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Olympic Torchbearers: Keepers of the Flame 813

The Six-Minute Solution, Sopris West

The lighting of an Olympic flame began thousands of years ago in ancient Greece. It is an Olympic tradition that **(continues)** today. The first Olympic flame was **(lit)** from the sun's rays in **(Olympia)**. The flame remained lit until the **(end)** of the Games. The ancient tradition **(of)** the Olympic flame was introduced in **(the)** modern Olympics at the Amsterdam Games **(in)** 1928. The Olympic flame symbolizes "the light **(of)** spirit, knowledge, and life."

The Olympic **(Torch)** Relay tradition also began in ancient **(Greece)**. The early Greeks would allow nothing, **(not)** even war, to interfere with their **(Olympic)** games. The Greeks called for a **(sacred)** truce before the start of the **(Olympics)**. They sent runners called "herald of **(peace)**" to travel through Greece. These runners **(announced)** the start of the truce and **(invited)** people to come to the Olympic **(games)**. In the ancient Olympic games, the **(torch)** was lit at Olympia and then **(taken)** by relay to the city hosting **(the)** games. The Olympic Torch Relay tradition **(was)** introduced to the modern Olympics at **(the)** Berlin games in 1936. During the opening **(ceremony)** of the Olympic Games, the last **(runner)** in the relay carries the torch **(into)** the stadium. The torch is used **(to)** light the Olympic flame. The Olympic **(flame)** remains burning until it is extinguished **(during)** the closing ceremony.

Today, the Olympic **(flame)** is carried by thousands of torchbearers. **(Being)** selected as a torchbearer is a **(true)** honor. Torchbearers are nominated by friends, **(family)** members, or coworkers. Potential torchbearers are **(people)** who reflect the Olympic spirit. Often, **(torchbearers)** are ordinary people who have overcome **(personal)** challenges or who have inspired others.



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The Olympic **(runners, Torch, thousands)** Relay tradition also began in ancient **(Greece, members, used)**. The early Greeks would allow nothing, **(who, not, it)** even war, to interfere with their **(Olympic, coworkers, herald)** games. The Greeks called for a **(sacred, to, with)** truce before the start of the **(and, Olympics, opening)**. They sent runners called "herald of **(potential, peace, runner)**" to travel through Greece. These runners **(personal, announced, end)** the start of the truce and **(invited, overcome, they)** people to come to the Olympic **(olympic, games, symbolizes)**. In the ancient Olympic games, the **(torch, was, until)** was lit at Olympia and then **(in, taken, today)** by relay to the city hosting **(the, extinguished, during)** games. The Olympic Torch Relay tradition **(was, also, light)** introduced to the modern Olympics at **(the, people, games)** Berlin games in 1936. During the opening **(for, ceremony, flame)** of the Olympic Games, the last **(an, modern, runner)** in the relay carries the torch **(into, torchbearers, hosting)** the stadium. The torch is used **(lit, to, that)** light the Olympic flame. The Olympic **(knowledge, even, flame)** remains burning until it is extinguished **(a, city, during)** the closing ceremony.

Today, the Olympic **(flame, friends, reflect)** is carried by thousands of torchbearers. **(Remained, Their, Being)** selected as a torchbearer is a **(true, torch, is)** honor. Torchbearers are nominated by friends, **(the, closing, family)** members, or coworkers. Potential



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(**torchbearers, nothing, peace**) are ordinary people who have overcome (**announced,**
personal, through) challenges or who have inspired others.