

How did set up go for you/your section?

Feedback suggests that the setup process was generally smooth and efficient, with many noting its year-over-year improvement. The contributions of specific volunteers, such as Aunt Acid, Heave, and Flipper, were especially highlighted for their positive impact. Collaborative efforts between sections like campsite and nature were also emphasized. However, some challenges were flagged, including the last-minute nature of certain setups and the introduction of the pee pads. Another practical suggestion was the earlier posting of bay numbers to guide new counselors during unloading.

Did your section have the needed supplies required for the week?

Overall, feedback indicates that most sections were well-equipped with the necessary supplies for the week. In instances where additional supplies were needed, the Supply team was responsive and efficient in providing them. A few suggestions were raised regarding improvements in communication between the Supply team and other sections, with some pointing out a preference for digital communication methods over paper. The use of paper was due in part to spotty cellular service and unreliable two-way communication outside the radios. There were specific commendations for the efforts of individuals like Paprika, who went above and beyond to meet campers' needs. However, some gaps were highlighted, such as the lack of suitable shower products for Black hair and missing essential items for certain campers, such as flip-flops.

How did you feel about the number of campers that we had this year? (122 attended of 150 invited)

The general sentiment among volunteers was that the number of campers this year felt appropriate and manageable. Many volunteers expressed appreciation for the smaller groups, with a common consensus that 8 to 10 campers per bay or cabin is ideal. These smaller group sizes allowed for more one-on-one interactions and facilitated closer bonds between campers and counselors. It also enhanced group activities, like horseback riding, where campers could have collective experiences without extended wait times. Some activities, like fishing, benefited from reduced overcrowding, enhancing safety. While there was a call for possibly inviting up to 170 campers to ensure a higher attendance, others cautioned against exceeding current numbers too significantly. Some pointed to the optimal ratio of 3 campers to 1 counselor as a balance between ensuring inclusivity and maintaining a quality experience. If camper numbers do increase, some volunteers suggested considering additional medical staff or other support roles to maintain current service levels.

What did you think of the changes in the menu / meal service this year? Any suggestions for next year?

Feedback on the menu changes was largely positive, with volunteers appreciating the variety, quality, and healthier options like salads and fruits. Some specific comments included a desire for less repetition of certain items, like potatoes, and more diversity in the menu. There were occasional issues with running out of certain foods, but the broad selection meant it wasn't a major concern for most. Several volunteers highlighted the need for better vegetarian options, with suggestions like including beans as a

protein source. There were also requests for more drink choices like chocolate milk and orange juice. Some specific items, such as French toast sticks and pot roast, were particularly well-received, though there was a suggestion to separate pizza and pasta days due to gluten concerns. The new plate style was generally approved, with the cardboard trays seen as a positive change.

What did you think about this year's reveal and the discussion with the campers after the reveal at the end of camp?

Most staff and campers positively received the end-of-camp reveal, valuing the connection between campers and their counselors' professional roles. However, suggestions emerged about possibly re-evaluating the timing, with some preferring an earlier reveal to facilitate longer discussions. This is in contradiction to last year where many volunteers conveyed the opposite concerns that the hour allotted was too long. Concerns were raised about children's focus on LE weapons and potential misinterpretations of reactions by adult visitors, particularly VIGs from Home Forward. Recommendations for future camps include clearer pre-camp communication about the reveal's purpose, considering an earlier role introduction, and structuring post-reveal discussions to better capture camper feedback.

Were there any issues during the week of camp that you think we, or your section, can improve upon?

During the camp week, multiple areas for improvement emerged. Enhancements in shower privacy were sought, and rotation tweaks were advised for efficiency. It was suggested that illness-related information among staff and campers be better disseminated, although the Camp Director purposefully retained that info on a need-to-know basis for both privacy and messaging concerns. Counselors need to offer a brief transition period between activities to ensure camper engagement and tidiness. Counselor involvement is essential, as when they disengage, it impacts the overall camper experience. Streamlining the inventory of clothing and shoes, and possibly revisiting the logistics of events like the Pinewood Derby race, with a preference for indoor settings, was mentioned although many not knowing the decision to hold the race outdoors was necessitated by the need to mitigate the spread of COVID. The Camp Director can better message intent for concerns like this one. Ensuring strict adherence to schedules, prepping for potential camper behavioral shifts as the week came to an end, and enhancing program coordination were also noted. Some feedback highlighted the need for clearer instructions in programs like the Nature segment, as it seemed unorganized at times. There's a pressing need for a robust medical response plan, especially in light of contagious diseases. Lastly, the award distribution at camp should be revisited for inclusivity.

