

## **Board Candidates - Spring 2026**

### **Josh Olson -**

#### **What should we know about you?**

I have been involved at CPC for many years as a camper, CIT, counselor, unit head, board member, camp parent, and summer camp volunteer. While it is important to bring fresh ideas to the table, I believe that my experience with many different roles at CPC over the years will help to provide context and continuity for the Board. I love CPC and want to see it continue to adapt and thrive while remaining true to the spirit that attracts so much enthusiasm from members, volunteers, and event participants.

#### **What would you do to foster diversity, equity and inclusion at CPC?**

Organizationally, I would help ensure that CPC has policies and practices in place to support traditionally marginalized communities and look for ways to make CPC a welcoming place for members of those communities. Personally, I aim to use my position of privilege to create space for members of marginalized communities to be heard and participate fully. I will listen to members of those communities and follow their lead as to what steps would be most helpful to foster diversity, equity, and inclusion at CPC.

#### **Skills and Experience:**

Summer Camp Programming, Nonprofit Management, Strategic Management, Legal Expertise, Other Co-operative Membership/Experience, Other Nonprofit Board Experience, I Can Commit to Regularly Attend Board Meetings

#### **Additional Information:**

I've spent 9 years on the CPC board over the years. I am a lawyer and have significant experience managing vendors and seeking legal advice when legal questions arise that are outside of my area of expertise, including identifying pro-bono representation for Circle Pines Center related to developing our personnel policies.

**Claire Greening -**

**What should we know about you?**

I've previously worked at CPC and have strong organizational skills, a diverse range of children's educational knowledge, and care about the preservation of CPC's values. I would like to be on the board to help shape the future of the institution we all care for and provide for it in a different way than as summer camp staff. I view the role of CPC's board as a representative body for the people of CPC and advocates for its future goals.

**What would you do to foster diversity, equity and inclusion at CPC?**

I would foster diversity, equity and inclusion by connecting CPC to organizations in Kalamazoo with a range of opportunities to increase engagement with the local community, specifically the colleges in Kalamazoo that could provide summer camp counselors, different sorts of programming, and year round rental opportunities. I would continue to look for funding and scholarship money to aid communities without the resources to send their children to summer camp.

**Skills and Experience:**

Educational Programming, Nonprofit Management, Social Justice Organizing, Strategic Management, Fiscal Management Experience, Other Nonprofit Board Experience, I Can Commit to Regularly Attend Board Meetings

## **Aaron Wissner -**

### **What should we know about you?**

I live locally, 8 miles NNW of Circle Pines as the crow flies. I'm a high school teacher of 29 years, founder of an educational non-profit Local Future which hosted environmental conferences and events, 5th/6th generation Michigander, two teen sons, frequent attendee of Circle Pines events for decades, cultural permaculturist, and social dancer, union leader and organizer, etc. I believe I would be an asset to the board as I have extensive experience with all aspects of organizations, and have a earth & cooperative-focused purpose and ethic. I'm extremely familiar with money and property topics (I teach Money class for high school seniors) and have experience with assorted non-profits including the Michigan Education Association, Sierra Club (as a member), Local Future (as a founder), NAVS (as a member and volunteer), etc.

### **What would you do to foster diversity, equity and inclusion at CPC?**

I'm interested in creating events that inner city students from Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek and Lansing could attend. I'm also interested in helping Circle Pines to become a bioregional hub for permaculture convenings.

### **Skills and Experience:**

Summer Camp Programming, Educational Programming, Communication/Marketing Experience, Fundraising Expertise, Strategic Management, Volunteer Management, I Can Commit to Regularly Attend Board Meetings