

February/March 2007

Contents

Spirit of 12 Thank-you	1
From Jane	2
C.A.R.E. Dinner	2
More than a Fundraiser	3
Upcoming Events	4
Celebrate Camp Fire	5
Program Center News	6
Carnival of Beads Registration	8
Starflight Weekend Registration ...	10
PSC Camp-In/Simple Science	11
Dad/Kid Weekend Registration	12
News from Camp	13
Day Camp Heads Up	13
Absolutely Incredible Kid Day	15

Calendar

February

- 19 ... Presidents' Day - Offices Closed
- 19 ... Candy Fundraiser Ends
- 19-23 YVC Mid-Winter Break Service
..... Projects
- 23 ... Wohelo Award Materials Due
- 24 - 25 Work Party at Camp Sealth

March

- 2 - 4 Adult Weekend at Camp Sealth
- 10 - 11 Dad/Kid Weekend at Camp Sealth
- 15 ... Absolutely Incredible Kid Day
- 17 ... Camp Fire's Birthday & Sabbath
- 17 - 18 Discovery/Horizon Weekend at
..... Camp Sealth
- 18 ... Camp Fire Sunday
- 24 ... Carnival of Beads
- 31 ... President's Volunteer Service Award
..... Deadline
- 31 ... PSC Camp-In

Thank you Seattle Seahawks and the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation

for giving Camp Fire USA the opportunity to raise over \$173,387 for Camp Fire youth programs as one of your Spirit of 12 Partners!

For the past three years, Camp Fire USA has been a Spirit of 12 Partner along with the YMCA, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Treehouse, and during this time, all three organizations have raised over \$780,000 for our various youth programs.

This fundraising partnership is unique, generous and has given our Camp Fire families a wonderful way to have fun while raising funds for Camp Fire programs.

Our youth are known for their expertise in selling Camp Fire mints, and by participating in the Spirit of 12 Partner program, they have become super game day program "hawkers" and loyal Seahawk fans. The Seahawk Team gave the fans a super season once again by making the playoffs. Their loss to the Chicago Bears was heartbreaking, but they played a great game!

The current Spirit of 12 Partner program is over, and we are in the process of reapplying to be a Spirit of 12 Partner for the 2007 and 2008 seasons. If we are successful (and we certainly hope we are), we will be "hawking" programs for two more years.

If you have a chance, please let the Seahawk Organization and The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation know how much this program has meant to our Camp Fire organization, both from the funds we have raised and the "fun" we have had participating in the games. It's been a great three years, and if we are chosen for the next two years, our Camp Fire Families and volunteers will be the first to hear the good news.

Thank You!

Thank you to our Camp Fire USA Volunteers and Staff for participating in the 2006 Spirit of 12 Partner Program:

Dana and Karen Aoyama; Elaine Bacon; Harvey and Sean Barnes; Ryan Berquist; Glenn Briskin; Daniel, Dinece, Emily and Madison Browne; Brandli Connor; Gloria and Rachel Cross; Alexandria and Stuart Crowe; Jennie Darling; Al and Anna Diss; Austin, Paul, Serena and Sheri Dodd; Sue Everett; Patti and Taylor Ford; Alise and Lindsay Fors; Michael and Mirella Galang; Jessie and Keith Gaudio; Adam and Alan Geller; Janelle, Keith and Tommy Gracey; Meg Helder; Sierra Hendricks; Krista Hoffman; Sissi Horton; Andrew and Erin Hutchison; Byron and Hannah Kelly; Alexander, Carolyn and Fiona Kine; Charlene, Kathryn and Molly Kirby; Janelle Kitson; Christa Knutson; Debra Langley-Boyer; Harvey Locke; Dennis, Kelsey, Lori and Shannon Malloy; Jill and Steve Mayer; Emily and John Mills; Megan and Michael Mooney; Becky, James, Rick and Samantha Morcom; Kathy Neubecker; Jacob and Karen Nugent; Bret Olson; Jessie Perkins; Dale and Spencer Peterson; Leslie Rice; Lael Ross; Cindy Scott; Sandy Revesz Stevens; Cay, Danielle, Robin and Sarah Shoemake; Ben and Brianna Stepper; Amie, Jason and Jeff Stevens; Lucas and Mike Timmerman; Forrest and Marty Timour; Heather and Phillip Ussery; Roger Veenhuizen; Dennis and Mary White; Jane White Vulliet; and Jeannette Williams.

Office Closure

The Camp Fire office and Program Centers will be closed on February 19th in observance of Presidents' Day.



