

The Vineyard

What are “Xi Rho” Pants?

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The most common question parents ask us is, “What are Xi Rho pants and why must my child have a pair?” We hope that the following explanation will help both you and your child understand Xi Rho so that they may be better prepared.

Since the camp first began, an outside worship service is held every week called Xi Rho. In this Thursday night service, campers are recognized for the athletic accomplishment, acts of selflessness and progression in skills. As the camp has grown, the entire service has become more established and special to campers and staff.

The early church often used the first two letters of Christ as a symbol for the Risen Lord. These letters look similar to our “X” and “R” but in Greek are called “Xi” and “Rho”, Xi Rho is a service where the ministry and servanthood of Jesus Christ are celebrated. At an outdoor service campers and staff gather together not only to listen to devotions by campfires, but also to hear about the progression of other campers and the testimonies of staff. Xi Rho is also a time for songs, games, skits and hilarious antics.

All staff and campers wear the same clothing to Xi Rho in an effort to emphasize unity, and so that we may accentuate the inner hearts of the campers and staff, not the outer dress. Each pair of Xi Rho pants has a pin wheel painted upon the left leg. Each of the six sections of the wheel represent the liturgical colors of the church. As the campers learn Bible verses, progress in activities, and display Christian humility of a child who is learning to be a servant to others, they may have a section colored by the craft staff.

Xi Rho pants are similar to karate pants and come in white or black, depending on the child’s rank. They are 100% cotton with elastic waist and come in a variety of sizes from small to extra large. They are cut full, allowing for growth so they may be used for several years.

Promotions do not come easy, and campers are not recognized simply for being good – we expect that of all campers. Campers are promoted for going the extra mile, putting themselves last, and seeking the welfare of others.

Listen below are requirements and privileges that are associated with the Xi Rho service:

ORDER	FIRST
COLOR	WHITE
GIRLS SYMBOL	SWALLOW
BOYS SYMBOL	RAVEN
GIRLS VERSE	PROVERBS 26:2
BOYS VERSE	1 KINGS 17:6
PRIVILEGE	NONE
PREREQUISITE	NONE

ORDER	SECOND
COLOR	YELLOW
GIRLS SYMBOL	ROE
BOYS SYMBOL	ROEBUCK
GIRLS VERSE	2 SAMUEL 2:18
BOYS VERSE	2 SAMUEL 2:18
PRIVILEGE	NONE
PREREQUISITE	MEMORIZE MARK 12:30

ORDER	THIRD
COLOR	RED
GIRLS SYMBOL	EWE
BOYS SYMBOL	RAM
GIRLS VERSE	2 SAMUEL 12:3
BOYS VERSE	NUMBERS 6:14
PRIVILEGE	NONE
PREREQUISITE	MEMORIZE 1 JOHN 4:7-8

ORDER	FOURTH
COLOR	GREEN
GIRLS SYMBOL	OWL
BOYS SYMBOL	HAWK
GIRLS VERSE	LEVITICUS 11:16
BOYS VERSE	LEVITICUS 11:16
PRIVILEGE	STORE VISITS AFTER 8:30 PM
PREREQUISITE	MEMORIZE PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4

ORDER	FIFTH
COLOR	BLUE
GIRLS SYMBOL	FOX
BOYS SYMBOL	LEOPARD
GIRLS VERSE	MATTHEW 8:20
BOYS VERSE	ISAIAH 11:6
PRIVILEGE	BECOMES A MEMBER OF YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MAY ASSIST IN CAMP STORE IS GIVEN A CAMP PADDLE
PREREQUISITE	MEMORIZE PSALM 23 PARTICIPATE IN EACH ELECTIVE AT LEAST ONCE

ORDER	SIXTH
COLOR	VIOLET
GIRLS SYMBOL	DOVE
BOYS SYMBOL	EAGLE
GIRLS VERSE	MATTHEW 3:16
BOYS VERSE	EZEKIEL 17:3
PRIVILEGE	LEARNS CAMP HANDSHAKE ASSISTS IN SETTING UP XI RHO SITE RECEIVES CAMP INSIGNIA ON PADDLE
PREREQUISITE	LEAD CABIN DEVOTIONS EARN AT LEAST FOUR MEDALLIONS ON CAMP PADDLE

ORDER	SEVENTH
COLOR	BLACK
GIRLS SYMBOL	LAMB
BOYS SYMBOL	LION
GIRLS VERSE	JOHN 21:15
BOYS VERSE	JUDGES 14:18
PRIVILEGE	XI RHO NECKLACE
PREREQUISITE	EARN AT LEAST TWELVE MEDALLIONS ON CAMP PADDLE

ORDER	EIGHTH
COLOR	SILVER
GIRLS SYMBOL	SILVER XI RHO
BOYS SYMBOL	SILVER XI RHO
GIRLS VERSE	1 TIMOTHY 4:12
BOYS VERSE	1 TIMOTHY 4:12
PRIVILEGE	SILVER MEDALLION ON XI RHO NECKLACE
PREREQUISITE	MUST BE AT LEAST SIXTEEN BUT NOT OLDER THAN EIGHTEEN, HOLD AT LEAST THE FIFTH RANK AS A CAMPER, RECEIVE THE UNANIMOUS ENDORSEMENT OF THE STAFF AND THE Y.A.C.

ORDER	NINTH
COLOR	GOLD
GIRLS SYMBOL	GOLD XI RHO
BOYS SYMBOL	GOLD XI RHO
GIRLS VERSE	MATTHEW 20:28
BOYS VERSE	MATTHEW 20:28
PRIVILEGE	GOLD XI RHO RING
PREREQUISITE	AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD, SECOND YEAR STAFF, BE ENDORSED BY CAMPERS OR STAFF WRITING ESSAYS, RECEIVE MAJORITY OF SUPPORT BY PAST XI RHO RECIPIENTS

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