

YMCA Leathers Program

Rages (Age 9 and older)

The YMCA Rags program is one of the most effective tools available to the camp counselor. It is designed to help campers take a closer look at themselves in relation to their own strengths and weaknesses, their religious beliefs, and to those around them. It can be a major factor in creating an atmosphere in which positive change can take place.

Rags are outward symbols of the acceptance of an inner challenge for Christian growth. Each Rag has a specific challenge and is accompanied by a personal challenge for growth developed by the camper.

The following tools are used to work with each camper.

1. One on One counseling
2. Study cards
3. Ceremony

The Order of Rag/Leather Acceptance

Rag	Challenge	Minimum Age
Green	To grow in Spirit, Mind and Body	9
Orange	To keep good friends	10
Tan	To become close to God through appreciation, love, and concern for the earth he has created	11
Blue	Loyalty to God, country, and one's best self	12
Silver	Acceptance of re-dedication to a Christian way of life or Christian growth	13
Brown	Christian service	14
Gold	Understandings, concern, and acceptance of others	15
Red	Sacrifice of time, talent, and personal will	16
Purple	A dedication to excellence and noble living in all Christian service opportunities	18
White	Full time Christian Service	21