From Jane

I listened to the BBC News on September 28, 2006, and heard the following commentary. As I listened, I thought to myself, this is one perfect example of why Camp Fire is so important to our youth, our alumni, and our community.

Following are excerpts from that commentary:

"Ubuntu is an age-old African term for humaneness – for caring, sharing and being in harmony with all creation. As an ideal, it promotes co-operation between individuals, cultures and nations.

It's a word describing an African worldview, which translates as 'I am because you are,' and which means that individuals need other people to be fulfilled. The word comes from the Bantu languages spoken in southern Africa – and is related to the Zulu concept – 'umuntu ngumuntu ngabantu' which means that a person is only a person through their relationship to others.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, in his book *No Future Without Forgiveness*, says, 'Ubuntu is very difficult to render into Western language . . . It is to say, 'My humanity is caught up, is inextricably bound up, in what is yours.'

In his definition, it means that there is a common bond between people – and when one person's circumstance improve, everyone gains and if one person is tortured or oppressed, everyone is diminished.

There is a spiritual as well as practical dimension to this – with ubuntu reflecting the idea that we're part of a long chain of human experience, connecting us to previous and future." BBC News – September 28, 2006

Camp Fire's core philosophy of the importance of an inclusive, open, compassionate, small group experience is very much in line with ubuntu. Relationships are built for life. In addition, the leadership opportunities we present to our children; and the leadership principles that we teach, each and every day, insure that future generations will understand ubuntu . . . and that our children will work for a just and peaceful world.

Wohelo,

Jane White Vulliet
CEO



Save the Date – May 9th for the C.A.R.E. Dinner

Plans are in the beginning stages for this year's Council Annual Recognition Event Dinner on Wednesday, May 9th. **The location this year is at South Seattle Community College** at 6000 16th Avenue SW in Seattle.

This is the evening where we recognize volunteers with 20, 25, 30 . . . years of tenure in Camp Fire, honor some of our volunteers for the outstanding things they do for Camp Fire, and celebrate the awarding of the Wohelo Award to our young people. It is a very special evening, and you are welcome. Invitations will be going in the mail the first week of April.

If you have questions regarding the evening or **have a volunteer you would like to nominate for an award**, contact Carol Sorvig at 206 461 8550, ext. 222 or carol-s@campfire-usa.org. Your input is very important.



Trip and Outdoor Activity Form

Remember to send in a Trip and Outdoor Activity Form if your group is going away from your meeting place into the outdoors for more than five hours, or doing an activity that requires outdoor skills training. All groups planning activities that require more preparation or physical endurance must complete one.

You can obtain a Trip and Outdoor Activity Form from your Program Center or download it from our website. **Please bring, mail, or fax the form to Karen Aoyama in the Council office at least two weeks before the activity.**

If you are planning a high risk activity like horseback riding or rock climbing, please contact the Karen at 206 461 8550, ext. 319 well in advance. She will help guide you through the required procedure.



You do NOT need to send in a Trip and Outdoor Activity Form for Council-sponsored activities.

Candy Fundraiser Reminders

- ✓ Turn in money often.
- ✓ Call the Site Sale Coordinator before selling at a place of business.
- ✓ Keep Site Sale permission slip with you at store salesites.
- ✓ Wear your Camp Fire uniform and sale button.
- ✓ Shift candy within your group to maximize sales.
- ✓ Wear a smile and remember to say, "Thank you!"

Sissi Horton Profiled in Northwest Hawai'i Times

We are so honored to have Sissi Horton be a part of our staff here at Camp Fire. She is passionate and good at all she does for her community, and others have noticed it too! This article was published in the December 2006 issue of the *Northwest Hawai'i Times*.

Kama'aina Profile: Sissi Horton

By Danny Kaopuiki

Reprinted with permission

Think Camp Fire USAmakes you think of Camp Fire Mint Candy sales? Meet Sissi Horton, Director of the Camp Fire USA's Seattle Childcare Program and let her tell you about the various ways in which the money you pay for those Camp Fire USA Candies helps so many in an every day, every way manner!

But before we meet the "Director", please meet Sissi Kealohaipilipaluaiakeaoipililani Kamali'i Horton, a single Mom raising two precious children, a dedicated hula dancer, a former outrigger canoe paddler (spent her youth paddling for the renowned Hui Lanakila Canoe Club), a woman with a passion for all things Hawaiian!

