

CAMP TORENTA VALUE STONES

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- Staff use the value stones to recognize campers who are observed showing YMCA core values outside of their routine habit.
- Staff recognize specific behaviors, to offer sincere praise and to relate that to camper's growing character.
- Stones are used as cues for appreciating the intrinsic rewards of character development, rather than focusing on the extrinsic rewards-the stones.
- Once a camper is given a stone, they are taught to carry it with them in a pocket until the end of the day as a reminder of the good person they can be.
- Before the end of the camp day, there will be a value stone ceremony. Each cabin group will count their stones and share (if they want) why they received the stones. The program staff member leading the ceremony for the day will call out a specific camper or group who they are giving an "imaginary value stone" for the day. Each counselor will then talk about how many stones their cabin got and call out a few reasons the stones were given.

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