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East Branch 120+ Candy Fundraisers

Katie Scott	1155	Marilyn Hoag	135
Cassandra Anderson	510	Kayla Smith	135
Naressa Anderson	510	Sarah Taylor	135
Enely Shepherd	507	Jani Waters	135
Delaney Aucott	315	Diana Mulkey	133
Forrest Timour	250	Jordyn Anable	132
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Skyelee Van Kleeck-Claggett	140	Peter Zupke	120
Syd Coan	137	Emily Skulec	120
Carl Wilkerson	135	Dominik Skulec	120
Brenda Brockman	135	Hayley Gordon	120
Emily Larson	135	Corinne Hoag	120

Thank you all for working so hard to support Camp Fire USA!



It's Council Fire Time

It is time to attend your area Council Fire! Council Fires are fun, annual traditions. It is the time all groups gather to celebrate the accomplishments and activities of the year—sing songs, present awards, and meet other groups that comprise the East Branch. Invite your friends and relatives to come celebrate with you!

This year there will be three Council Fires. The Redmond, Sammamish, Issaquah, and Snoqualmie Valley Council Fire will be held May 19th, 2005 at Chief Kanim Middle School in Fall City (time to be announced). Bellevue and Northshore/Kirkland residents will be notified of dates and times for the Council Fires by phone or e-mail.

Don't forget to wear your uniform or ceremonial attire!



A Community Family Club Celebrates Camp Fire's Birthday

The Issaquah Community Family Club had a fun time celebrating Camp Fire's 95th birthday!

One of the older kids, Forrest Timour, earned bead TC381 by decorating for the party. The kids in the club take turns earning this bead during the 6 parties each year. His idea for decorating the room was to print up sheets of paper with the letters H A P P Y B I R T H D A Y C A M P F I R E U S A and pass them out at the previous meeting. Each of the kids decorated their letter at home and brought them back for the party. The club taped them to a long piece of string and stretched it across the room. It was a wonderful activity that involved the cooperation of the entire club. He also planned a craft of making decorated party cone hats using card stock with an elastic neck strap stapled on.

Family clubs usually start their meetings with a potluck dinner. The Issaquah club has a dinner theme each meeting such as 'Breakfast for Dinner', 'Fondue', or 'Asian food'. This time it was 'My Favorite Food' and the club ended up with all sorts of great dishes. At a regular meeting the dinner is followed by a group game, short business discussion, opening ceremony and lesson plan. Since it was a party, the club set up activity stations. Parents and older kids helped run the activities.

One station was spraying tie dyed t-shirts. JoAnn Fabrics sells a 'Simply Spray' that is non-toxic and was easy for even the club's three year olds to use. They used a plastic sheet to cut out the Camp Fire logo and letters 'Camp Fire USA' on the fronts, and spelled out their names on the back. The kids sprayed over the plastic pieces onto the shirts. The result was a white logo and lettering on a background of tie-dye. The kids were thrilled with them!

Another station was sewing vinyl sit-upons for camp. They used 15" x 15" squares of red and white striped picnic table vinyl for one side and navy blue vinyl for the other side. Holes were made with 1/8" hole punches. They placed 12" x 12" foam squares 1" thick between the vinyls. Then they stitched them together using either overhand or straight stitch with red plastic lacing.

Third grader Jameson Knopp ran a game station. Kids competed in relays to use pieces of cardboard to waft balloons across the gym until they came to rest in hula hoops. It was harder than it sounds!

Kids made 'Ice Cream in a Bag' at a cooking station. Look for the recipe in this issue of the *Wohele*. With a lot of shaking, kids created delicious, firm ice cream. It was a messy activity because the salt water dripped from some of the bags. Since the club meets in a school cafeteria and everybody pitches in to clean up at the end, it was no problem. If your club meets in a carpeted area, it would be best to make it outside.

In family clubs, each family is asked to have at least one parent take a leadership role. The club's Party Leader this year is Janet Carson. A few weeks before each party she leads the kids in a business discussion of what they want to plan for the upcoming party. All of the kids help make the decision. Usually they try to plan a mix of small group games, individual crafts, and cooking projects.

For the last half hour, the club plans a large group activity. For example, their Thanksgiving party ended with group folk dancing and their Valentines party ended with all of the members playing candy heart bingo. The birthday party ended with a group photo followed by singing 'Happy Birthday' to Camp Fire. One of the families brought a cake for 50. The kids gathered around and blew out the candles together.

