

Camper Awards & Paddle Brands

From the beginning, the Most Improved Camper Award has been presented to campers each year. In 2015, the EIHPC board created an award paddle that each camper receives. The paddle is a continuous symbol of a camper's progress and experiences created at camp. Awards and earned brand(s) are based on nominations from the Board, Instructors, Mentors, and other Staff. Awards and brands are presented at the Friday evening Awards Ceremony.

MOST IMPROVED CAMPER AWARD

Given to one camper in each riding group. Campers that earn this awards will have applied themselves to every lesson and worked through the tough times to shine, succeed and improve.

BRANDS

Tree - We present this brand to the campers that have shown the most **discipline** and **loyalty** throughout the week. These campers displayed attention to detail, followed directions and practiced each day diligently on and off their horse.

Arrow – We present this brand to the campers that have shown **courage, dedication** and **perseverance** this week. They met challenges head on and strived towards their goals each and every day despite small setbacks and bumps in the road. They pushed through and made the best of a situation while here at camp.

Star – We present this brand to the campers that have shown **enthusiasm** and **positive attitude** throughout camp this week. They were willing to help others while on or off their horses and proved to be the spirit leaders and directors of camp this week. So let's give them a big cheer and a round of applause.

Heart – We present this brand to the campers that displayed extraordinary **friendship** and **compassion** this week. They extended their hand and heart in helping and including others in all camp activities. They welcomed new campers and made them feel part of our horse camp family and community, while making lasting friendships for years to come.

Horse Shoe – We present this brand to the campers that have been **strong as iron** and **protective** of our Camp Values. The horse shoe is one of the most well-known symbols of good luck, but the recipient of this brand doesn't rely upon luck – It is internal fortitude and a willingness to lead from below that make this recipient just like the horse shoe – an essential component when riding in rough terrain.



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Bronco – We present this brand to campers that are **free-spirits** and embody the Camp value of having fun. “Bronco” is derived from the Spanish language word for “rough.” The recipient of this brand can take the rough and tumble days and nights of Camp, and might even get bucked off a time or two – but the Bronco will just laugh it off, brush themselves off, and get back on their horse.

Cross – We present this brand to campers who can appreciate the **spiritual connection** that they maintain with their horse. This camper is **faithful** to their horse and others at Camp, demonstrating **integrity** in all interactions.

Pine Cone – We present this brand to campers who are **perceptive and balanced in thought**, word and deed. The pine cone recipient is able to leverage these qualities to grow and learn in a thoughtful manner. Their perception and balance allow them to excel at whatever task or goal that they set to achieve.

Longhorn – We present this brand to campers who are **confident and self-assured**. The Longhorn Camper does not need to “paw the ground” or make a snorting spectacle of itself to draw attention – Rather, this Camper is secure and comfortable in knowing that others respect their words and deeds.

Bear – We present this brand to campers who demonstrate **leadership and are tenacious** in their pursuit of any objective. The Bear camper is willing to take whatever **action** that is necessary to accomplish a goal and may often be **protective** of those around them.

