

CAMP HALF-BLOOD NECKLACE

Teen Summer Challenge DIY-to-Go

Supplies Provided:

- 6 pieces of polymer clay
- 1 necklace cord

In the Percy Jackson series, the campers at Camp Half-Blood are given a necklace, and at the end of each summer, a new bead is given representing the biggest event of the year. They also sometimes add small items of personal meaning.

Use the supplies provided to create beads representing the biggest event of your year, or multiple beads to include past events!

Instructions for Creating Polymer Clay Beads:

1. Using your hands and/or any tools you have that will help you, form your clay into beads with symbols on them. You can mix the clay colours together to make your designs, or make solid coloured beads and paint on them after baking.
2. Make a hole through the centre of each bead big enough for the clasp of the necklace cord to easily fit through. Make sure you make it a little larger than needed because the clay can shrink a bit when baked.
3. Preheat your oven to 250° F (120° C) and place your beads in the oven on a sheet of foil. Bake for 30 minutes.
4. Remove beads carefully with an oven mitt or hot pad, because the beads will be VERY HOT.



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5. If you want to paint your beads, wait till they cool then wipe them down with isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol to remove the oily residue. Paint them with liquid acrylics, model paint, or nail polish. Finish with some kind of clear coat, like varnish or nail polish, to keep the paint from chipping if you want.
6. String them onto your necklace, and send us a picture at teensc@virl.bc.ca.

