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MARCH UPDATE

With the start of the camp season just a few months away, the CGL team have been busy preparing for summer! We are excited to have all returning staff members on our Leadership team in 2025, and lots of wonderful returning Counselors. We have been hiring some wonderful new staff that we are excited for our campers to meet, and you can learn more about them on our [Instagram](#), or on the '[Our Summer Staff](#)' webpage.

We still have *some* availability for 2025 and if you are not already enrolled, we would love for your family to join us this summer! We offer Traditional 19-night sessions for rising 3rd - 11th graders, or 5-night mini-camps for rising 2nd - 5th graders. Visit our [Dates and Rates](#) webpage to learn more.



AN INTERVIEW WITH...

Bobcats Village Director - Grace

We are so excited to welcome back Grace for her 5th summer at CGL! Bobcats are campers who are entering 6th and 7th grades in Fall 2025, and Grace ensures our campers and staff in that village are well taken care of during their session.

Q: What is your favorite memory of summer 2024?

A: Crater Lake's Cabin Cinema performance was so impressive and interactive! They kindly reset and reperformed four times so that other staff and campers could experience their thrilling (and impressively terrifying) production. It was truly an evening program I will never forget. I was beyond impressed by the creativity and talent displayed by all my cabins that night. I was a very proud Village Director to say the least.

Q: What do you love about working with the Bobcat village?

A: I love watching Bobcat campers grow into their personalities, become leaders, and navigate camp with more independence and confidence. I have been able to see some campers grow up at camp over the last four summers, others I meet when they arrive, but all of them give me such bright hope for the future. They bring so much kindness, joy, grace, and warmth to camp and I know that travels with them as they go about their lives outside of camp.

Q: What are you most excited for in summer 2025?

A: 2025 is going to be bittersweet, as it will be my last summer at camp. I'm most excited to soak up every moment with the campers and staff, especially those I've known for several years. They are the reason I've returned to camp every year, and I can't wait to spend one final summer with such an amazing group of kids. I'm also looking forward to a certain blanket tradition that I hope to share with many of my former campers!



Q: What have you been up to since camp ended last summer?

A: Since I left camp, I've been working on my Master of Public Policy degree. This semester, I learned lots about the policymaking process, econometrics, and using different programs to analyze data!

Q: Favorite morning meet-up song?

A: PENGUINS ATTENTION (shoutout to my Co-Counselor, AJ A, for making me love it my first summer. It's been my favorite ever since!)

Q: Favorite salad bar item?

A: Cherry Tomatoes

Q: Favorite evening program?

A: Cabin Cinema

Q: Favorite camp activity?

A: It's a tie between rock climbing and stand-up paddle boarding.

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Program Spotlight! BACKPACKING

Backpacking is the longest running program at CGL, and it has seen many changes over the years. This summer, our Rainbow Trout program is moving slightly away from traditional 'Backpacking', where campers hike from campsite to campsite carrying their packs along the way. Instead, campers will set up at a base camp in Rocky Mountain National Park for a 3-day, 2-night trip, and will hit the trail early each day to hike to some of the park's most beautiful lakes and vistas.

Bobcat campers will continue to have the opportunity to go on a 1-night backpacking trip on-site, where they will learn how to correctly pack their rucksack, set-up a campsite in the woods following Leave No Trace principles, and have fun cooking out!

MEET OUR TEAM Facility Manager - Jay



We are excited to share that we have added a 5th member to the year-round CGL Team! Introducing Jay, who joined us in January as our new Facility Manager. Jay has a background in construction, and has lots of handy skills that are going to help us continue to maintain and improve Camp Granite Lake for all.

Jay has hit the ground running with some renovation projects we have going on at camp, including updating the nurse and camper ward rooms, and adding more bathrooms. As the weather improves, Jay's big project moving forwards will be completing our Bathhouse getting it ready for the summer! We are looking forwards to our updated space, which will include lots more indoor toilets, and individual shower stalls with attached private changing spaces for our campers and staff to enjoy.

Jay likes to spend his free time golfing, snowboarding, hiking and going to concerts, and is looking forward to meeting everyone this summer!

2024 VILLAGE SHIRT DESIGNS!

Campers during our 2024 Traditional sessions had the opportunity to design Village logos during Organized Free Time! A logo was chosen by Gabe, our Assistant Program Director, to be printed onto t-shirts and given out to all campers during the session. Here are a few examples of last summers wonderful designs by Myka P (Eagles), Sienna A (Bobcats) and Kylie J (Rainbow Trout). We are excited to see the new designs this summer!

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