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## WINTER UPDATE!

We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful winter break and a great start to 2026! With just over 90 days until our first seasonal staff arrive at CGL, the year-round team - Tommy, Ellie, Abbie, Barry, and Jay - are deep into planning another fantastic summer.

You may have seen in our last newsletter that the Mt. Lindsey and Elbert cabins (Bobcat/Rainbow Trout Village) were getting a makeover. These updates include new wooden paneling and enclosed ceilings, creating quieter and more comfortable cabin spaces (see photo below). Another exciting off-season renovation project includes the addition of bathrooms to the Dining Hall.

We're also thrilled to share that our 2026 Seasonal Leadership Team will be entirely returning staff! Former cabin counselors Sara, Molly, and Elise are stepping into Village Director roles, while Mattie will serve as Assistant Program Coordinator, with a special focus on bringing fun and creative new evening

programs to CGL. Meilana is returning for her third year as one of our Backpackers, along with former counselor Alicia.



## ★ STARS IN THE SKY ★

Did you know, the Director team thinks that Camp Granite Lake is one of the best places in the world to see the stars? Up at 9000ft, away from the busy cities and bright lights, you can see lots of different constellations. On many nights, you can even see the Milky Way! Cabin time in the evening often allows for some stargazing before bed.

**REFER A FRIEND TO CGL AND BOTH FAMILIES RECEIVE \$100 REFERRAL CREDIT!**



## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

### SATURDAY = THEME DAY!



Each Saturday during our Traditional Sessions, we take a break from our regular activities to enjoy a camp-wide themed day. Last year, one of our favorite themes was "Glitch Out," where campers took part in video game-inspired challenges and character-based activities.

This year, we're excited to introduce a new theme: "Holidays Around the World." Campers will rotate through interactive stations celebrating traditions from a variety of cultures, including Chinese New Year, Día de los Muertos, Diwali, Fourth of July, and many more!

Fun fact: If you're attending Traditional Session 2, the Fourth of July actually falls on a Saturday this year - so we'll be celebrating right on the holiday!



We can't wait to explore new traditions, dances, costumes, games, and foods from around the globe with our campers this summer!



## NOW HIRING!

We are on the lookout for awesome role model Cabin Counselors to join our team next summer. Counselors must be 18+ and available from 05/31 - 08/08.

We are also looking for RN's to help keep our community healthy this summer!

Know someone who you think would be a good fit? Visit the ['Our Staff'](#) webpage for more details!



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## SETTING YOU UP FOR A SCREEN-SANE SUMMER



Enrolled families - keep an eye out for your free copy of *The Amazing Generation* by Jonathan Haidt & Catherine Price — a brand new book for kids and tweens about choosing adventure, independence, and fun over a life hijacked by a screen.

We read it and thought:  
"We know these kids!"

At Camp, they're the ones hauling branches to build a fort & new economy; they're inventing games for the cabin; they're busting it halfway up our rock crag and pushing for that Continental Divide view; or they're belting out a Morning Meetup song like nobody's watching — even though everybody is. It's just another screen-free day at Camp Granite Lake.

Even families not enrolled [can request a free copy](#) - for a limited time!

And, on May 6th, we are hosting a webinar with author Catherine Price to help prepare for a screen-sane summer!

## WHAT'S IN THEIR CAMP BAG?

Even camp directors have must-haves! Our leadership team shares the top three items they can't survive a summer at Camp Granite Lake without.



**ELLIE**

1. Crocs
2. Favorite Stuff
3. A Watch



**BARRY**

1. Good Books
2. Photos of Pets
3. Stationary and Stamps



**TOMMY**

1. Gray Staff Shirts
2. Walkie Talkie
3. Closed-Toe Shoes



**ABBIE**

1. Sunglasses
2. Chacos
3. Guitar



**MATTIE**

1. Favorite Blanket
2. Water bottle
3. Friendship Bracelet String



**ELISE**

1. Headlamp
2. Shower Caddy
3. Cozy Blanket



**SARA**

1. Friendship Bracelet String
2. Journal
3. Hammock



**MOLLY**

1. Chapstick
2. A Deck of Cards
3. Flip Flops (for the cabin)

## PREPARING FOR SUMMER 2026

For enrolled families, the first batch of camper forms will become available on March 4<sup>th</sup> and the second batch on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. All forms must be submitted 2 weeks prior to your camper arriving at CGL to allow our team to review them. The Cabin Mate request form is already available. All forms can be found in the [CGL Portal](#).

Six weeks before your campers session begins, we will begin to send regular emails with tips to prepare for camp, including our packing list, communication instructions and more. This information is also available under 'Current Families' on our website.

**WE STILL HAVE SOME AVAILABILITY FOR SUMMER 2026! 19-NIGHT TRADITIONAL SESSIONS OR 5-NIGHT MINI-CAMPS. VISIT OUR [DATES & RATES PAGE](#) FOR MORE DETAILS.**