

ACTIVITY PREFERENCES FORM & ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FORM

Login to your [Parent Account](#) to access forms within your Forms Dashboard.

Complete by **MAY 14TH** for **25** extra **MERITS!**

Forms are a little different this year due to COVID-19, but we are trying our best to make this process as simple and seamless for you.

It's time to decide on activities! Campers and parents, please read through the Activity Brochure and complete the [Activity Preferences Form](#) online by **May 14th** to receive **25 merits**.

We are also asking that you complete the **NEW Additional Options** form online as well. This Additional Options form includes three options; **paid activities** (wakeboard, waterski, golf, jr. golf), purchase of a **Special Delivery** package, and purchase of a **Yearbook**. We ask that you fill this out by **May 14th** in order to have these items added to the invoice you will be emailed on May 15th.

If you decide later that you would like to purchase a Special Delivery Care Package or a Yearbook, the Additional Options Form will be available under the Forms Dashboard for updates.

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Camp Olympia's ACTIVITY BROCHURE Summer 2020

C A M P O L Y M P I A IS OUT OF SIGHT 2020

With the completion of the **Activity Preference 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 brochure is designed to inform you and your camper of Olympia's activities and to help in choosing from over 45 different activities. We want to answer as many questions as possible, as well as give your camper a feeling of familiarity even before he/she arrives. 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. Most activities are scheduled by age; therefore, some of the activities for our campers may be co-ed classes. For the purpose of explaining as much in as few words as possible, we grouped activities in this brochure according to their location and/or commonalities.

It should be noted here that all activities include some degree of risk and many of these risks are included in each activity's description to help you make an informed decision about what activities are right for your camper. There are unforeseen risks such as wildlife indigenous to East Texas, inclement weather conditions, and rough terrain. Also, heat factors in Texas during summer months are usually high. Heat, along with increased activity levels, may affect anyone who is not maintaining proper hydration. Water breaks are scheduled each day. Please talk with your camper about the importance of drinking plenty of water during his/her stay with us.

ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

J-JOURNEYS

J-Journeys is a class for our junior campers designed to give your 6–9 year old boy or girl an awesome outdoor adventure. During this one-period class, campers will trek through the Piney Woods, go on scavenger hunts around camp, and have a blast learning about the great outdoors.

INTERMEDIATE ADVENTURE

“I-Adventure” involves both boy and girl campers ages 10–12. Intermediate campers enrolled in this activity are allowed input on the selection of their activities during the class. This two-period activity offers opportunities on the challenge course as well as hikes around camp and the waterfront.

CHALLENGE COURSE

The Challenge Course class is for our oldest campers, ages 13–16, and involves initiatives as well as low and high elements on our ropes course. During

low elements, campers will learn proper spotting techniques and assist instructors with spotting while learning teamwork, cooperation, and responsibility.

Some of our high elements include our Double Zip Line, Climbing Wall, Power Pole, Vertical Playpen, and the Giant Swing. The Giant Swing is over 50 feet high and is an awesome adventure that allows three people to swing at once. Campers must be 48 inches tall to ride on the swing. For the Double Zip Line, campers must be at least 65 lbs to participate.

Our Climbing Wall, located on the back side of our O'Dome, has three different challenging routes to climb. You can try and master all three! The “belay” system is used on our high elements. This involves safety harnesses and ropes to assist the campers while they climb. All high elements are “Challenge by Choice.” **Campers, regardless of their activity schedule, may have the opportunity to participate in the climbing wall, giant swing, and/or zip line.**

COURT SPORTS

Is **Volleyball**, **Tennis**, or **Basketball** your sport? Olympia has courts and equipment for all three sports. Olympia offers volleyball instruction on both a sand court and covered hard court. 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. Class minimums must be met in order to have a productive and efficient class.

FIELD SPORTS

Football (flag), **Soccer**, **Softball**, **Baseball**, **Track & Field**, **Frisbee**, **Lacrosse**, and group running games use our large athletic fields. These activities are fun and a great way to stay in shape for school athletics! Of course, like with any physical activity, the potential for injuries exists.

