

# WOHELO

The Official Group Program Newsletter of Camp Fire USA Central Puget Sound Council

## A Message from the CEO

**Summer is a fabulous time at Camp Fire, and there are still some spaces open at Camp Sealth and in several of our Day Camp Sessions.** Residential and Day Camp at Camp Sealth on Vashon Island is in full swing. Visiting camp over the fourth of July weekend I was struck by the sense of JOY among campers and staff. Our outstanding camp team offers campers the chance to try a rich mix of traditional and new activities. Days at camp are filled with rowing, archery, scavenger hunts, theme meals, crafts, and the chance to sleep under the stars. Children can learn to care for and ride horses, brave the ocean water and pass swimming tests, and try out new activities such as “fun-yaking” and the new outdoor handball game in the “gaga pit.” Whatever activities our campers choose, they experience one of the most beautiful natural settings in our state. One father shared with me that his 12-year old daughter returned from camp “far more confident and independent. She benefitted from being apart from the family to learn how to be a part of her cabin’s group and make their own good choices. She took on more personal responsibility for what she wanted her camp experience to be.” Don’t let summer pass by without considering a camp opportunity for your child and the kids you care about. Visit our website at [www.campfire-usa.org](http://www.campfire-usa.org) or go directly to the Camp Sealth website at [www.campsealth.org](http://www.campsealth.org).



Day Camp kicked off on July 11<sup>th</sup> with 200 children and nearly 100 staff volunteers gathering on “singing hill” in Carkeek Park to enjoy a series of rousing camp songs! Then small groups went off to enjoy activities like exploring science at the beach, learning to make butter, playing active games or working on a craft. There are dozens of activities – traditional and new. More information about sessions this summer is available at [www.campfire-usa.org/daycamp](http://www.campfire-usa.org/daycamp) or call 206 826 8910.

*(continued on page 2)*

## CONTENTS

- A Message from the CEO... 1
- Camp Sealth Info..... 1
- Camp Sealth Store ..... 2
- Day Camp Info..... 2
- Group Renewals..... 2
- National Art Competition.. 2
- 2011 Wohelo Award ..... 3-4
- Adult Weekend..... 5
- Alumni Reunion ..... 5
- Camp Lost & Found..... 5
- Free CPR Class ..... 5
- Puyallup Fair..... 6

Swim Canoe Fish Row Funyak Archery Arts & Crafts Polar Bears Nature

## SUMMER HAS ARRIVED

### There's Still Time to Sign Up For Camp Sealth

Road Runners Cookouts Make Friends



PJ breakfast Explore Costumes Laugh

Camp Sealth still has spots available for upcoming sessions. Reserve your camper's bunk today!

For information call Elaine at 206 826 8947 or e-mail [campinfo@campfire-usa.org](mailto:campinfo@campfire-usa.org).

Register online at: [www.campsealth.org](http://www.campsealth.org)

Color Wars Aqua Luna Scavenger hunts Sleep under the stars Science

## Camp Seal th Store is Back

After taking a several-year hiatus, the camp store has returned in full force! It will be open during each session during resident camp.

### How do I set up a camper account?

Parents of campers attending any Camp Seal th overnight session may put money into an account for their child to spend while at camp.

- Pre-pay through the online registration page (go to [www.campsealth.org](http://www.campsealth.org) and click on "Login to my account" under Quick Links).
- Bring cash/check/credit card to check-in on the first day of camp—a staff member will be available **at check-in** to collect any money.

### What can I buy?

Camp Seal th apparel and souvenirs (water bottles, pens, pencils, stickers, cards) and convenience items (stamps, envelopes, batteries). Most items cost \$15 or less. The Camp Store does not sell candy, drinks or food.

## Group Renewal Forms



Renewals were recently mailed to all Group Program members. Please fill out your renewal forms and return them soon. Discount fees are available through September 30th.

Many people renew well before September to take some of the financial pressure off the busy fall. If you've misplaced your form or never received it, please contact Elaine Bacon at [ElaineB@campfire-usa.org](mailto:ElaineB@campfire-usa.org) and she can send you a replacement.

## Late Season Day Camps

Worried you missed your chance to register for day camp this summer? You may be in luck. Late season day camps in South King and Kitsap counties still have space. Register your campers and their friends now for a week of fun and friendships. Arts and crafts, games, outdoor cooking and a variety of other activities are all part of the fun. Our camps are American Camp Association accredited and are run by hardworking volunteers who donate one or more weeks of their time to make sure the kids have a great outdoor experience.



