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MARCH UPDATE!

Snow one day and sun the next must mean that spring is on its way here in Colorado! With lots happening as summer approaches, lets dive in...

The Director Team (Tommy, Barry, Abbie and Ellie) attended the American Camp Association (ACA) National Conference in New Orleans in February. Aside from the fun of the Mardi Gras parades, they had the opportunity to learn from industry experts such as Michael Brandwein, and Dr. Deborah Gilboa, and network with other camps across the nation. We left with heads full of ideas that we can't wait to implement at CGL this summer!

'The highlight of the conference for me... was a session from the Aloha Foundation that was all about camp songbooks and the importance of looking at the origin and history of the songs we sing at camp. We have a lot of favorite songs at Camp Granite Lake, and are hoping to have a complete songbook by summer 2025 (maybe even this summer!) where we can include songs from multiple styles and even introduce some new ones to the catalog.'
Abbie, Assistant Director

One of the main changes to our Traditional Sessions this summer is the number of activity periods per day. Over the past few years, we experimented with longer activity cycles, but this

summer we are going to change things up and run 3 activity periods per day - 2 in the morning and 1 in the afternoon. Campers will repeat the same 3 activities for 2 days in a row, allowing time for projects to be completed (in Ceramics or Woodworking, for example), or progression to be made (in technical activities like Archery or Climbing, for example). We hope this fresh new format will keep our campers engaged and allow them to try more activities during their time at CGL!

Ellie visited Puebla, Mexico in January to attend the IENA recruitment fair and hire Support staff for the summer. She enjoyed catching up with staff new and old over dinner (see who you can spot below!). Follow our Instagram page (@campgranitelake) for 2024 Staff Reveals!



2024 CGL Parents - Look out for an email with access to your CGL Portal in the next couple of weeks! Here you will find lots of important forms to complete, and helpful documents like Packing Lists!



AN INTERVIEW WITH...

Assistant Director - Ellie Jepson

Q: As your third summer at CGL approaches, what are you looking forwards to this year?

A: I have loved building my relationships with both staff and campers over the past 2 summers, and I am excited to see those relationships continue to grow this year. Camp is all about the people, after all!

Q: What is your favorite evening program?

A: That is so tough! I love the energy of the talent show, singing along to Disney classics in SINGO and watching everyone belly laugh during the Counselor Pageant... don't make me choose!

Q: What's with the funny accent?

A: A long time ago, I was born close to a city called Sheffield in England. Don't be afraid to ask me to repeat myself - we have a lot of slang in Yorkshire and I sometimes speak in riddles!

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Program Spotlight! BACKPACKING

We were so excited to bring back the Backpacking program last summer, and are even more excited so share some news about backpacking for summer 2024!

We have secured all of our permits for Rainbow Trout Village off-camp backpacking in the Rocky Mountain National Park. This year Rainbow Trout campers can make their Pita Pizzas at campsite that are new to Camp Granite Lake!

Additionally, Bobcat campers will still have the opportunity to sign up for on-site backpacking trips, where they will prep their own meals, sleep under the stars, and be prepared with backpacking basics before they enter the Rainbow Trout Village!



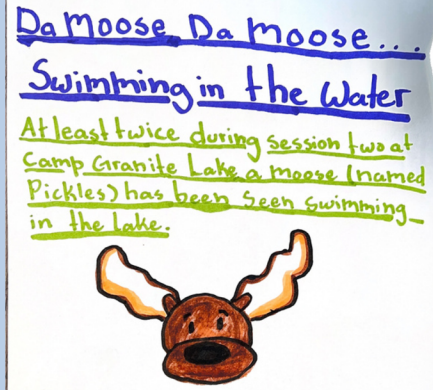
STILL HIRING!

We are still on the lookout for a weekday nurse and a Backpacking Coordinator (must be over 21) to join our team this summer! Email ellie@campgranitelake.com for more details.

'THE CGL TIMES' NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

'Talent Show Time' by Sloane B and Eve H (Session 2)

'Da Moose' by Jemma K (Session 2)



Cover Art by Devon M (Session 2)

TOMMYS FUN FACTS!

- The ice on the CGL lake was over 20 inches deep in the winter. It melts quickly - by the second full week of March, it's already too thin to walk on, and some days will have open spots of water!
- The winters are windy at 9000 feet! 100 mph winds are not uncommon.
- Camp typically receives over 10 feet of snow after March 15th! All that rain in town is snow at altitude. And, we love it! It keeps our lake even higher and the aspen trees happy as their leaves start to bloom.