What was your favorite thing about the week at Camp Rosenbaum?

For first-timers, the camp's familial ambiance was comforting, while seasoned members cherished the camaraderie. From observing kids breaking out of their shells to enjoying the F-15 flyover, the camp was a union of transformative and exhilarating moments. Activities like crafting and the deep dives into science showcased the camp's balanced blend of learning and fun. Special moments, such as a child

overcoming her fear of horses, emphasized the supportive and nurturing spirit of the camp. The dedication of the hardworking staff and the camp's consistency promised a bright future. In essence, the team achieved the Camp Rosenbaum objective on celebrating joy, growth, and community throughout the week.

Were there any other issues that happened during the week that you would like to pass along so we can make positive changes for next year?

Logistical issues, such as the need for boxes of graham crackers for s'mores preparation, surfaced. Timings often proved challenging, with activities like horse care at the campsite becoming rushed due to early arrivals of eager campers. One volunteer raised some safety concerns during dodgeball although the campers overwhelmingly enjoyed this activity (per direct camper feedback.). Newer staff members from the Home Forward/Housing Authority highlighted the need for more recognition and integration into the camp's long-standing traditions. On the practical side, areas like better lighting for nighttime paths and bolstering the medical team were flagged.

Did you notice any unnecessary downtime in activities at camp (i.e. fishing, Maritime Museum, PAL Sports, campsite, etc.)? If so, can you explain?

Some attendees appreciated the structured nature of the camp, while others felt the need for more breaks or rest periods, especially for the kids. Issues arose when campers arrived early at the campsite, with limited options to keep them engaged on a thorny field. Fishing was largely appreciated, with an optimistic note that it would be even better in July when trout are abundant. The Maritime Museum, while informative, felt rushed for many. Campers often desired to spend more time outside after rotating through various stations like leatherwork, arts, crafts, and science. After lunch, the schedule seemed overwhelming for some, with kids requiring assistance in back-to-back activities. Suggestions included splitting the afternoon group activities or introducing more engaging and contemporary sessions, such as updating or replacing the Maritime Museum.

Is there a person who you would like to recognize?

Numerous individuals were celebrated for their exceptional contributions. The entire staff received accolades, with special mentions for Winky's supportive attitude and Jupiter's unwavering patience. MacGyver along with Saddlemaker and Farmhand, significantly enhanced the campsite activities. Leaders like Laurie James, JEWEL, Heave, and Edgy were pivotal in ensuring everything ran smoothly, while Kirby and Jupiter shone in the Arts & Crafts section. Pupule's dedication, Kahuna's assistance, Dragonfly's compassionate gesture, and Mike Brown's leadership also stood out. Lastly, Spanky and Rainbow were integral to the camp's success. Spanky's guidance throughout the year was instrumental in ensuring events ran smoothly, while Rainbow's consistent efforts amplified the positive experiences for both the staff and the campers, making them both indispensable figures at Camp Rosenbaum.

Is there anyone in your organization you would like us to reach out to be more involved with CR? If so, can you provide their email address?

There are several individuals and groups who've been pinpointed as potential future contributors to Camp Rosenbaum. One notable mention is the Chief from Beaverton, whose enthusiasm for participation is evident. The Washington County Housing Authority has also shown interest, with plans to provide specific contacts as the next camp season approaches. From the City of Seaside, recommendations include Justin Gagnon (SRO) and Matt Brown and his wife Kai. Additionally, efforts are being made to recruit younger Airmen from the base, as they're seen as potential future counselors. It's also worth noting that conversations have already begun with A/C Price, Chief Mori, and new Assistant Chiefs from an unspecified organization. Lastly, the Oregon State Police (OSP), with the help of Opie, are also on track to be more involved in the upcoming camp seasons.

For those who attend or wish to attend the planning meetings, are Mondays or Wednesdays better for you to meet?

When considering the best days for planning meetings, 41% of respondents prefer Wednesdays, followed by 31% favoring Mondays. Fewer participants lean towards Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, each receiving 4-6% of the preference. Meanwhile, 14% are flexible and open to meeting any day.

Overall Summary

We would like to thank the individuals who took the time to fill out the Camp Rosenbaum survey and provided ample information on areas that need to be address for next year while highlighting success and people who made a great difference in the week or leading up to Camp. We will take all the specific suggestions and create a list of action items for 2024. If anyone, at any time, as suggestions or thoughts that were not included in the survey, please email Spanky at crystal@camprosenbaum.org.