

Our Council's Own Try-It: The Great Olympics

Do Four Activities To Complete This Try-It.

The first Olympics were held in Greece in 776 BC to honor the God Zeus. Now the great athletes of the world participate in Olympics every two years alternating between summer and winter games. Find out more about the Olympics by completing four of the following activities.

1. Find out about the first Olympics.
 - A. The events in which the athletes competed
 - B. Clothing worn
 - C. Prizes awarded
 - D. People that participated
 - E. People that watched

2. The symbol of the modern Olympics is five joined circles. Find out what the colors represent and draw the symbol.

3. Draw a picture of at least ten sports played in the modern summer and winter Olympics.

OR

Play Olympic Charades. Act out the sports in the Olympics and see if your friends can guess the sports played in the modern summer and winter Olympics.

4. Find out about a modern female Olympic champion and her sport.

5. Learn about a sport played in the Olympics that you know nothing about. How is the sport played, how many are on a team if it is a team sport and how are points scored?
 - A. Look for a book in the library
 - B. If it is the time of year for the Olympics look in the newspaper or watch the Olympics on TV
 - C. With your parent's or leader's help go to the Olympic web pages

6. Each country in the Olympics designs uniforms for their athletes to wear. Design and draw a uniform for the U. S. team to wear in the opening ceremony or in their individual event.

7. Hold a mini Olympics with your troop complete with opening and closing ceremonies. Participate in at least three different sports and acknowledge the first, second and third place winners with awards that you make. Adapt the events to your skills. Try team and individual events. Check *Safety-Wise* for safety standards.

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