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## Thank You for Surfing the Chocolate Wave!

We couldn't have done it without you! Of course, we're talking about the fantastic Candy Fundraiser and our amazing volunteers. We owe special thanks to Branch Candy Coordinators Mary McKay and Kathy Neubecker, and also to our wonderful Candy Distributors Jeanette Borges, Judy White, Delgene Phillips, Elizabeth Andrews, Carol Aucott, and Lori Bowers. Kudos also to our Site Sale Coordinators Sandi Van Kleek-Claggett, Patti Marzano, Kathi Quickstad, Samantha Stevens, Carol Hoag and Sara Skulac, who keep track of where we go and when we can be there! Some of you volunteered at the eleventh hour when we really needed you and we so appreciate your willingness to help. Thanks for another great year!



*East Branch Staff*

## Candy Rally a Sweet Success!

We decided to do something different and combine our Candy Rally with our All-Volunteers' Meeting! It was tons of fun. The youth created and performed skits for the adults with the help of volunteer Elizabeth Andrews. The youth also had time to set their sights on a particular incentive prize and draw their goals on paper.

The adults shared tips for site selling with the new leaders and the branch office staff gave selling ideas for older youth. The most popular idea for older youth was to "borrow" a kindergartener for your site sale!



Because it was held immediately following the Candy Captain training, those volunteers were invited to stay also. So, there were approximately thirty of us learning to sing Laura's new candy song (a parody of Adam Sandler's Hannukah Song). Last, but not least, Vicki Pelton provided a scrumptious dinner, complete with dessert, for all of us. Thank you, Vicki!

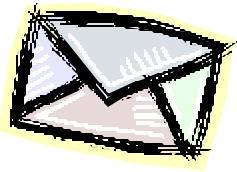
Thanks to EVERYONE who helped make the evening a big success. It was great to see new faces and hear new ideas. We hope those of you who came for the first time will come again and encourage others in your group to join us next time!

## Teens in Action Project

Now is a great time to become part of the group. Teens in Action is open to for 8th-12th graders. A service project is in the works for a Saturday in March.

Come see what we're all about!

If you're interested, drop a line to Laura at the East Branch office 425 885 0477 or email her at [laura-l@campfire-usa.org](mailto:laura-l@campfire-usa.org).



## Get Stuffed for the C.A.R.E. Dinner!

We would love your help getting invitations ready for the C.A.R.E. dinner in May. This task would

be perfect for a group community service project, and would take no time at all to complete with a group working on it. We need approximately 2,000 envelopes stuffed and labeled.

Everything you need will be ready for pick up at the East Branch Office during the second week of March. When you return them, we will seal and stamp them! Please call us at 425 885 0477 if you or your group is interested in helping us with this important project.



## Outdoor Fun!

The weather is getting warmer and some of you are clamoring for outdoor activity—the wind in your hair, the mud on your feet... While there aren't any service projects at Camp Sealth this month, there are a few right in our Branch.

If you go online to [www.metrokc.gov/parks](http://www.metrokc.gov/parks) and click on 'trails,' there are many dates in March to do trail work at Soaring Eagles in Sammamish and Grand Ridge Park in Issaquah. At Three Forks in North Bend there is native tree planting on the Snoqualmie River; at Tolt-McDonald in Carnation, there is a restoration project on the Snoqualmie River. Marymoor Park in Sammamish will be doing re-leaf/tree mulching and Cougar Mountain Park in Newcastle will be doing meadow restoration.

We hope your group will take advantage of these opportunities. The website will give you all the details.

## Camp Fire Gains Visibility in Business Community

As the *East Branch News* goes to press, the staff is looking forward to telling the local business community more about Camp Fire USA. On Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting a Redmond Chamber of Commerce Networking meeting early in the morning before work. Local business owners find this a convenient time to get together, and we are eager to talk with them about the community services Camp Fire provides.

Because it will be during the height of the Candy Fundraiser, we will serve (and sell!) Camp Fire candy, right along with coffee and pastries. (Is there ever a wrong time of day to eat chocolate?) We are hoping, too, that those who attend will help us serve more kids by taking flyers to post in their shops and offices.

### St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is here, you see,  
We'll pick some shamrocks, one, two, three,  
We'll count the leaves and look them over,  
And maybe find a four-leaf clover,  
I'll sew green buttons on my vest,  
Green for St. Patrick's Day is the best,  
I'll wear a green hat, very high,  
And dance a jig-at least I'll try!



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