### South King County

- Tall Timbers II (Auburn/Federal Way): July 25 – 29
- Tall Timbers III (Auburn/Federal Way): August 1 – 5
- Lions (Renton): August 15 – 19

### Kitsap County

- Niwana (Port Orchard area): July 25 – 29
- Fay Bainbridge (Bainbridge Island): August 8 – 12

For information, and easy online registration, check out our website [www.campfire-usa.org](http://www.campfire-usa.org).

(continued from page 1)

The group program school year season came to a close with a series of Council Fires. I experienced a lot of emotion and fond memories as I participated in this wonderful tradition. Council Fire is a way to reflect on and celebrate accomplishments of the past year, honor individual and group achievements and come together as a Camp Fire community to experience that all-important sense of belonging to something bigger than ourselves.

Camp Fire Groups and Day Camp would not exist without our teenage and adult volunteers. I am deeply grateful to each of you for bringing your time, talents and caring to help children and youth learn and grow. Our Camp Fire volunteers are DEVOTED to our children and to the community we create together. Thank you so much. I wish for you and your families a wonderful summer

Wohelo,

Bridgett

## 2011 National Art Project Winners

This year's theme of **painting** inspired many spectacular entries for the National Art Competition. Projects were submitted in April and shared via our Facebook page. Thanks to our followers for voting for your favorites—all the projects were thoughtful and creative, and provided our judges with a difficult challenge to choose from among all the wonderful pieces. The winners of the 2011 National Art Project were:

### INDIVIDUAL

#### Little Stars

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Luke Wentzien, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Isabella Thornton, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Meriel Grady

#### Starflight

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Josh Wentzien, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Elise Richard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Jessica Clark

#### Adventure

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Lucy Boyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Alaina Rhoades, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Sean Ford

#### Discovery

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Mary Bone, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Erin Hutchinson "Lighthouse," 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Erin Hutchinson "Flowers"

#### Horizon

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Miranda Clairmont, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Cecilia Nelson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Sarah Dunn

### GROUP

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Patti Ford's Group  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Carla Bies/Amy Hallmon Group

The theme for the 2012 National Art Competition is **fibers**—so start thinking about your projects!

## 2011 Wohelo Award Recipients

After years of diligence, determination, and zeal, six young women received their Wohelo Awards – the highest award a youth member can earn. The Council honored the Wohelo Award recipients at the Absolutely Incredible Kid Brunch in May. We celebrated their impressive achievement and recognizing all they accomplished on their paths to becoming caring, confident youth and future leaders. This year's Wohelo Award recipients are:



**Lacey Ballard** has been in Camp Fire for fourteen years, participating in Group Program, Camp Sealth and several day camps, selling over 14,000 boxes in tenure in Camp Fire. Lacey recognized the importance of honoring everyone's accomplishments, so she hosted a post-candy celebration. Lacey coordinated the Ice Cream Social for the North Program Area for three years, selecting a theme, making invitations, and planning games and activities. For the awards ceremony, youth who sold more than 120 units of candy walked under an archway made of candy boxes, their faces tickled with joy and delight. A busy senior at West Seattle High, Lacey excels at drama and earned the coveted position of Director for the winter play. She was charged with designing the set, casting the roles, choosing props, running rehearsals and doing the publicity. Lacey learned to graciously give constructive criticism to her actors, working with each person individually on what she wanted changed or added to the performance. This

Advocacy has inspired Lacey to pursue a career as a professional stage manager. Lacey's third Advocacy was to work with preschoolers and youth with special needs to have a fun, safe day camp experience. As a counselor for children under age five, Lacey recognized that other day camp activities were not age-appropriate for her group. She manipulated crafts projects to work for the preschoolers. Lacey worked with a boy with autism for three summers. She adapted her teaching approach and was able to lead songs and crafts for all. When asked how Camp Fire has influenced her life, Lacey said, "Camp Fire has been a center point in my life. I am a more responsible person as well as a more organized person."



