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Making a Splash

Camp Fire USA made a splash this year at the Salmon Days Festival in Issaquah. We had an award-winning float in the Grande Parade on Saturday and an outreach booth at the Field of Fun on Saturday and Sunday.

Three East Branch groups joined forces for the parade. Over 25 children and parents from the Issaquah Community Family Club and the Bellevue group The Spirit Searchers rode the parade float or marched. Cindy and John Scott of the Woh-Su-Mee-Anang group generously arranged to pull the float with their truck.



The float, which won a Third Prize Ribbon in the Specialty category, depicted a camping scene. The sides of the truck and float were covered with blue "waves" and "swimming salmon." Children sat along the "salmon stream" with a pup tent, cooler, and a campfire - of course! Some of the children were roasting marshmallows over the "flames" while others were fishing off the banks of the stream. Older youth and parents walked in the parade sporting foam salmon hats and proudly carrying the Camp Fire banner. Rousing camp songs were sung to entertain the crowd. The fact that it was a rainy camping scene made it

that much more authentic! Many thanks to the West Seattle group for refurbishing the float, which looked great.

Salmon Days draws over 170,000 visitors, giving Camp Fire great exposure. Families came to make buttons at our booth, learned about Camp Fire, and signed up as new members. Children and parents from the Issaquah Club and Camp Fire staff were on hand to answer questions about Camp Fire and encourage families to join. It was a great occasion for spreading the word about Camp Fire, the chapters in our area, and the many fun and educational activities that we enjoy.

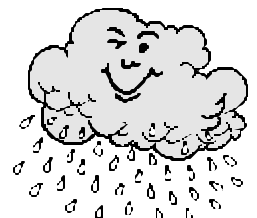
An Of"fish"al Thanks

The East Branch would like to thank everyone who helped out at Salmon Days. A special thanks goes out the Issaquah Family Club and The Spirit Searchers who "spawned" the float. The Issaquah CFC also signed up volunteers to work the booth.

There was much planning and forethought by everyone behind the scenes, months before the event.

And of course, we appreciated all the helping hands who staffed the booth on those two rainy, muddy days with us: Amy Hendricks, Sandy Hayes, Kathleen Heiman, Lauren Borges, and Maddie Hayes.

We feel especially indebted to the wonderful couple, Jeff and Susie Yamane, from the Buddhist Temple Club, who helped us carry everything back to the car because the field was too muddy to drive on Sunday evening.



Everyone had fun and made memories despite the rain. And **that** is always the goal!

Eastside Members Represent Council at National Conference

Camp Fire USA Central Puget Sound Council will be represented at the National Leadership Conference by four East Branch youth. Kaylyn Davis, Rebecca Meyer, Maddie Hayes and Michela Quickstad will attend workshops planned by the national Youth Advisory Cabinet.

In addition, they will be voting delegates that select an issue of concern for youth that will be the Camp Fire USA teen service focus for the next two years. They will leave the conference with a commitment to design projects to help resolve this issue.

The Camp Fire USA National Leadership Conference presents an exciting opportunity for practical, ongoing trainings to maximize council capacity systemwide, as well as a great chance to network with colleagues across the country and have fun!

If you have any opinions or ideas that you would like the girls to bring to the conference with them, please contact Robin Hayes at 425 885 0477 or email robin-h@campfire-usa.org.

Welcome New Groups!

Latino Community Family Club at Woodridge Elementary
Maria Cruz, Leader

Madres Unidas Community
Family Club at Bellevue YMCA
Xochi Alonso, Leader

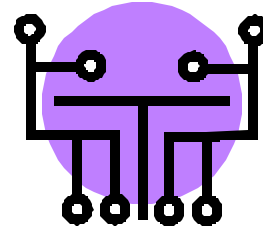
2nd and 3rd Grade Girls Club at
McAuliffe Elementary
Jenny Klier, Leader



Teen-to-Teen

Eastlake High School had a Community Service Fair on September 26th and 27th during advisory periods.

Two members of the Kwo Nee She group, Rebecca Meyer and Maddie Hayes, staffed the booth along with Laura from the East Branch Office.



It was an opportunity for the girls to tell their peers about their personal experiences with Camp Fire. Consequently, many students signed up for more information about getting involved in Teens In Action.

On the flip side, Rebecca and Maddie learned what's involved with volunteer recruiting in a fair-type setting.

Leader Trainings

If you know of someone in your area who enjoys children and would like to make time in their lives for them, now is the time to let them know of our Getting Started Training. Here parents and guardians learn about Camp Fire USA as an organization and how groups get started and registered. Call Laura at 425 885 0477 to set up an appointment!



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