Sissi is her given birth name. She was born in Queen's Hospital in Honolulu and grew up in the Hawaii Kai area. She is a graduate of Punahou (class of 1981) and Chapman College in Orange County, California....

Sissi Kamali'i Horton is following in the giant footsteps left by her mother ... as Sissi's current lifestyle is centered around helping others! Sissi's priority, as a single Mom, is towards establishing a wholesome and love filled environment for her thirteen year old daughter Rachel (who attends Einstein Middle School) and son Travis, a sophomore at Shorewood HS.

Professionally, her task as Director of the Camp Fire USA Seattle Child Care Program can take 8-12 hours

(Continued on page 4)

So Much More Than a Candy Fundraiser!

I remember selling Camp Fire Mints as a youth in Camp Fire. The world was different then, and I often went by myself from door to door. I remember our Leader encouraging us to support Camp Fire and earn money for our group. I remember selling enough candy to earn half my way to summer camp and working hard to earn the rest by babysitting. I remember setting a goal of earning ALL the money to attend Camp Sealth for a week. How exciting to set a goal and reach it! That summer, of the week I had earned, was one of the highlights of my youth! It taught me a lot about hard work and sticking with a goal.

FAST FORWARD to being a volunteer in Camp Fire, with my own group. The world was different, and we needed to be much more careful about how and when and where we sold. I encouraged my members to support Camp Fire and earn money for our group. We set goals of paying our way to a weekend at camp or earning enough money to purchase all the beads and emblems we had earned that year.

I remember working with my group of sophomores in high school. They wanted to attend Camp Fire's National Leadership Conference in San Diego. We added up the cost of travel and food and the conference. What a big number! My Camp Fire families had limited resources. This wasn't going to be easy! The group worked on a plan. A couple members had sold significant amounts of candy over the years, and they showed other members how much we could earn by selling candy. They decided not to ask people to buy candy. **They decided to ask people to help them earn money to attend a National Conference.** The response was amazing! Every member sold over 200 units! And, remember, they were sophomores. With the magazine and music and candy fundraisers and some car washes, they earned enough to pay everyone's expenses - even the required two chaperones. The parents were pleased to only have to provide spending money! Setting a goal and working toward it became real, VERY REAL!

FAST FORWARD to today. Everyone is busy! Our schedules are overflowing with commitments! Time is precious! Isn't it easier to just give our kids the money they need for summer camp or camping trips or beads and emblems? After all, many school fundraisers provide a "buy out option."

Participating in the Camp Fire Candy Fundraiser is important! Important for the support of Camp Fire and important to the increased self esteem of our children! Setting a goal, working hard and reaching that goal sets a pattern for how they handle their future. Meeting the public and handling money are life skills, only accomplished by "on the job training," and hard work. Life is not getting any easier, and we owe it to our children to provide real life skills. Yes, it takes time. Yes, it is hard work.

Talk with your child and their group about their goals. Don't "sell candy." Earn money for Camp Fire and your goal! Tell customers about your goal! Be excited! Set your sites high! Reach your goal!

Please share your successes with me by e-mailing mary-o@campfire-usa.org.

Mary Olsen

Director of Training and Support

Former volunteer Leader

Former youth member



Upcoming Events

This is a busy time of year for Camp Fire members. Keep these dates on your calendar so you don't miss out on any of the fun!

YVC Projects, February 19th – 23rd – Youth Volunteer Corps' midwinter break projects will definitely keep you busy! If you're a youth between the ages of 11 – 18 and would like to give some meaningful service back to your community, make sure to register before the projects fill up! Please call 206 461 8550, ext. 230 to request a brochure, or visit www.yvckingcounty.org for a list of projects.

Work Party, February 24th – 25th – Get your hands dirty and have fun while helping spruce up Camp Sealth for the spring season.

Adult Weekend, March 2nd – 4th – Spend the weekend away from life's stressors. Participate in relaxing workshops, learn some new skills, meet new people, and have fun! Registration forms are in the December/January issue of the *Wohelo*.

Dad/Kid Weekend, March 10th – 11th – This weekend is dedicated to having some serious fun with one of your favorite adults in your life.

Absolutely Incredible Kid Day, March 15th – Kids are absolutely incredible! Remind the kids in your life how special they are by writing a letter. Ideas to get you started and stationery are on page 15 of this issue.

Camp Fire Birthday, March 17th – Camp Fire is turning another year older. Celebrate Camp Fire's 97th birthday this year by earning the Celebrate Camp Fire emblem.

