

The Walter Burgess Newport Running Camp Scholarship



In 2004, this scholarship was established by the Parkway Running Club (PRC) of West Roxbury, Massachusetts to honor a very special member, Walter Burgess. Walter passed away suddenly in November of 2003, at the age of 40 shortly after completing the Great Floridian Ironman Triathlon. Walter was the PRC's Secretary and newsletter editor. He was an amazing athlete in his own right, forever working out either at the Y, on his bike, or running on the roads. A U.S. Navy Veteran who participated in several overseas operations, Walter was a devoted son, brother and friend. He was an inspiration to those who were privileged to know him.

Walter was an enthusiastic participant at the Newport Running Camp in Rhode Island from 1994-2002. He regretted missing camp in 2003 because he was traveling and training for his Ironman Triathlon. He vowed to return to the camp in 2004 and never was able to do so. A modest, sincere individual, Walter would be touched and proud to support the development of young runners as part of his legacy.

To date, a total of 30 young runners have received Newport Running Camp scholarships in Walter's memory. **Scholarships are for a one-week, overnight camp in Rhode Island in August. For more details on the camp, visit www.newportrunningcamps.com. Electronic applications may be found at www.waltersrun.org and emailed as an attachment to: scholarship@waltersrun.org**

Student applicants have been reviewed on the following criteria:

- high school student
- a short note from the student demonstrating interest in running and participating in the camp
- a solid academic record (meaning that they study responsibly and take school work seriously)
- facts about his/her running career (meaning interest, not necessarily the best and fastest)
- financial need
- community service
- recommendation from a running coach or mentor

Deadline for application submission is May 29th, 2009.

Please note: The PRC will hold the 4th annual **Walter's 5K Road Race** this year on Sunday, December 13, 2009 at 11am at the YMCA in West Roxbury. We encourage scholarship recipients and campers to participate. For more information, contact Dorothy Giarla of the PRC (183 Beech Street, Boston, MA 02131 or scholarship@waltersrun.org).