

Camp Olympia Manual

Section 7

Awards and Recognition



Character is not made in crisis ---
It is only exhibited.
-Freeman

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

We strive to recognize every camper at Olympia. This goes with part of our philosophy that says "No one sits on the sidelines at Olympia." We offer lettering ranks in all classes so that every kid has a chance to be rated and improve. In our minds, improving is as important as excelling. We also choose to recognize those that excel at camp and try to spread the honors widely by rewarding those who achieve in different areas. There are awards for athletic prowess, for intelligence, for friendliness, popularity, and a myriad of other things. Basically, kids can earn accolades for positive behavior. Listed below are the various awards and types of recognition bestowed on honored Olympians.

ACTIVITIES

1. **Beginner:** This first skill level means that a camper has achieved a minimum level of proficiency in the activity and is now eligible to work on the next level.

Intermediate: In this second skill level, the camper earns a "letter" for achieving in an activity. They still can improve to a third, higher, level.

Advanced: This is the highest activity level that can be earned at Olympia. Earning this level does not mean there is no room for improvement, nor does it mean that it is automatically earned in future years.

2. **Most Outstanding:** Given to the one camper or the boy/girl combination that excels above all other campers for the session in that activity. Campers must have a proper Olympian attitude and sense of sportsmanship to earn this award.

Most Improved: Earned by the camper or boy/girl combination that has shown the most dramatic improvement over the course of ONE term. Attitude and sportsmanship are also important aspects of this award.

OLYMPIAN OF THE DAY

This award is chosen by the Assistant Directors based on the outstanding qualities of the selected camper. This camper must measure up in all ways to the Olympian idea. This is not a popularity award and will not be given to a child solely because "he's a great comedian" or "she's so cute." Along with the prestige of the award goes the privilege of hosting the next day's Radio Show and the wearing of the Olympia ring. The A.D. on duty for the nightly program will choose an Olympian of the Day from his/her particular cluster.

CABIN CAMPER OF THE DAY

Chosen by the cabin counselors each day and given privileges and responsibilities for that day.

CABIN CAMPER OF THE WEEK (CCOW)

Each cabin's counselors select a camper who has displayed love, compassion, positive attitude, etc. as the Cabin Camper of the Week. This award is bestowed on the camper on Friday after rest period. The camper is awarded a red (girls) or blue (boys) bracelet and other campers in the cluster are given the opportunity to praise the camper for deeds of the week.

S.P.A.R.K. AWARD

The S(speaks well of others), P (praises others), A (appreciates others), R (respects others), K (kind to others) recipient is selected from those campers who were selected to receive the CCOW award. One camper per cluster is chosen and receives the S.P.A.R.K. award during the award banquet on closing night.

CLUBS

There are six major clubs at camp. All campers strive diligently to earn these awards. Some can be earned by responsibility and excellence, others are earned by being well-rounded campers.

Letterman's Club: This patch is earned by achieving a letter (intermediate or advanced) in at least eight different activities. Activity letters are carried over from prior years.

Merit Club: This patch is earned by saving 300 merits.

Philanthropy Club: This patch is earned by giving up to 10% of their total merits for the term and reaching a total donation amount of 60 merits. At the end of each summer, Camp will match what the campers have given. A new charity will be chosen each summer. This club was introduced in 2011.

Spartan-Athenian Club: This patch is earned by being selected as a Tribal Chief or Chieftess or by being chosen Most Valuable Player for the week in Spartan-Athenian.

VIP Club: This patch is earned by being *chosen* Olympian of the Day or Rodeo Queen, or by being *elected* to Carnival Royalty, S.P.A.R.K., or Olympic Flame.

Order of Olympia: The only way this patch can be achieved is to earn all five of the other club patches.

SPECIAL CAMPER PROGRAMS

CAMP LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (C.L.P.)

C.L.P. is designed for our sixteen year old campers. During the three-week program, campers will participate in a leadership experience trip taken the second week of the term and will spend the other two weeks at Olympia undergoing rigorous leadership training. Included in this will be aspects of Counselor Training School and activity training, as well as lifeguard, first aid and AED/CPR certification. The overall goal of this program is to aid in develop

ment of leadership qualities, gain knowledge in specific skill levels, and supply the participant with valuable resources in dealing with responsibilities.

OLYMPIA CREW (O' CREW)

This program is designed for our seventeen year olds who completed the CLP program the summer before. They apply in the fall to volunteer one term during the summer. The O' Crew learn more about being an Olympian counselor and most of all about servanthood. Their tasks are many and varied, and a lot of their tasks are behind the scenes. Camp would not run as smoothly without their work.

HONORS

Carnival Royalty: A King and Queen of Carnival (Seniors) and a Prince and Princess from each division are elected by the campers. They preside over the camp carnival, which is held near the end of camp.

Olympic Flame: A boy and girl camper and a boy and girl counselor are elected Most Popular each term. The entire camp votes on these choices.

Chief/Chieftess: A male and female camper from the oldest cabins is chosen to lead their tribe after the first week of competition. They are chosen based on their spirit, enthusiasm, dedication, and leadership abilities.

Rodeo Queen: A queen/king of the rodeo is selected from senior girls/boys who take horseback class. The queen/king is selected by the Wrangler and Assistant Wrangler from the Advanced Horseback Class.

VIC: Every day at COLOCO, each cluster A.D. chooses a Very Important Camper from his/her cluster and presents this camper to the rest of camp.

YEAR AWARDS

Awards are granted in recognition of attendance at Olympia. These awards are handed out at the our Talent Show, where we recognize 5 yrs and up, and then on the last day we recognize our 1-4th year campers down in the cluster.

- 1 Year: Theme medal with white ribbon.
- 2 Years: Theme medal with red ribbon.
- 3 Years: Theme medal with blue ribbon.
- 4 Years: Theme medal with tri-color ribbon.
- 5 Years: The five-year silver ring.
- 6 Years: Backpack.
- 7 Years: Fleece blanket.
- 8 Years: Beach Towel
- 9 Years: Key chain.
- 10 Years: Paperweight or Cross Necklace.
- 11 Years: Olympia Blanket
- 12 Years and up: Special yearly awards.