Discovery/Horizon Weekend, March 17th – 18th – Come spend the weekend at one of our favorite places on earth – Camp Sealth! Get to know some other Camp Fire members your age, remember some of the best times you've had in Camp Fire, and just relax and have fun.

Carnival of Beads, March 24th – This popular event will feature activities for youth to earn a bunch of beads all at once. This year's theme is "Around the World in One Day." Register your group today!

President's Volunteer Service Award Deadline, March 31st – Tally up the hours you've volunteered this year and get them in to receive the highly coveted President's Volunteer Service Award. Try to do more than you did last year, and get ready to do even more next year!

Niwana Work Party, March 31st – April 1st – Camp Niwana needs your help this spring with cleaning, fixing, planting, weeding, etc. Help us keep our camps beautiful!

Pacific Science Center Camp-In, March 31st – April 1st – Make sure to register for this year's overnight – you won't want to miss learning about just how gross nature's critters can be in the hands-on workshop. Regular exhibits and science fun will also be available to explore.

(*"Sissi Horton," Continued from page 3*)

each weekday. Currently, she supervises the staff of Camp Fire USA Child Care Centers at Olympic View and John Muir Elementary schools in the Seattle area. These programs serve low income parents who would not be able to have full time jobs if these programs did not exist!

Sissi has been working for the Camp Fire USA organization for the past ten years and says she is amazed at how much positive impact the Camp Fire USA programs have. The Child Care Centers also provide before and after school care for young children of working parents. Sissi is concerned because there never seems to be enough money to expand the services that her programs provide (there is a waiting list of people wanting to join) so she says to all "next time you see Camp Fire USA candies being sold, buy some and know that your donation is truly helping people who really need help".

As much as Sissi loves her work, she has an equal love for her Hawaiian heritage and no matter how tired she may be, you'll find her at the Anderson Center in Edmonds... doing her amīs and kaholōs along with her fellow hula dancers of Kumu Cindi Aiona Cook's Halau! Sissi has also been a member of the Seattle, WA Wakinikona Hawaiian Club for many years. Sissi paddled with the Wakinikona Wa'a (Outrigger Canoe Club) for a while but says she just doesn't have the time (nor the energy) to paddle now although paddling has always been "her sport"!

Sissi invites members of the Seattle area Hawaiian community to contact her if you have an interest in participating in Camp Fire USA programs. She is looking at the possibility of using Camp Fire facilities (like their Resident Camp on Vashon Island) for future activities for Hawaiian Islander youth in this area.

Being one's own person and achieving notable accomplishments is doubly difficult when one has to do so in the shadow of a famous/revered parent. Kina'u Boyd Kamali'i was indeed a political force who did much to help her Hawaiian people but Sissi Kamali'i Horton is already proving that she too can impact, in a different but equally positive way, the lives of hundreds of people who really need help!

Mahalo nui loa Sissi Kamali'i Horton for all you've done and do for people! You "da Man"!



We Still Want your T.P. Tubes and Coffee Cans

Some of you may know that we have been collecting toilet paper rolls for making maracas at community events, such as the International Children's Festival last spring. Keep 'em coming! The project has been very popular.

In addition to the TP rolls, we need 200+ Folgers Coffee "cans" - the plastic kind with the hand grip on the side. We need them to be at least the 34.5 ounce size. We will be giving these out at Leaders' meetings with some great time filler and game ideas, as well as what you'll need to actually do them.

Please bring any empty toilet paper tubes and coffee cans to your Program Center. Thank you for helping us collect these items!

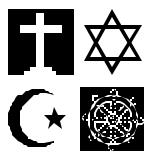
Tell Your Faith Community about Camp Fire!

Help celebrate Camp Fire's birthday by telling your faith community about the how Camp Fire makes the world a better place. Attend services on Camp Fire Sabbath, March 17th, or Camp Fire Sunday on March 18th, in your official Camp Fire uniform.

Speak with your rabbi, pastor, or member of the clergy now to see if you or your group could participate in one of these ways:

- present flags or read scripture,
- lead a song or help with the offering,
- have a reception for attendees afterwards, to share Camp Fire's birthday with them,
- tell about all the fun and service-oriented activities you do.

Camp Fire can provide inserts for your mosque, church, meeting house, temple, or synagogue bulletin. Please contact your Program Manager in time to have them printed. Have fun showing your religious community the ways Camp Fire helps you develop spiritually.



What If? Birthday Fun

Around Camp Fire Birthday time, it can be fun to look at old Camp Fire books and see what requirements members worked on in the not too distant past.