Olympia has equipment on hand for each of these activities. If a camper wishes

to bring his/her personal equipment, such as a baseball/softball glove, be sure to mark this item with the camper's name. Personal equipment should be kept in the camper's trunk when not participating in an activity. Class minimums must be met in order to have a productive and efficient class.

GOLF ACTIVITIES

Camp Olympia offers two ways for campers to experience golf: Golf Class OR Junior Golf Academy.

GOLF CLASS

Golf Class is a two-period activity and meets in the afternoons every other day at the beautiful Whispering Pines Golf Club. It is taught in a clinic-style setting with one PGA professional. Campers will learn the basics of the game, the rules, and the etiquette of course play.

The fee for this golf class is **\$125 for a two-week session**. Collared shirts are recommended but not mandatory. Golf clubs are available, but campers are encouraged to bring their own.

JR. GOLF ACADEMY

The Junior Golf Academy is an additional cost of \$350 for two weeks.

Camp Olympia campers also have an opportunity to participate in our [Junior Golf Academy](#) during one of our two-week terms this summer at Whispering Pines Golf Club. The Academy is home to the most unique facility found anywhere in junior golf. The instructional areas and breathtaking holes are a treat for junior golfers, no matter their skill level.

The golf curriculum is designed to take place Monday – Friday from 8:30AM to 12:00PM with the option to play The Needler (a 9-hole short course) on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday evenings. In addition, the club includes a multi-station practice facility, driving range, and video analysis of swings by the Whispering Pines Head Golf Professional, Chris Rowe. While, this summer, the main 18-whole course is under construction, campers in the Academy will have opportunities to learn and grow. The Academy includes PGA professional designed instructional programs based on individual's playing abilities, course supervision by PGA's, practice and full play

on The Needler, and more! ***Collared shirts are required.*** It is highly recommended for campers to bring their own golf clubs.

In addition to the outstanding golf academy, campers get to participate in eight traditional camp activity periods. Golfers join the rest of camp for cabin life, nightly programs, and special age specific programs. Enroll by listing Junior Golf Academy on your activity sheet or call our office today. *If you choose Junior Golf Academy, you are unable to choose Advanced Horseback.*

HORSEBACK

Western style riding is taught in our arena. Both regular and advanced skill classes are offered, with the advanced class covering a two-period block.

Horseback is one of the activities campers select most often in their top five choices. Campers love to spend time learning about, caring for, and riding horses. Although our horses are accustomed to trail rides and arena work, all animals can be unpredictable. Be aware of this and talk with your child about the need for respect and caution around the animals.

As you and your camper decide between Horseback or Advanced Horseback, please consider the following criteria. Campers choosing **Advanced Horseback** should be between 10-16, as well as have received an advanced rating in a previous horseback class at Camp Olympia or during past experience demonstrated confidence around horses, form and control at a walk, trot and lope, and the ability to saddle and groom their horse. *If you choose Advanced Horseback, you are unable to choose Junior Golf Academy due to scheduling conflicts.*

LIFETIME LEISURE

AEROBICS/YOGA is a great way to learn something new for our campers of all ages. Videos of leading aerobic specialists are often used exposing the class to several types of aerobic exercise including low and high impact, Yoga, step, kickboxing, and even water aerobics in the pool!

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.

BIKING involves the use of mountain and cruiser bikes and is another way to experience the beauty of nature through the roads and trails of camp while getting great exercise! Safety helmets are worn while biking.

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.

CULINARY ARTS is a brand ***new activity for 2020!*** Campers will learn different techniques in the kitchen and may even be able to make you a meal when they get home.

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 outdoor Jump Pad.

PHOTO-JOURNALISM is an activity that will allow campers to learn how to use a DSLR camera, take photos, and learn the basics of creating a digital newsletter.

PUPPIES IN TRAINING is for campers ages 6–12 who will have an opportunity to interact with 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 the opportunity to purchase one of the puppies and give it a forever home. Money raised will be donated to the Camper Scholarship Fund here at camp.