**Lauren Celmer** wanted to provide fun-filled activities at the Hans Jensen Day Camp to encourage campers to keep coming back to camp. As a member of the Planning Committee, she organized and ran three trainings. At the "Typical Day" station, she made sure all staff knew the basics of day camp, what to expect and where activities would be located. She also helped teach outdoor cooking for various campfire foods. During day camp, Lauren and her group gave the site director a break and ran the camp for an afternoon. She attributes learning responsibility and leadership to this unique experience. Providing all athletes the opportunity to participate and developing specific athletic skills, building confidence and self esteem and increasing

understanding of persons with different abilities was Lauren's second Advocacy. She served as a community player on Issaquah's Special Olympic United Senior Team. She led her team of athletes by teaching drills and dribbling during practices, calling plays during competitions and encouraging players on the sidelines to "root" for their teammates. Lauren noticed that freshman at Bellevue High School needed help getting acclimated to high school. As a member of the LINK crew, Lauren led an orientation for new students, giving a detailed tour of the school, telling secrets of high school and offering advice about her own experiences transitioning to high school. Lauren provided activities and social opportunities for her group to form friendships. She also held tutoring sessions for those who needed homework help. When asked how Camp Fire has influenced her life, Lauren said, "Camp Fire taught me to never quit something that I liked. I have learned that I can do anything that I truly set my mind to."



**Jamie Leitzke** "gained confidence in my leadership abilities" while accomplishing her advocacies. Jamie served as a day camp counselor at Hans Jensen Day Camp, leading a group of third grade girls. She was always thinking of new experiences that she wanted to share with her campers. They cooked over the fire, tried new crafts and tie-dyed shirts. For the extended day/overnight, Jamie taught games such as Ship-to-Shore, ran the scavenger hunt, and served dinner and breakfast. Jamie's second Advocacy was to support Camp Fire USA and work with groups to understand the purpose of and set goals for the candy fundraiser. She shared her own candy selling experience with younger youth and helped get them excited about the sale. In addition to selling candy, Jamie took on a huge role as Candy Distributor, coordinating with local groups to pick-up candy and turn in money. She met with new leaders and Candy Captains to go over paperwork, gave tips on how to sell candy, and explained about Operation Homefront.

She spent time organizing money, keeping candy inventory, and keeping the books balanced. To teach children the joy of giving and to support families struggling with hunger and poverty, Jamie worked with her church's Sunday school to do a fundraiser for Heifer International. She taught youth about Heifer's philosophy to give gifts of livestock and training to help families improve their nutrition and generate income in a sustainable way. The youth set a goal of \$500, enough for one heifer. The fundraiser included selling homemade crafts, giving presentations and making announcements at the church service.

## 2011 Wohelo Award Recipients

**Jill Mayer** recognized the importance of providing fun events and activities to keep older Horizon level youth involved in Camp Fire. She has worked at and planned the Discovery Horizon Weekend for two years, teaching card games at a workshop, gathering supplies, coordinating volunteers, and organizing the theme and logistics. As Co-Chair of the South King County Horizon Cabinet, she helped teach about issues such as going green, productive communication, and stereotypes. She led trainings on running meetings and developing leadership skills. For her second Advocacy, Jill focused on providing support and love to communities in need. She led one mini-mission trip to Lewis County to clean up farmlands and a second trip to Mount Rainier to clean up campgrounds, both efforts in response to major flooding. During her mission trip to Mexico, Jill served on her group's journal and devotional team, where she created questions for youth to reflect on their experience. Jill spoke at a "Minute for Mission" talk in church, sharing how important the youth missions were to her personally. To help sustain and grow the youth program at Federal Way United Methodist Church, Jill joined the Youth Planning Council. She participated in U-turns, where youth met in a public place for Bible study and prayer groups, to expose the general public to their youth group. Additionally, she served as a substitute leader at Bible studies, recruited youth to participate in Relay for Life and Iron Man activities, and spoke at the Annual Conference about her experiences and encouraged youth to get involved. Jill feels that "Earning a Wohelo Award is one of the most gratifying experiences I have ever had." Jill will be attending Willamette University and plans to double major in Music and Psychology. According to Jill Mayer, "Camp Fire has been a significant support structure for me throughout my life."