What if these were the beads Adventure, Discovery and Horizon members earned today? Enjoy discussing these bead requirements from the 1924 *Book of the Camp Fire Girls* with your members and with any adult alumni you may know:

- Make two pounds of butter a week for two months.
- Brush hair 50 times every night for three months.
- Take care of the milk and cream from at least one cow and see that the pails and pans are properly cleaned for two months.
- Build a treehouse large enough for two girls to sleep in.
- Cure skin of snake or furred animal.
- Earn \$1 for the purchase of a Camp Fire outfit and dues.
- Make a wild animal your friend and let it eat from your hand.
- Swat at least 25 flies every day for one month.
- Bait the hook, catch, clean and cook a fish.
- Do not borrow money or articles of wearing apparel for two months.

Happy 97th Birthday, Camp Fire!

March 12th – 18th is Camp Fire Birthday Week, when Camp Fire USA celebrates its 97th year of fun, friends, and adventure for youth and families. Members can earn the Celebrate Camp Fire emblem each year by giving service and contributing to the future growth or recognition of Camp Fire USA in their communities.

This national project encourages choice and creativity, as your group completes four birthday activities during the month of March. More than one activity can be completed at a meeting, or the activities can be incorporated into a meeting with an activity from another project.



Activities can include having a birthday party or ceremonial, doing a community service project, honoring a person who lives Camp Fire ideals and values, making posters, making and flying Camp Fire kites, and learning more about Camp Fire history. Call your Program Manager if you need more ideas to help get you started. Emblems are available at your Program Center.

Have fun sharing Camp Fire with your group and others, while carrying on our proud 97 year tradition.

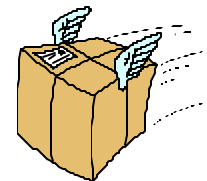


The First Birthday Project

An excerpt from *Wo-He-Lo: The Camp Fire History*, pages 215 - 216:

"Throughout the years an important aspect of the Camp Fire Girls program has been service to community and nation. While each individual group is free to concentrate on those aspects of the program which the girls need and want most, an annual or "birthday" project of a service nature was designed by the national staff for local use and adaptation.

The first project grew from a warmhearted concern for the plight of small children during the First World War. The suggestion was made in 1916 that girls might make clothing for "babies in Belgium, France, Germany, Poland, Serbia, Armenia, as well as in our own land." The response was overwhelming. Parcels spilled over the mailing room at National Headquarters and necessitated temporary rental of additional space to handle and classify them for shipment abroad.

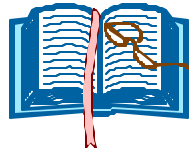


Since 1916 Camp Fire Girls have rendered great service to community, nation, and world through the birthday projects. These generally have fallen into three areas of interest: patriotism and service to community and nation; international friendship and service; and self-development, hobbies, skills and family life."

South County News

Older Youth News

If you have a copy of *Wohelo: The Camp Fire History* checked out from the office, please turn it in or let Hollianne know you are still using it. If you are no longer using the copy, we need it in the office so that our Wohelo Award candidates have access to them.



Adventure Weekend

Get ready for a weekend of jungle fun! Mark your calendars for May 19th and 20th and plan to bring your entire little safari Adventurers!

Upcoming Training Dates

Please call the office at 253 854 3676 and schedule an appointment with Hollianne if you have training needs.

Leaders' Meetings

Auburn: Feb. 6 and Mar. 6
Auburn United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.
100 N Street SE

Enumclaw: Feb. 12 and Mar. 12
Enumclaw Youth Clubhouse, 6 p.m.
1225 Battersby

Federal Way: Feb. 14 and Mar. 14
Mirror Lake Elementary, 7 p.m.
625 S 314th St.

Highline: Feb. 1 and Mar. 1
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.
S 168th & Ambaum Blvd. S

Kent/Maple Valley: Feb. 13 and Mar. 13
Crestwood Elementary, 7 p.m.
25225 180th SE, Kent

Renton: Feb. 5 and Mar. 5
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.
1700 Edmonds Ave NE.

South Program Committee (Formerly B.G.P.C.): Feb. 22 and Mar. 22 at the Program Center in Kent, 1404 Central Ave. S #109.

And for older youth, **Horizon Cabinet:** Feb. 26 and Mar. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Program Center in Kent, same address as above.

Please note: If your regularly scheduled meeting falls on a holiday, pay special attention to the revised day. Call the office at 253 854 3676 if you have questions.

