come through the Olympia gates. Debbie Stubblefield serves as Administrative Director and has been on the year-round Olympia staff of directors since 2004. We are blessed by their steady leadership and selfless commitment to the mission of camp. They lead an experienced staff in which all of the year-round directors were once Olympia summer staff members and have a true heart for Camp Olympia.

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*****AIR CONDITIONING

While our location is on the breezy shores of Lake Livingston, it does get warm in Texas during the summer! Unlike many of the other camps in Texas, all of our cabins, bathroom facilities, dining hall, and indoor meeting areas are **air conditioned!**

★COUNSELORS

We take great pride in the counselors that we select to be counselors at camp, as we know the opportunity that exists for counselors to make a positive impact in the life of a camper. We strive to maintain a superb ratio of 1 counselor to every 4 campers in the cabin, and the average age of an Olympia counselor is 20. Their maturity is important because we require all of our counselors to refrain from consuming alcohol during their employment at Olympia. Recruiting the best counselors possible is a year-round effort and a main priority for our full-time staff. We recruit from dozens of universities. We require completion of an extensive application, conduct personal interviews, require and follow up on a minimum of 3 references, and complete a background check for each staff member. Plus, counselors go through an intensive Counselor Training School prior to the beginning of summer so they know camp's expectations, detailed program, and safety policies/procedures prior to campers arriving. Again, the care of your child is our primary focus.

★LOCATION, LOCATION!

Our location is nestled in the shade of the beautiful Piney Woods of East Texas and

right on the shores of
Lake Livingston, one
of the largest lakes in
Texas. With a long,
private shoreline, our
waterfront/
aquatics
program is
second to none.
Our location is
convenient to many major
cities in Texas and Louisiana

and is just a one hour and thirty minute drive northeast from George Bush Intercontinental Airport, making Olympia truly a global camp!

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*****FACILITIES

Camp Olympia has outstanding facilities, including a swimming pool and challenge course, as well as fields and courts for many activities. While most of the activities take place on a 100+ acre location, camp has access to over 1,000 acres of private land. We improve the facility each year with additions and enhancements so campers are always in for a treat when they return. Recent additions to camp include a textile arts class, "Thunderdome" covered structure for our courts and new party inflatables! Check our website and social media for announcements on what is coming next to camp!

Additionally, our golf class and <u>Junior Golf Academy</u> have an opportunity unlike any other in the nation! Our golf program utilizes the stunning, nationally-recognized <u>Whispering Pines Golf Club</u>, which is next door to Olympia. The club's 9-hole short course, "The Needler", is the perfect challenge for our junior golfers.





★CHOOSING ACTIVITIES

We are one of the few camps that offers individualized scheduling of activities, so campers get to CHOOSE the activities that interest them. Prior to summer, our two-week and three-week campers rank their favorite activities from over 45 different activities offered at camp. When they arrive at camp, they receive their personal activity schedule with up to 10 different activities. Our one-week SPARK campers will choose from 18 activities to complete their schedule of 8 activity periods.

★PARENTS CAN EXPERIENCE CAMP TOO

We offer parents an opportunity to experience camp right along with their camper via our online services. We post a daily camp update to keep parents informed of the activities that are happening at camp, plus we put well over 100 pictures online each day during camp in a password protected site so parents can see their camper's smiling face.

★OWNERSHIP

In 1968, Corby Robertson, Jr. and Chris Gilbert founded Camp Olympia when they were football teammates at the University of Texas. **Their founding goal was to create the best camp in the world**, and they have seen Olympia grow into a premier camp that attracts campers from all over the world.

★ WATERFRONT

Our waterfront really separates us from other camp programs. Camp Olympia has a long, private shoreline on Lake Livingston, which is one of the largest lakes in Texas. Our fleet of 9 inboard ski boats for teaching waterskiing and wakeboarding makes our aquatics program one of the largest in Texas. Canoeing, kayaking, sailing, blobbing, water sliding, paddleboarding, and rocketing are some of the other activities that take place down on our waterfront.

2020 SUMMER THEME

Camp Olympia is going to be **Out of Sight** in summer 2020! We strive to
make each summer even better than
the one before, and this summer,
we want the camp experience to
be beyond perfect! At Olympia, we
have fun, try new things, make new
friends, encourage one another, act
like kids, leave electronics at home,
dance like no one's watching, learn
responsibility, cheer loudly, and we cry
when camp is over. It's an experience
like no other, and simply put, it's

"Out of Sight!"



Camp Olympia's 2020 Summer Camp Dates

Term 1: May 31 - June 13 (14 days)

Term 2: June 14 - July 4 (21 days)

SPARK Week 1*: June 14 - June 20 (7 days)

Term 2B: June 21 - July 4 (14 days)

Term 3: July 5 - July 25 (21 days)

SPARK Week 2*: July 5 – July 11 (7 days)

Term 3B: July 12 - July 25 (14 days) **Term 4:** July 28 - August 10 (14 days)

(*SPARK Week terms are for 6-9 year old campers only. All other camp terms are for 7-16 year old campers.

OPEN HOUSE CARNIVAL

Mark your calendar now to join us **Saturday, March 28, 2020** from 10:00am - 4:00pm for our annual Open House Carnival. It is the perfect day to tour our facilities, meet staff, and PLAY! You won't want to miss it!

SPECIAL EVENT WEEKENDS

Throughout the school year, Camp Olympia hosts several Special Event Weekends including a Mother/Daughter Weekend, Father/Son Weekend, Mom/Son Weekend and Family Camp Weekend where parents can be a camper alongside their child! Visit our website at campolympia.com for more information including dates and how to register.

