

Fall 2025



## A Letter from our Executive Director

Hello from the Lakeshore!

WOW, what an incredible summer!

We already miss our amazing campers and staff and hope the transition back to school, college, or work has gone smoothly for everyone.

Here at Camp, we've been in full summer debrief mode while also wrapping up final clean-up. At the same time, our fall programming is off and running! We've already welcomed several retreat and school groups to the lakeshore, with more on the way.

Here's a quick look at what we've been up to and what we're celebrating:

- **Annual Campaign** – We exceeded our fundraising goal and have raised over \$180,000 to date!
- **Record Enrollment** – This summer, camp reached full capacity!
- **LIT Teen Program Enhancements** – Big improvements were made, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.
- **Feasibility Study** – Our team and leadership are still hard at work exploring future opportunities.
- **New Program Area this Summer** – Two new pickleball courts were installed for campers and staff to enjoy!

Camp Cosby continues to thrive because of the incredible support we receive from our summer families, program participants, board members, volunteer nurses, alumni, staff, and generous donors. We are truly grateful for each of you and excited for what the future holds.

See you back at the Lakeshore soon!

Warmly,  
Steve Merifield – Executive Director



Thank you Mandi & Robin for taking charge in the registration office and reaching full capacity this summer!

## Fall Family FUN Day

October 18<sup>th</sup>



Spend a day at camp with your family, enjoying classic Cosby activities and fall fun. It's the perfect way for first-time families to see what camp is all about, and for returning families to relive the magic together!

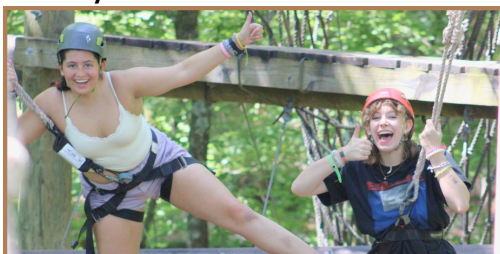
## Fall & Winter Events

Cosby Fun Year-Round

### Fall Teen Retreat

October 31<sup>st</sup> – November 2<sup>nd</sup>

For rising 8th–11th graders, it's a weekend just for YOU! Enjoy camp activities, earn community service hours, and join in on teen-only adventures with your favorite Cosby staff.



## Winter Camp

December 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>



For rising 1st–11th graders, experience all your favorite summer activities in a cozy winter setting! Enjoy special seasonal events, camp traditions, and a weekend packed with fun.

Registration for Fall & Winter Events Opens September 5th... don't miss your spot!



# The Cosby Timbers

## A Record-Breaking Summer at Cosby

Largest Summer Enrollment in Cosby History



Summer 2025 will go down in history, we reached full capacity, making it the largest enrollment summer in Camp Cosby history! Every moment was filled with laughter, growth, and friendship. A huge thank-you to our campers, families, and staff for making this milestone possible. We couldn't have done it without you!

## Teen Program Takes New Heights

New LIT Adventure Program Excels in First Year

Our teen programs excelled this summer, proving that leadership can start at any age! The brand-new LIT Adventure Program gave campers the chance to step into leadership roles, help around camp, and dive into service projects that truly made an impact. Over 70 LIT Adventure campers earned 40 hours of community service each, all while making friendships and memories to last a lifetime.



Meanwhile, our Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program hit an all-time high in enrollment, giving teens hands-on experience in cabins and activities as they learned what it takes to be an outstanding counselor. We're so proud of these young leaders and excited to watch many of them return to Cosby in future summers... not just as campers, but as the next generation of amazing staff!

## Mark Your Calendars for Summer 2026

Dates and Themes Coming Soon



The countdown is officially on! Registration for Summer 2026 opens October 11th at 9 AM CST, and spots are expected to fill quickly after our record-breaking summer this year. We're already busy behind the scenes planning new adventures, unforgettable theme weeks, and fresh activities to keep the magic of Cosby alive and exciting.

Keep a close watch on your inbox, our website, and social media for official session dates, theme announcements, and all the details you'll need to plan your perfect summer. Your next chapter at Cosby is just around the corner, and we can't wait to welcome you back!



## Groups & Retreats Keep Cosby Buzzing Year-Round

Camp Isn't Just a Season, it Lasts All Year Long

While summer may be our busiest season, the fun at Camp Cosby never truly ends! This fall, we're hosting school groups from across the region for teacher-led outdoor classrooms, where learning comes alive through nature, adventure, and hands-on activities. Retreat groups are also filling the weekends: from church retreats to corporate team-building events, our camp becomes a backdrop for connection, growth, and unforgettable experiences. Whether it's paddling on the lake, tackling the ropes course, or gathering around the campfire, our year-round guests get to experience the same magic that makes Cosby so special.



## Our Gene Ott Award Winner 2025

Meet Carson, our 2025 Staff Gene Ott

The Gene Ott Award honors a staff member who embodies the heart of Camp Cosby: putting others first, inspiring growth, and creating unforgettable experiences for campers.



This year's winner, Carson, has been a counselor for two years, working with our minibikes program with passion and care. Carson is a shining example of our motto, "I Am Third," and we thank her for her dedication to campers and our camp community.

## Show Your Cosby Love with a 5-Star Review

Tell Us How Much Your Camper Loves Cosby on Google

Did your camper have an amazing experience at camp this summer? One of the best ways to help more families discover the magic of camp is by leaving us a 5-star review on Google. Your stories, kind words, and favorite memories inspire future campers and help our community grow.

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Select your star rating (★★★★★), share your camp story, and hit post!

Every review helps keep the Cosby spirit strong, thank you for sharing your love for camp!