In April the club will get to celebrate Earth Day, and in June they have their annual club awards ceremony and Native American Dinner. Anyone tried fried dandelion blossoms or acorn bread? The Issaquah Community Family Club makes Camp Fire fun for its members by mixing learning with celebration!

Editors Note: Thanks to Amy Hendricks and the Issaquah MetLife Community Family Club for this terrific article!



Ice Cream in a Bag

Mix in a one-gallon pitcher:

One half-gallon whole milk
One quart cream
One cup sugar
One teaspoon vanilla

Measure ½ cup into sandwich sized Ziploc bags, burp out air bubbles and seal. Put this inside another sandwich sized Ziploc bag to be sure it doesn't leak. Place the ice cream bag inside a gallon sized Ziploc bag with 2 cups crushed ice and a small handful of rock salt. Seal, then shake and squish until ice cream is hard, approximately 20 minutes.



Spread the Love!

Help us spread the love of Camp Fire at your school! We would be happy to set up a Camp Fire information booth at any of your school or PTA events. Just let us know when and where. Right now is a perfect time to get the word out about our fabulous summer Day Camps. We could bring flyers and registration forms with us.

Did you know that if group members promote joining Camp Fire at their school (or a neighboring school) they could each earn the Membership Growth emblem? It's so easy to do! If now is not a good time, think about doing it when school starts in the fall. All schools usually have a welcome back gathering of some sort. That's a perfect venue for a Camp Fire table or booth. Give Laura or Lynda a call at the East Branch office and we will work together with you to make that happen. When you call, ask about the "I Told A Friend" emblem, too, for Camp Fire youth who bring a new member to their group.



Need Training?

Training can be scheduled by appointment by contacting Laura at 425 885 0477, or e-mailing her at laura-l@campfire-usa.org.

Outdoor Training

Planning to go camping this spring or summer? To sleep in a cabin or tent, cook over a fire, or use other outdoor cooking methods, one adult accompanying each group must have completed outdoor training.

If you are in need of Outdoor Training, please see the main *Wohelo* pages to register for Cooking and Cabins Training at Camp Niwana on May 28th – 29th.

Program Level Training

Is your group flying up to a new program level in Camp Fire? Leaders of 2nd, 5th, and 8th graders will be moving to a new program level in the fall. Get a jump on the new program materials by attending training this spring, and be ready to go in the fall. Call Laura to schedule a Program Level Training.

Thanks a Bundle!

We have such awesome volunteers at the East Branch. Thanks to all these leaders whose groups took C.A.R.E. Dinner invitations to stuff, label and bundle by ZIP code: Karen Wilkerson, Lori Bowers, Kathi Quickstad, and Kim Taylor. Thanks to Andi Davis and Sandi Fennell whose groups wanted to help also, but we ran out!

Day Camp Volunteers Have Fun!

Volunteers are needed for a variety of positions. Would you enjoy leading songs or games, purchasing supplies or food, teaching archery, leading a small group of girls or boys, planning arts and crafts, checking out equipment, or helping with outdoor skills and fire building? Many positions can be done in teams, so bring a friend!

To meet American Camp Association standards and assure a quality experience for campers, training is required for all adult and teen volunteers. Please plan on attending one on-site and one off-site training. When you complete and mail the form below, you will receive information on the dates and times of trainings. Please call the East Branch Office for more information at 425 885 0477.

The children of full time adult volunteers attend Day Camp for \$20 or \$40 rather than the full fee of \$90 or \$110! Childcare is available for the preschool children of adult volunteers.

Fill out the form below and mail it to: East Branch Camp Fire office at 16315 NE 87th St, B12, Redmond, WA 98052.

Yes, I'd love to join you! I would like to volunteer for:

_____ Hans Jensen July 11th – 15th

_____ Blyth July 18th – 22nd

I would like to help with: (Please check one or more)

_____ Leading a small group of children (minimum age is Junior in high school)

_____ Junior Staff (8th grade and up)

_____ Fire Building

_____ Purchasing supplies/food

_____ Crafts

_____ Games

_____ Songs

_____ Outdoor Skills

___ Jackknives ___ Compass ___ Pacing ___ Knots

_____ Nature/Environment

_____ Creative Dramatics

_____ Preschool Childcare

_____ Equipment Manager

_____ Supervise archery

_____ Other _____

Name: _____ Adult _____ OR Youth in _____ (Current Grade)

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail address: _____



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