MEDIA PRODUCTION is a 2-period class for campers 10-16 where they will be taught how to create a movie. Campers will be instructed on shooting digital video, importing the clips to the computer, learning how to edit them, and putting their movie to music.

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 learn lifelong skills. Note that campers may use sharp objects, such as scissors and needles, with supervision during this class.

WORKSHOP is a chance for campers to create something special while learning how to use woodworking and leatherworking tools. Note that tools can be dangerous and the risk of injury does exist. Please encourage your camper to listen and abide to all safety instructions.

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 are **Diving, Snorkeling, Swimming Lessons,** and **Free Swim**. During structured free time, other special activities include age division pool parties, scavenger hunts, Water Carnival, Early Bird Party, and certain Spartan/Athenian games. 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 campers under 10 years of age because Olympia believes in the importance of every camper being a capable swimmer. Therefore, swimming lessons will be added to their activity schedule. Lessons are optional for campers ages 10 and up, so campers aged 10–16 interested in swimming lessons need to email jjefferys@campolympia.com. If you are an older camper choosing swim

lessons, be aware that this is a class that teaches basic swimming skills and mostly will include campers under age 10.

Free Swim is a great time to relax at the pool and visit with friends. This free time at the pool involves play time in the shallow end of the pool and on each pool apparatus: low diving board, climbing wall, trolley, 25 ft. platform, and 50 foot slide. Free Swim is an activity period that is included in most activity schedules.

TARGET SPORTS

Activities involving the use of firearms and ammunition or bows and arrows.

Target sports take place on ranges designed specifically for each sport. Activities considered target sports are **Archery** and **Riflery**. Plus, **Outdoor Skills** incorporates both archery and riflery. These activities are enjoyable and make good lifetime leisure activities, but involve some risk the parent and camper should consider before participating. When choosing these activities, parents and campers are encouraged to discuss the need for strict obedience to all safety regulations. Basic safety rules and safety commands are covered during the course.

Outdoor Skills has been developed for our oldest campers, ages 13–16. Campers who take this class may experience camp setup, environmental education, skeet shooting, using a compass, canoeing, and fishing.

WATERFRONT

Activities occurring on Lake Livingston (a public access lake).

Get ready for some fun at our lakefront we call **The Point!** All waterfront activities involve participation in Lake Livingston. There are several recreational waterfront activities in which campers may participate, such as **Blobbering, Rocketing, Water Sliding, Paddleboarding, Canoeing, Log Rolling,** and floating on a **Water Mat**. In addition to these recreational lake activities, campers may choose **Wakeboarding, Waterskiing, Canoeing, Kayaking,** and **Sailing** activity classes for their activity schedule. 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. However, life jackets are available for these activities as well. Though our Olympia staff takes many precautions, risks on the lake do exist. Many of the risks involved in waterfront activities stem from natural disasters beyond our control: equipment problems, falls, wildlife, 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: waterskiing, wakeboarding, rocketing, blobbing, and sliding. For more leisure lake activities, such as canoeing, kayaking, sailing and paddleboarding, nose clips will be available if requested but will not be mandatory. **We recommend that campers bring 2 nose clips with them to camp,** but we will also have some available.

WAKEBOARDING has been a very popular activity at Olympia. With our competition ski boats, class includes instruction on wakeboarding and may also include waterskiing, slalom, kneeboarding, and wakesurfing. Campers are grouped by skill level and assigned to boats, and each ski boat includes a boat driver and instructor, one of whom is a certified lifeguard. A fee (**\$75 for a 2 week session**) will be assessed for wakeboarding class to guarantee your camper's space in a ski boat. In an effort to find the best area to wakeboard, often times boats travel across Lake Livingston as opposed to staying close to the Olympia shoreline. There is no age minimum for wakeboarding. Campers must wear a life jacket, nose clip, and helmet while wakeboarding.

