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Greetings Advisers –

Thank you so much for registering your students for AWSL's Summer Programs! We are excited once again to offer dynamic, life-changing experiences for students!

The AWSL Summer program staff looks forward to providing students with an enriching learning experience with great excitement and anticipation. Students joining us for our summer programs will be able to develop leadership skills, network with educators and students from around the state, and strengthen their bond as a leadership team heading into the next school year.

Through an interactive camp experience, students learn and practice essential skills such as team building, communication, creative thinking, and leading within their schools. Our AWSL Summer Program staff comprises educators, counselors, administrators, professionals, and college-age role models dedicated to serving our programs and students.

AWSL Summer Programs is a time of adventure and discovery. Although exciting, being away from home may feel like a long time. Our staff is aware of your hesitation and is committed to helping students adjust once they arrive. There are many benefits to attending AWSL Summer Programs. Students leave our programs feeling empowered and confident in their abilities to succeed in all areas of life. Many students experience increased self-esteem, expectations of their future, and the ability to collaborate with others.

Please read the attached Adviser Letter from the session your students will attend.

Delegate Registration: The sooner we get delegate registrations in, the better. We know elections, and summer planning, have delayed securing the names of those who will be attending our summer programs. This information supports us in building dorm assignments and meal planning on our campuses. The sooner we can get those in, the better.

Cancellation Policy: All cancellations received after May 1 will result in a non-refundable processing fee of \$100 per registered person and applicable transportation costs. 15 days before the start of camp, full charges for camp plus transportation will apply to all cancellations. Same-gender substitutions are allowed up to the day before camp with no fee. Full charges apply for delegates who leave early or do not attend camp. **All cancellations must be received in writing from a school official by the specified date.**

Please feel free to reach out with any questions. We appreciate you and your continued support of AWSL!

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 - Summer Program delegate registration



MOUNT OLYMPUS LEADERSHIP CAMP

JULY 12-17, 2024

Greetings Mt Olympus Advisors!

Welcome to Mount Olympus Leadership Camp! Our staff is thrilled that you've registered for Mt Oly this summer and we can't wait for the chance to work with your students. Now that you have registered, I wanted to connect with some pieces of information that can help you get ready for camp this summer. If you have any questions about camp, please feel free to reach out to me at MountOly@gmail.com.

Camp Details

- Mount Olympus Leadership Camp is July 12-17, 2024. Information about transportation will be communicated through the AWSL office, but for those of you that may be transporting students on your own, camp begins with arrival at 12:00 on the 12th and concludes at 12:00 on the 17th.
- Please make sure that your delegates plan on attending ALL of camp. We are very intentional about how we build and structure camp throughout the week and having delegates arrive late or leave early can be really hard on that delegate and tough for their group as well.
- Delegates will receive a letter when we get a little closer to camp with all the details they need regarding packing, expectations and all the other relevant information.

Delegate Selection/Registration

- You probably don't know who your delegates will be yet—that's ok! Final delegate registrations don't need to be submitted to AWSL until May 15th. If you plan on sending elected officers, make sure you plan your elections accordingly. At my school we've moved our elections up to give students time to get camp on their calendars.
- Who should you send to camp? While many schools send elected officers, that is not a requirement for camp. We want any student leaders you have! This could be elected officers, but could also just be standout students from a particular club/sport, or students with a lot of potential that you want to get interested in student leadership. We want everybody!
- What about students that have been to camp before? We are very intentional about adapting our curriculum from year-to-year. While our core principles and some core activities remain the same, we develop new lessons and approaches to teaching our key concepts that make each year unique for returning delegates. We also have returning delegate committees that allow us to build on skills that delegates learned previously. We love having returners!

Advisor Day

- **July 16th** is our advisor day—mark your calendars. While advisors are not required to attend camp, we love it when advisors come visit and see what we are all about. We invite you to join us at Cispus at 11:30 on July 16th. We'll have lunch, take a little time to talk about our camp structure and curriculum, and you'll get to attend your school's group meeting that day. Advisors typically head home around 2, after the conclusion of our school groups. There are also some great hikes in the area if you want to add that to your day.
- If you are new to camp, we highly recommend you come visit. Delegates are always excited to see you, we love to connect with our advisors, and above all, you get a little understanding of how your kids spent their week.
- Bring a school friend—this could be an administrator that works closely with activities, or a fellow staff member that you want to bring into the leadership team. It's great for other people to know what you do as an advisor, and the drive to and from Cispus is a great opportunity to brainstorm and chat about your plans for the upcoming year.
- I will send out more information about advisor day, along with an RSVP, via email as we get closer to camp.

Future Information

- As we get closer to camp, I will be in touch with other pieces of information to share with your delegates. This includes information on the USSYP Scholarship Program, which we run through our summer camps, and other information to help your delegates prepare. You will receive information from AWSL, but will also get information from our camp email: MountOly@gmail.com.
- Please follow, and encourage your students to follow, our Instagram account. We will share a lot of information in the lead up to camp, including introducing our staff and important reminders. We would also love to follow your school's social media so that we can share the great work that our delegates do throughout the year. Look for **MtOlyLeadership** on Instagram!
- We are selling Mt Olympus apparel this year and offering a pre-order for delegates. They can order before camp and have their Mt Oly gear waiting for them when they arrive at camp. Order information is attached to this letter—we would appreciate it if you would share it with your delegates when they are selected. We have to close the store on June 18th to get orders in time for camp, so delegate welcome letters will not arrive in time for them to see it. If you want some Mt Oly gear, you can order, too!

We are so excited that you've chosen to send your leaders to us this summer. We are going to have a great week that will serve as a jumpstart to a great school year. One of our main goals is to be as accessible and helpful to our advisors and programs as we can be, not just in regard to camp, but year-around. We love seeing the successes of our delegates throughout the year and want to be a resource for you as an advisor. Please reach out to us with any questions. In addition to a large network of people and resources, our staff includes several veteran leadership teachers and ASB advisors who are happy to share ideas, advice, and experience.

We can't wait for July 12! Welcome to Mt Oly!



Eric Stanczyk
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***Please contact AWSL Leadership Office
regarding transportation, cancellation
or substitution.***

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Mount Olympus Leadership



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This year we are excited to offer Mt Olympus leadership Camp tshirts and sweatshirts!

- Use the QR code, or go to the website below to access our camp store
- Orders will be waiting for you at camp!



<https://mtolympusleadershipcamp.itemorder.com/>

**PRE-ORDER CLOSES
JUNE 18TH**

1. SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT THE WEBSITE
2. ADD ITEMS TO YOUR CART
3. SECURELY CHECKOUT WITH YOUR CREDIT CARD
4. OLY GEAR WILL BE SHIPPED TO YOU!