

# Camp Rosenbaum Planning Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm

**CAMP ROSENBAUM 2026: July 25<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>**



## **1. Happy New Year & Welcome Everyone**

Crystal welcomed everyone to the first planning meeting of 2026. The group was introduced to the new Camp Director, Chris “Skid Mark” Skidmore, who was promoted the same day to Commander at the Clark County Sheriff’s Office. Crystal also introduced Sarah Gillani, Camp Rosenbaum’s new Events & Fundraising Coordinator, who brings experience in nonprofit fundraising and youth camp programs.

## **2. Confirm Activity Leads**

Crystal reviewed the list of returning section leads to confirm availability for the 2026 camp. Several leads confirmed they will return this summer. Randy (Sleepy) shared that Mr. Incredible is still unsure if he can attend, so Randy will plan to co-lead Camp Support if needed. Sandy (Freckles) clarified that she will be supporting Trina (Chef) this year.

After the meeting, several additional confirmations were received:

- Heather Perkins confirmed she will lead Civil Air Patrol.
- Matt (Magnet) confirmed he will lead the Fire Dawgs.
- Multnomah County representatives mentioned the possibility of a second PAL dog from Gresham PD joining this year.
- Zhara (Shenanigans) confirmed Madison (Cheddar) will serve as a co-lead for Music.

## **3. Monthly Planning Meeting Dates**

The 2026 planning meeting schedule was reviewed and confirmed. Questions were raised about the Counselor Selection meeting. Group leaders who are unable to attend that meeting should either ensure their Assistant Group Leader is present or submit their suggested counselor selections to Crystal in advance. Head Counselors may also assist in representing sections if needed.

## **4. Staff & Camper Registration Timeline**

Crystal shared that updated camper recruitment letters and application materials will be sent to participating housing authority partners by the beginning of March so they can begin recruiting families. While recruitment is starting slightly later than usual this year due to onboarding and training of Camp Rosenbaum’s new Events & Fundraising Coordinator, the overall camper recruitment timeline will remain the same as in previous years.

Chris Skidmore informed the group that the Board approved an update to the camper age policy for 2026. Campers will now generally be between 9½ and 10 years old, with campers allowed to turn 11 during the week of Camp Rosenbaum. The intent of this change is to focus the program on a narrower age range to better support camper development and group cohesion. Exceptions may still be considered for campers who had to leave camp early in a previous year due to illness or an emergency.

For staff recruitment, Crystal shared that the goal this year is to complete staff placements earlier than in previous years, with staff notifications planned for early May. This will allow volunteers additional time to request time off from work, arrange coverage if needed, and plan for the camp week. Section leads were reminded that if they would like to review applicants for their areas, they can contact Crystal directly.

## **5. Staff Recruitment Numbers**

The following numbers reflect staff applications received at the time of the meeting:

- Arts & Crafts – 5
- AGL – 3
- Book Club & FT – 1
- Camp Admin – 8
- Camp Supply – 4
- Camp Support – 3
- Campsite – Horses – 4
- Campsite – Nature – 1
- Civil Air Patrol – 1
- Counselor – Female – 7 (**need 24**)
- Counselor – Male – 12 (**need 24**)
- Fire Dawgs – 1
- Head Counselor – 1
- Kitchen Staff – 1
- Laundry – 1
- Leather – 3
- Lifeguard – 2
- Music – 1
- Photography – 3
- PAL – 1
- Science – 3

Section leads who would like to review applicants for their area were encouraged to contact Crystal.

## **6. Board of Director's Equity Team 2026 Goals**

- Reviewing volunteer recruitment, applications, handbook and training materials through an equity lens.
- Updating volunteer, staff, camper, and family surveys to strengthen feedback and ensure safe avenues for reporting concerns during camp.

- Reviewing camp traditions and activities to ensure they remain welcoming, culturally responsive, and inclusive for all campers and volunteers.

#### 7. Taste of Camp Fundraiser – Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

Crystal reminded the group about the Taste of Camp fundraiser on May 7 and again introduced Sarah Gillani as the new Events & Fundraising Coordinator. She encouraged anyone who would like to volunteer at the event or help fundraise to please contact Sarah via email.

Crystal shared that Fish and Wildlife will no longer stock the lake for free, and the estimated cost to stock the lake with fish is approximately \$3,000. Fish and Wildlife will still assist by evaluating the lake and recommending the best fish species for the environment.

Several ideas were discussed for covering the cost, including:

- Seeking sponsorship from local fishing or sporting goods stores.
- Creating a “Buy a Fish for the Lake” fundraising concept connected to the Taste of Camp event.

Crystal thanked everyone for the ideas and invited those with ideas to join the next Taste of Camp planning committee meeting on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> via Google Meet.

With no other questions, concerns, or comments, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm both in person and virtually through Google Meet.

#### Attachments:

- 2026 Staff Calendar
- Activity Leads for 2026

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## 2026 Staff Calendar



### Location of monthly planning meetings:

Multnomah County Sheriff's Office – Training Facility  
[3083 NE 170<sup>th</sup> Place, Portland, OR 97230](https://www.mcsos.org/locations/3083-NE-170th-Place-Portland-OR-97230)

*All regular planning meetings will be held in their front training room except for February's, which will be held in the classroom.*

**Visit the staff webpage each month for virtual meeting info:**

<https://www.camprosenbaum.org/staffinfo/>

### • **Staff Application Open – February 6<sup>th</sup> - April 12<sup>th</sup>**

Application Link: [www.camprosenbaum.org/staff](https://www.camprosenbaum.org/staff)

- February Camp Planning Meeting - Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm
- March Camp Planning Meeting - Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm
- April Camp Planning Meeting - Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 6:00pm
- Counselor Staffing (**Group Leaders & Head Counselors only**) - Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – 10am at the Crystal Kroeller's House
- Support Staff Placement (**Area Leads only**) - Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – 6pm **via Google Meet**
- **Staff Placement Announcements: Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**
- May Planning Meeting - Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm
- June Camp Planning Meeting - Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm
- September Debrief Meeting - Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> – 6:00pm

## **2026 Camp Rosenbaum Points of Contact**

Activities – Trina Jennings & Sandy Garabedian

Arts & Crafts – Andi Toombs

Billeting & Facilities – Mike Brown

Buses – Ryan Rosso

Campsite –

- Support – Trent Marsh
- Horses – Elijah Olson
- Nature – Nichole Scott

Civil Air Patrol – Heather Perkins

Clubhouse – Greg Matthews

Fire Dawgs – Matt Joens

Home Forward Rep – Mary Scherzinger-Joens

Kitchen & Food Service – Kevin Gilliam

Leather – David Overbay

Lifeguards – Lilli Wright

Medical – Daniel Vawter

Military Rep – Aleec Simpson and Brian Kroeller

Music – Zhara Pike & Madison Rickhoff

Photography – Shelly Davison

PPB Rep - Heather Martley

PAL – Tim Paolini

Science – Jon Dyer

Supply – Kelly Godinet

Support – Deyseano Georgianna & Randy Harris