WATERSKI has been a favorite camp activity through the years, with hundreds of campers learning how to waterski for the first time at Olympia. As with wakeboarding, campers are grouped by skill level and assigned to a boat, which includes a boat driver and an instructor with one being a certified lifeguard. Campers may also be given the opportunity to wakeboard, kneeboard, and slalom in their waterskiing class. A fee (**\$75 for a 2 week session**) will

be assessed to guarantee your camper's space in waterski class. As noted for wakeboarding class, boats often travel across Lake Livingston to find the best area to waterski. There is no age minimum for waterskiing. Campers must wear a life jacket, nose clip, and helmet while waterskiing.

Due to limited boat space, we require campers be 13 years or older in order to take BOTH waterskiing and wakeboarding. If you are 13 years old, and wish to take BOTH waterskiing and wakeboarding, email jjefferys@campolympia.com.

OTHER CLASSES

Sailing, Canoeing and Kayaking classes launch from The Point, and campers learn teamwork as they enjoy paddling or sailing around the lake. Lifejackets are worn for these activities.

Campers also have a blast with Blobbing, Rocketing, and Water Sliding, which are available to all campers *separate from the scheduled class periods*.

ROCKETING

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 as possible.

BLOBBING

Blobbering is a definite highlight for most campers! Blobbing is jumping from a platform and landing in a seat drop position onto a large inflatable (called the Blob), 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 twenty to thirty feet). At The Point, there are **TWO** blobs for double the fun!

SLIDE

Our 100 ft. Water Slide is fun for all! Campers climb a spiral staircase and then rushing water assists them down the giant slide into the lake. Campers then swim to the dock (about ten to twenty feet).

EXTRA ACTIVITIES

Campers of all ages may experience

these favorite activities outside of their individualized activity schedule.

Point activities such as **rocketing**, **blobbing**, **paddleboarding**, **log rolling**, floating on a **Water Mat**, and **water sliding** will be available to campers: please read explanations of these activities under our "**Waterfront Activities**."

Campers will have the opportunity to use our **Climbing Wall**, **Giant Swing**, **Zip Line**, and other **Ropes Course elements** which you can read more about under the "**Challenge Course**" section.

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, **O-O**, **Hammocking**, and **Sky-9** are fun, activities that campers play during free time at camp.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE TODAY**

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! Each cluster of campers (clusters are grouped by age and sex) is scheduled for one cookout per term. Olympia's Cookout site is located off of Caney Creek approximately two miles from main camp. Next to our Cookout site is a screened structure that holds up to sixty-five campers and counselors. 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.

RODEO: Campers are the stars of our all-camp Rodeo! They are selected from the Advanced Horseback classes to participate in the Olympia Rodeo held during the last week of each term. Rodeo events are chosen based on the ability of the participants. Counselors are nearby to assist when appropriate; however, inherent risks when riding a horse still exist.

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.

SPARTAN & ATHENIAN: The camp is divided into two tribes — Spartans and Athenians — for friendly, daily competition.

Led by their camper and counselor Chief and Chieftess, the tribes compete in big Spartan and Athenian events during the term, such as an all-camp marathon, track & swim meet, cheer competition, and giant team relay. Also on weekday mornings, campers participate in a variety of games like broom hockey, kickball, and water polo. Our oldest campers may also participate in a rope burn and canoe race in our 12-person "War Canoes". Points are tallied throughout the term and each tribe strives to be the tribe with the most points at the end of the term.

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.

Activity Preference Sheet Instructions

GET EXCITED TO MAKE YOUR ACTIVITY CHOICES

Submit your activity choices by May 14, 2020 to have 25 merits added to your Merit Record!

1. Please use the worksheet on the next page to help you choose your activities.
2. RANK your favorite activity choices 1 to 15 with number 1 being your favorite.
3. SUBMIT YOUR RANKED CHOICES ONLINE
 - Click the [Parent Login](#) button at the very top of our [website](#)
 - Login with your email address and password
 - Go to your Forms Dashboard
 - Select **Activity Preference**
 - Rank your 15 choices and click “Save Preferences”
 - If you select an activity with an **additional fee**, please fill out the **Additional Options** form online

A few things to note when making your activity choices...