**Katie Scott** sold 14,568 units of candy—averaging 1,121 units a year—totaling \$72,093 in her thirteen years in Camp Fire. In 2008, Katie earned "Top Candy Seller in the Nation." She currently serves on the National Camp Fire USA Youth Advisory Cabinet, acting as a voice for all Camp Fire youth to the national staff and national board of trustees. Lowering cost and increasing group activities at Group Camping Weekend was Katie's first Advocacy. She coordinated all facility logistics with camp staff and learned communication skills and how to deal with difficult questions, how to manage contracts and about budgeting. At Group Camping Weekend, Katie held a meeting for leaders about fire and water safety, camp rules, activities schedule and, of course, to tell them all to have fun. As a member of her school's Student Services, Katie tutored children with learning disabilities by helping them increase their learning tools. Using fact triangles, Katie tutored a third grader in multiplication and division, and helped an eleventh grader learn new study habits to help her succeed in school. An advocate for students, Katie approached teachers and recommended that a boy with Down's Syndrome have a teacher's aide. Katie has served on the Hans Jensen Day Camp Steering Committee for several years, planning activities, recruiting and training staff, and leading her own group. Last year, Katie took on organizing the extended day and overnight for older campers. She planned a schedule that included doing a scavenger hunt, playing capture the flag, and eating s'mores around the campfire. According to Katie, "Camp Fire has made an amazing impact on my life."



**Victoria Steward** attributes her gained sense of responsibility and her joy in giving service to the process she went through for her Wohelo Award. For her first Advocacy, Victoria provided fun and educational veteran-focused activities for Camp Fire kids. She meets monthly with a Camp Fire group to help youth better understand the importance of supporting veterans. One activity was making poppy pins and explaining why veterans pass poppies on Remembrance Day. The youth also had the opportunity to become penpals with soldiers currently stationed in Afghanistan. From playing in wind ensemble and marching band, and performing in show choir, Victoria knows the importance of the performing arts and sought to save and preserve band and music programs. She planned, implemented and performed at three of her school's semi-annual Big Band Swing Dance Fundraisers. To inspire younger kids to take up music, Victoria taught sessions at the petting zoo on musical instruments, showing kids many different kinds of instruments and sharing how each instrument works and what it sounds like. Victoria recognized that families in her own community have been struggling in these tough economic times. Her school has "Spirit Days" where students dress according to the day's theme, but for many students, getting costumes to dress like a superhero or sports fan is not a priority for their families. Victoria started a new program at her school called "Donate Your Spirit." She spoke out to the entire student body to start a clothing collection: graduating seniors donate their spirit gear for others to use in future years. Students adopted the program whole-heartedly, filling five very large closets! "Camp Fire is not an activity I do, like a sport or club, it's a part of me that has pushed me to be better always, and has given me the confidence to succeed at all I set out to do."



## Let's Get Together at the 2011 Alumni Reunion "Our Past, Present, and Future"

September 16 – September 18, 2011  
Camp Sealth, Vashon, WA

What better way to revisit your great Camp Fire memories than by surrounding yourself with other Camp Fire alumni for a weekend at Camp Sealth? The reunion is open to ALL adult Camp Fire alumni. Encourage your former group members to join you, or just come on your own and see who you run into.

The weekend should feel like a relaxing retreat from the stresses of your everyday life, and the programming will be fairly unstructured to reflect that. You will find that you have plenty of time to socialize and pursue activities that interest you.

### SPECIAL EARLY BIRD RATE WHEN YOU REGISTER BY JULY 15!

- **\$65 for the weekend** - Friday through Sunday (includes all programming, two nights' accommodations, barbeque lunch and banquet dinner on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday)
- **\$75 for the weekend after July 15.**
- **\$30 if you can only join us during the day on Saturday** (includes programming, barbeque lunch and banquet dinner on Saturday)

Alumni Reunion t-shirts (\$10) and hooded sweatshirts (\$20) are available for purchase in advance.

E-mail photo submissions to [email4torgy@aol.com](mailto:email4torgy@aol.com) by August 1 to be included in this year's slideshow (photos from your days in Camp Fire or past reunions).

For more information and online registration click on "Alumni Reunion at Camp Sealth" from our homepage at [www.campfire-usa.org](http://www.campfire-usa.org).

Call or e-mail Megan Meyer at 206 826 8931 or [meganm@campfire-usa.org](mailto:meganm@campfire-usa.org) if you prefer to have a paper registration form mailed to you.