SCHEDULE A TOUR

See Camp Olympia in person! We offer tours of our facility year-round, and we encourage families to schedule a tour by calling our office at 936-594-2541 or submitting a request online at campolympia.com/tour.

TRANSPORTATION

Air conditioned, chartered bus service will be provided from a couple of different pick-up locations in the Houston area. We encourage you to bring your camper on opening day to see all the fun for yourself but if you are unable to, we are happy to help get your camper here for the best summer of their life.

AIRPORT ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

Olympia provides convenient transportation to and from Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport. In order to ensure correct connections, please let us know the details of your camper's flight information by completing the transportation form provided by camp.

CABINMATE REQUESTS

We do our best to honor your cabinmate request as long as your requested camper is of similar age to your camper. In order to accommodate everyone, we ask that you limit your requests to only one. These requests must be made either on your application or in writing by May 1st.

SPARK WEEK TERMS

This week-long camp term is designed to give first-time campers ages six to nine, who are not ready for a longer camp session, an introduction of what Olympia is all about. SPARK campers will get to experience many of the highlights of camp with their fellow SPARK campers, plus choose their favorite activities from 18 different choices. They will also participate in our all-camp Nightly Programs and COLOCO.

STAY IN TOUCH

Get updates on upcoming events, camp news, photos and much more through:

Facebook - <u>facebook.com/CampOlympia</u> YouTube Channel - <u>youtube.com/mycampolympia</u> Instagram - instagram.com/campolympia1968

Also, get the latest news with **Emails From Merit**, our lovable mascot who knows the scoop on all that is happening at camp! Plus, **reply to Merit** with questions, comments and ideas!

PACKING SUGGESTIONS

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING YOUR CAMPER BRINGS TO CAMP. We discourage bringing expensive clothing, jewelry, or equipment to camp. Campers should bring their belongings to camp in a trunk (or footlocker) no more than fourteen inches tall so the trunk can fit underneath the camper's bunk while at camp. In addition to a trunk, some campers pack items in a laundry bag and/or duffle bag. A complete packing list is available online at campolympia.com and in our Parent Packet emailed out prior to camp. 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, radios/iPods/MP3 players, iPads/ tablets, e-book readers, GoPros/video cameras, laptop computers, video game players, cell phones, smart watches, hoverboards, diffusers or silly string.



2020 CAMPER APPLICATION

MAIL TO: CAMP OLYMPIA, INC.

723 Olympia Drive

Trinity, Texas 75862-9798

PHONE: 936-594-2541 FAX: 936-594-8143

SUMMER CAMP FOR BOYS & GIRLS - AGES 6-16 - EST. 1968 CAMP OLYMPIA IS DEDICATED TO HAVING FUN TOGETHER, HELPING PEOPLE GROW IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT

Camper's First Name	Last Name		Name Used		
-			2020 will be his/heryear at Olympia		
			; similar age only)		
School (2018-2019 School Year)		_ Grade _	Tribe (if known): Spartan Athenian		
			ze (Please circle) YS/YM/YL/AS/AM/AL/AXL		
Parent's Name: Dr., Mr., and/or Mrs.					
Mailing Address					
City	State	Zip Code	Country		
Home Area Code & Phone		_ Camper's	Camper's Email		
Father's Email		_ Father's C	. Father's Cell		
Father's Occupation		_ Business Pl	Business Phone		
Mother's Email		_ Mother's C	Mother's Cell		
		Business Pl	Business Phone		
Are both parents living? Is	camper living with both	h parents? _	If not, with whom?		
If parents are separated or divorced,	to whom should camp	corresponder	nce go?		
Names of other children in your family:		<u>Age</u>	Attending Olympia in 2020?		
Other camps previously attended: Please check desired (CAMP OLYMPIA term: - June 13 (14 days) - July 4 (21 days) - June 20 (7 days) - July 4 (14 days) July 25 (21 days)		Golf Term 1 (+\$350) Golf Term 2 (+\$350) Golf Term 2B (+\$350) Golf Term 3 (+\$525) Golf Term 4 (+\$350)		
Term 3B: July 12	- July 25 (14 days)		SPARK Terms are only for 6 - 9 year old campers.		
·		•	required to secure your camper a space. unt for each additional camper from the same family.		
Payment VISA CASH	We prefer billing	to: Resid	lence Other		
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MASTER CARD		Month	Year Security Code:		
AMERICAN EXPRESS	Name:				
 Date:	Signature:	Please pr	rint as shown on credit card		
I have signed the PERMISSION			MNITY on the back of this application.		

CAMP OLYMPIA - Permission to Attend, Assumption of Risk, and Release

READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN: 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 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, 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, 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") FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY TO ME FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE ON ACCOUNT OF INJURY TO MY CHILD OR MY PROPERY 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.

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.

SIGNED: PARENT_	DATE
SIGNED: PARENT _	DATE

CAMPER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Each camper needs a completed Camp Olympia application and a nonrefundable deposit of \$300 in order to secure a space for summer. Once registered, campers will begin receiving the ever-desired merits and important camp correspondence. In March, the Parent Packet will be mailed out containing forms, such as transportation and medical forms, which will need your attention. In April, your tuition bill will be sent to you with the balance due May 1. Camp Olympia requests that cancellations be made in writing prior to January 1. 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 day remaining will be refunded. Camp Olympia does reserve the right to dismiss any camper whose behavior is detrimental to other members of the camp community. Any camper bringing illegal drugs, alcohol, cigarettes or smokeless tobacco to camp will be subject to dismissal. In the case of misconduct or rules violation, there will be no refund of camp fees.









