

2023Q4 UPDATE --CAMP THUNDERBIRD COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS.

After Five Years of Planning, the 2023 Camp Thunderbird Upgrade Has Begun

--On September 19, 2023 Thurston County Hearing Examiner issued the final necessary permits to proceed with the Site Plan and associated improvements. The approval provided specific construction conditions to protect the environmental and safety features of the project. .

---Building Permits have been issued for the remodelling of the five Bunkhouses that will house 128 campers, and to construct three new stand alone bathrooms and showers for the camping youth in tents and mini daks.. The camp capacity remains at 300 campers.

---A Mitigation Plan has been approved by the County, State and Federal agencies to support the relocation of the aquatics program from the swim pond to the Northwest corner of Summit Lake.

---The State of Washington has provided a major State Grant to completely rebuild the Camp on site waste treatment and disposal system. Design Plans for the upgraded sewer and water system are nearing completion.

Construction has begun using the above approved plans.

---The obsolete and unsafe docks on the waterfront have been removed.

---Creation of two new wetlands near the swim pond and old dock site have been prepared with new wetland plantings scheduled

---Plans for a 125 acre "environmental education trail signage" has begun and installation of new signs will occur early in 2024.

---Meetings with local school district middle school environmental education programs, outdoor youth camping programs with the YMCA and Boys and Girls Clubs have started.

Keeping the Community and Friends of Scouting Informed

---Periodic Updates from the PHC--this newsletter --will be updated routinely and shared with the Summit Lake Community Association, adjacent neighbors that may observe our construction activities based on the County Permits, and other Friends of Scouting.

For Additional Questions about our Camp Thunderbird Upgrade Program,
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Thank you for supporting the Camp Thunderbird youth program of the Pacific Harbors Council-BSA