## Save the Date for Adult Weekend at Camp Sealth

Mark February 24 – 26, 2012 on your calendar! The projects made with recycled materials were so popular last year, the committee is working on expanding their offerings! Adult Weekend is held at Camp Sealth every year in late February. Some people organize mini-reunions, some people invite sisters or friends, and some people come on their own. It is a weekend of visiting, crafting, and relaxing. No children and no dishes to wash! This fall we will give you a link to preview the scheduled projects.



## Lost and Found

Every year we end up with a box full of items left at program events, at Camp Sealth, at local day camps, and at a variety of other Camp Fire activities. Now is the time to claim what is yours.

If you think something belonging to you or a family member might be in our lost and found, give us a call at the council office and we'll see if we have it. Or arrange a time to stop by and check for your lost possessions. Anything not claimed by October 31st will be donated to a local charity.



## Free Adult and Child CPR Training

**Who can sign up?** Adults and children (ages 11+)

**When:** Saturday, July 23, 2011 at 9 a.m.

**Where:** Lynnwood Convention Center  
3711 – 196<sup>th</sup> St SW in Lynnwood

**To Register:** Call 425 740 2344 OR e-mail: [cprsaturday@snohomishcounty.redcross.org](mailto:cprsaturday@snohomishcounty.redcross.org)

**IMPORTANT:** Use the password WOHELO when you register

- Give name, adult/child (11 or older), and phone or e-mail
- Wear comfortable clothing that you can move around in
- Class will take 2 – 3 hours
- Register early because class is expected to fill

Our thanks to Camp Fire USA Snohomish Council for sharing this free opportunity with us!

**Questions?** Call Kena at 425 258 5437



  
**Camp Fire USA**  
 CENTRAL PUGET SOUND COUNCIL  
 4241 21st Ave West, Suite 200  
 Seattle, Washington 98199-1250  
 Phone: 206 461 8550  
 E-mail: [info@campfire-usa.org](mailto:info@campfire-usa.org)  
[www.campfire-usa.org](http://www.campfire-usa.org)

Bridgett Chandler, CEO  
 Chuck McDonald, President

Summer fun for  
 kids. Sign up  
 today!

NONPROFIT ORG.  
 U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
 SEATTLE, WA  
 Permit No. 642

**Camp Fire USA**  
*builds caring,  
 confident youth and  
 future leaders.*

Current Resident OR

## Win a Ribbon at the Puyallup Fair!

**“Do the Puyallup between September 9<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>!** Visit the Camp Fire Department at the Puyallup Fair on the first floor of the Pavilion to “check out” the ribbons each youth earned! Ribbons for art, crafts, stories, projects, collections, and photos are awarded!

**Would your Camp Fire child(ren) like to earn award ribbons?** Enter items for judging in the Camp Fire Department at the Puyallup Fair. All entries are judged and receive awards. Preschoolers may enter up to 5 items, grades K – 2 may enter up to 10 items and grades 3 – 12 up to 20 items. Please bring entries to the Camp Fire Office in Seattle before 5 p.m. on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. We will transport all the entries to and from the fairgrounds. If Puyallup is closer to you than the Council Office, you may deliver your own items on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Complete information on items to enter, rules, entry forms and entry tags can be found by following the directions at the bottom of this article.



**Would you like free tickets to the Fair?** Groups can sign up to demonstrate a special skill or craft at the Camp Fire site at the Fair. The time slots are half hour to one hour. Call Loretta (253 845 5198) or Jenny (253 845 3707) or you can e-mail [cfair@comcast.net](mailto:cfair@comcast.net) before September 1<sup>st</sup>. After that you may contact the Camp Fire staff at the Puyallup Fair at 253 841 5207. All demonstrators will be mailed tickets to enter the Puyallup Fair for free!



For more information about entering items or doing a demonstration, please visit [www.thefair.com](http://www.thefair.com) and click on “Puyallup Fair,” “Exhibit Entries” and then click on “Camp Fire USA” under organization competitions.

Camp Fire programs are available to all people without regard to race, gender, creed, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, economic status or mental or physical disabilities. Accommodations for special needs will be provided upon request whenever possible. Make arrangements at least two (2) weeks prior to the activity by calling the event coordinator listed or Marjean McCraw at 206 826 8930 or 800 451 CAMP (2257). TDD/TTY users may reach us through the Washington Relay Service at 800 833 6388; TeleBraille users call 800 833 6385.