- Please note that if a change in your camper’s activity schedule is needed, he/she will only be allowed to change an activity for one that is listed as one of the 15 choices on his/her activity preferences. The number and size of the activity classes are set based on the preferences of all of our campers, and therefore, spots are limited for activity changes.
- Paid activities receive priority ranking. If you choose one of the paid activities (Jr. Golf, Golf Class, Waterskiing or Wakeboarding), it automatically will be moved to the top of the list in our scheduling system, so it is best to list those first.
- Note that blobbing, rocketing, water sliding, and mini-golf will be offered on Saturday afternoons and/or during structured free time. As a result, they are not listed as specific activity choices but will be available for all campers during their camp term.
- Please note age requirements when choosing your activity choices.
- It is not necessary to include swim lessons as one of your activity choices if your camper is under 10.
- Free Swim and/or O-Sports may be added to any activity schedule.
- Please only submit your activity preferences once. If you need to make any changes to what has already been submitted, please contact camp via email at jjefferys@campolympia.com or phone 936.594.2541.

Remember, get your choices in by May 14th to receive 25 merits!

Activity Preferences Worksheet

The **ACTIVITY PREFERENCES FORM** must be completed **ONLINE** by **MAY 14TH, 2020**

ACTIVITY	AGES
Aerobics/Yoga	all
Archery	all
Arts and Crafts	all
Baseball	all
Basketball	all
Biking	all
Board Games	all
Canoeing (2 periods)	all
Challenge Course (2 periods)	13-16
Charm	all
Cheerleading	all
Culinary Arts	all
Dance	all
Diving	all
Drama	6-12
Fishing (2 periods)	all
Football	all
Frisbee	all
Gymnastics	all
Horseback	all
Intermediate Adventure (2 periods)	10-12
J-Journeys	6-9
Kayaking (2 periods)	all
Lacrosse	all
O-Sports	all

ACTIVITY	AGES
Outdoor Skills (2 periods)	13-16
Photo-Journalism	all
Ping Ping	all
Puppies in Training	6-12
Riflery (2 periods)	all
Sailing (2 periods)	all
Snorkeling	all
Soccer	all
Softball	all
Tennis	all
Textile Arts	all
Track and Field	all
Video Production (2 periods)	10-16
Volleyball	all
Weightlifting	10-16
Workshop	all
Advanced Horseback (2 periods) <i>Must have previous Advanced Camp Olympia rating; Hard covered, heeled shoes/boots and long pants required</i>	10-16
Golf Class (2 periods) <i>\$125 for Term 2/2B, 3/3B, & 4</i>	all
Junior Golf Academy (2 periods) <i>\$350 for Term 2/2B, 3/3B, & 4</i>	8-16
Wakeboarding (2 periods) <i>\$75 for Term 2/2B, 3/3B, & 4</i>	all
Waterski (2 periods) <i>\$75 for Term 2/2B, 3/3B, & 4</i>	all

*The activities listed in grey above are all 2 periods and cost extra. If picked, you must also add this on the **Additional Options Form**.*

Your schedule will include **10 activity periods**, but we ask that you **choose 15** 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 PREFERENCES FORM**.

If you choose a paid activity, you need to select that on the **ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FORM** too!

RANK	ACTIVITY
1st	_____
2nd	_____
3rd	_____
4th	_____
5th	_____
6th	_____
7th	_____
8th	_____

RANK	ACTIVITY
9th	_____
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Trouble? Contact: jjefferys@campolympia.com

AVAILABLE UNDER ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

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SPECIAL DELIVERY CARE PACKAGE

The vision is clear this summer, 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!** Contents of package vary by age and gender and include a terrific assortment of unique toys and games. Special Deliveries are **\$42.00** and are packed at camp by people who know your camper! Each camper may receive up to 2 Special Delivery Care Packages during the term.

SUMMER 2020 YEARBOOK

2020 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!

