**METHUENITES RAKE IN CAMP OTTER AWARDS!**

It was another successful summer of outdoor adventure, teamwork and creativity at the Merrimack Valley YMCA’s Camp Otter, located at Captain’s Pond in Salem, N.H. The camp offers a unique opportunity to step away from electronics and enjoy activities like ropes courses, canoeing, archery and fishing. Not only did swarms of Methuen campers (age 6 to 13) take part, but four of our hometown participants brought home top awards for reflecting the YMCA’s core values of respect, responsibility, honesty and caring! Meet the award winners, with descriptions provided by Day Camp Director Cory Ross who handed out the accolades.

Rookie of the Year Tomas Pastor: "This award is given to the staff member who is in their first year of working at Camp Otter, who embodies the YMCA core values and goes above and beyond to provide a positive experience for every kid at camp. Tomas always brought a positive attitude with him to work, and all of his campers looked up to him."

Cabin Staff of the Year Mariah Baranowski: "This award goes to the cabin counselor who embodies the YMCA core values and goes above and beyond to provide a positive experience for all campers. Mariah always took the extra time to work with kids in her cabin who needed additional support. She has great patience and compassion when faced with troubled kids. Additionally, she did an amazing job helping to teach the CITs (Counselor in Training) how to become a great counselor when they were paired with her and her cabin. She stood out every day as leader at camp and many counselors looked up to her."

Program Staff of the Year Katrina Vallario: "This award goes to the program staff member who embodies the YMCA core values and goes above and beyond to provide a positive experience for all campers. Katrina was the Arts and Crafts instructor; she did an amazing job creating interactive lessons to engage all the campers at Otter. Katrina was extremely prepared every day, and brought such a positive energy to camp."

Female Camper of the Year Alicia Whipple: "This award is given to the camper who embodies the YMCA core values. Alicia was a leader within her cabin always looking to help out her counselors and fellow campers. She was seen bringing in cupcakes for staff members and campers’ birthdays and constantly looking to help out around camp. Alicia made a very positive impact at camp this past summer bringing a smile and great spirits every day." Alicia (left), a CGS eighth-grader, is shown with her favorite counselor Xiara Deleon. Courtesy photos.

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