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## Camp Rosenbaum celebrates 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary

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This year, Camp Rosenbaum celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Oregon Air National Guard's Camp Rilea in Astoria. For three decades, it has been a model camp of national recognition, serving thousands of poor and underprivileged 9-11 year old kids from Housing Authorities throughout the state (Portland, Salem, Yamhill County, Washington County) and Vancouver, Washington.

The youths are randomly chosen by their Housing Authority and predominately come from low income, single-family homes.

The outpouring of love and pure altruism by 150 volunteers from the Oregon Air National Guard, Portland Police Bureau, and Housing Authority to the young campers made it a memorable experience for all concerned. As Frank Rosenbaum, founder of the camp explained in his talk with the kids, "We are dedicated to your welfare, dedicated to your future. The men and women who are here are here for one reason only: the world out there loves and cares for you." While at Camp Rosenbaum, the kids were treated to outings and activities that some have never tried before like fishing, horseback riding or building a sandcastle. Their itinerary included field trips to such nearby sites as Fort Clatsop and the Seaside Aquarium.

Corporate sponsors like NIKE generously donated sportswear and shoes to all of the campers. Other company donations included leather crafts and backpacks full of back-to-school supplies. The volunteers who served for the week kept their true profession(s) under wraps from the kids until the end of their stay. This allowed the campers to relate to the adults intimately and prevented negative stereotypes about police officers, military officers and government bureaucrats from inhibiting their budding relationship. Camp Rosenbaum has for 11 years, forged a unique partnership with the



150 Housing Authority kids throughout the state and in Vancouver, Washington were treated to a week-long stay at Camp Rosenbaum in Astoria. Photo by Damon Hardwick

Portland Police Bureau. Volunteers like Officer Barnum and Officer Bruce Prunk like to return yearly, devoting their time and attention to be with the kids. Officer Barnum of the Portland Police fondly calls the kids his extended family. During an awards ceremony for the volunteers, Barnum was honored for being an exceptional role model and dedicated to the welfare of the campers. He tearfully showed his heartfelt gratitude and explained about the "high" he gets when fondly recognized as "Hollywood," his camp nickname by kids while on the job driving through the streets of Portland as a traffic cop.

Officer Bruce Prunk, also a pilot for the Oregon Air National Guard, related compassionately about the camp kids that they genuinely care about them. Frank Rosenbaum, founder of the camp recalled to the audience how the camp originated, starting off modestly by taking on only 60 Housing Authority kids, several Oregon Guardsmen volunteering and

a few kites and footballs, making the most of the camping experience. Thirty years and thousands of campers later, Camp Rosenbaum has grown considerably to accommodate 160 kids in the care of 150 camp volunteers in what has been recognized as one of the best camps in the country.

Camp Rosenbaum has for years relied on generous cash/gift donations from the government, military, private organizations and corporations as a means of self-support. Expanding their operations to include more kids or extend their stay is difficult due to their limited resources. The cost for each to be at camp for an entire week is \$160.

The Rosenbaum non-profit organization effectively raised \$85,000 in January to cover this year's expenses. To offset their ongoing financial problems, their overall goal is to have an annuity fund in place within 2 years that would pay for the continuance of Camp Rosenbaum and keep it financially stable.

## New building code rules speed plan approval and appeals

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Builder of residential dwellings and about 130 city and county building departments should soon begin to notice the effects of SB 587's July 1 first-phase implementation.

The bill was passed last legislative session in response to building-industry concerns about such issues as building-code interpretation inconsistencies and slow plan-review processes. On effect of SB 587 is that the state has established a definition for "simple residential." Once a builder's plan is determined by a local building department to be simple residential, plan review must occur within 10 days if the city's population is under 300,000; if the population is 300,000 or more the plan review must occur within 15 days.

Building department are allowed three days in which to make the determination of "simple residential" and let builders know whether or not their applications are complete, which will be made easier by the state's creation of a standard checklist for submitting a plan, another proviso of SB 587. An added benefit of SB 587's streamlining of the

plan-review process is that if a building department cannot meet the new plan-review deadlines, the department is required to supply to the building contractor a list of three independent third-party plan reviewers that can complete plan reviews within the deadline. Third-party plan reviewers, who have long been required to hold state certification, must be licensed under the second phase of SB 587 implementation, effective October 1, 2000. The chief electrical inspector position has existed since 1981 and is believed by BCD officials to have contributed to consistency of electrical-code interpretation and

resolution of issues. Establishment of additional chief-inspector positions for building code gives building contractors another avenue for appeals related to building-specialty disagreements with city or county building department. Local jurisdictions collecting fees for administration of specially-code permits are required under SB 587 to use the fees for building inspection programs.

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