

THE RAYS OF THE TOTEM

These are the rays of the totem that burn and gleam bright on our pathway.
These are the symbols we cherish, and through the far years will remember.



High aspiration is pictured by the **arrowhead**, pointing straight upward. Higher and higher we're climbing, each knowing deep joy in fulfillment

Bravery the **Indian** speaks of courage to do what needs doing. When the right needs defending, be brave, have the courage and grit to defend it.

Industry we have endeavored to signify by the brown **beaver**. What good are ideals and ideas without the stern purpose of working?

Patience the **heron** must practice while waiting for fish for his dinner. Full many a task is accomplished if self control rules our emotions.

Love, said the Master, is the greatest, and we too would follow the Master. We too would **love** friend and foe and help all with deep understanding

Knowledge is power to master the problems and choices of living. Not only the knowledge of **books**, but the lessons experience teaches.

The **spider** calls us to be steadfast. He'll weave his web over and over. We too must be willing to try, and try again, times without number.

Forget-me-not **flower** speaks to remind us to be loyal in thought, word, and action. To the highest and best that is in us, to the ideals carved on the totem.

Truth by the **grail** is depicted; to be trusted is value unmeasured. So bear thyself daily that none need ever doubt aught that thou doest.

The glow of the **fire** casts its radiance of cheer into dreary places. So a smile or a laugh lightens a heart that perhaps without you would be heavy.

Often the problems that face us are more than one person can handle. But when two or more work together, a defeat is transformed into triumph. (**rowboat**)

Humility bids that we all look to the Master of all for our guidance. He, like the **wheel** of a ship, will charter the course we must follow.

The **turtle** reminds us of the responsibility we all have as stewards of the environment. We cherish and care for our natural surroundings.

These are the rays of the totem that fashion the patterns of Wavus.
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The rays of the totem have served as symbols to aspire to and live by at Wavus. They are represented on our totem in the Council Fire Circle. Counselors are asked to select a ray for each girl in their cabin. The ray is chosen based on what ray the camper demonstrated, or a ray to which the counselor would like to see her aspire (knowing that she can). These rays are presented either on the last evening or on the last day of the session.

This has been a long standing tradition with the first Girls Camp (Wawanock) at Wavus that we continue to honor in *Keeping The Spirit Alive!*