Ceremonial Attire Workshop for Grades 6-12

Come learn about styles, patterns, and fabrics! It's the perfect place to see examples up close, ask questions, and share ideas. Call the office at 253 854 3676 to reserve a place for you and your significant sewing mentors.



When: Friday, March 2nd, 6:30 p.m.
Where: Camp Fire Program Center in Kent, 1404 Central Ave. S. #109

North County News

Leaders' Meetings

North Program Committee
February 5th and March 5th
Council Office, 7 p.m. (New Time!)

Vashon
February 14th and March 14th
Café Luna, 1:30 p.m.
9924 SW Bank Road, Vashon

West Seattle
February 7th and March 7th
West Seattle Christian Church, 7 p.m.
4400 42nd Ave SW, Seattle

Shoreline/Lake Forest Park
February 1st and March 1st
Third Place Books, 7 p.m.
17171 Bothell Way NE, Lake Forest Park

Central-Rainier Valley
February 13th and March 13th
Starbucks, 7 p.m.
2300 South Jackson St, Seattle

Magnolia/Queen Anne
February 21st and March 21st, 7 p.m.
Please contact Janelle or your Leader Chair for location

Northeast/Northwest Seattle
February 14th and March 14th
Council Office, 7 p.m.



H.I.P. Discovery

All youth, grades 6-8, are invited to the council office the second Friday of every month from 7 - 8:30 p.m., for fun games, crafts, and more!



Upcoming dates: February 9th and March 9th

We look forward to seeing YOU there!



R.S.V.P. to Janelle Kitson at janelle-k@campfire-usa.org 206 461 8550, ext. 310, so we can make sure we have enough supplies for everyone!

East County News

All Volunteer Meeting Dates

March 19th, 2007

May 21st, 2007



We hope you can join us!

Daring Explorers

Our adventure in November took us to Vertical World in Redmond. Our climbers were Robert Connor, Glynis Bawden, Katie Scott and Allison Bawden. Watching our climbs and giving support were Darlene Connor, Olivia Connor, John Scott, Julie Bawden and Cindy Scott.

The group received instructions on climbing techniques and climbed most of the walls at the center. The different walls ranged in difficulty from easy to hard. It was a fun to learn in a safe environment. It was a very FUN adventure.

The Daring Explorers set off in late January for a "Day of Sledding" at Steven's Pass.

If these adventures sound FUN and you are in 6th grade or above, call the Redmond Program Center for the next adventure date.

Correction

In the last issue we welcomed Christy Kucinski as a new Leader. We apologize for misspelling Christy's last name. Welcome, Christy *Kucinski!*

Ceremonial Attire Workshop



Is your group interested in a workshop to design their ceremonial attire? Please call the Redmond Program Center or send an e-mail to cindy-s@campfire-usa.org. We will then schedule a date with the groups that are interested.



Eastside Baby Corner Donations

Michela Quickstad is collecting new or gently used items for newborns to age 12. In the Dec 06/Jan 07 *Wohelo*, Michela wrote an article with information on what was needed. The article asked that donations to dropped off at any Camp Fire USA Program Center.

For donations dropped off at the Redmond Program Center, be sure to place them by Suite B-12's door. We have another agency that collects donations for their families, so make sure you leave donations in person or in front of B-12's door. Thank you!

Kitsap County News

Don't Forget!

Leaders' Meetings on February 6 and March 6 at 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. We hope to see you there.

Caroling by Group #788

There was one of the largest turnouts of both Camp Fire members and veterans at the holiday caroling event at Retsil Veterans Home this past winter. Here is what Group #788, the Candy Crew, had to say about the event:

"The Camp Fire groups went to Retsil and made candy canes out of beads and pipe cleaners and decorated little gift bags. We sat with all the veterans and put candy canes together or we just talked to them while we put the candy canes together. Ms. Dianne and some of the other moms passed out cookies and apple cider to the tables... YUM! The veterans seemed to be having fun and some didn't want to go back to their rooms. We then went around the second floor and did caroling and hung the candy canes on doors and on the Christmas tree. It was fun and we are going to do it again next Christmas."



Skating Party to Celebrate Camp Fire

Complete all the Celebrate Camp Fire emblem requirements in one evening by:

1. Attending the party on Sunday, March 18th from 5 - 7 p.m. at Bremerton Skateland, 1740 NE Fuson Road.
2. Honoring someone special (that will happen at the party!).
3. Doing a service project. Bring nonperishable food items for the Bremerton Food Bank. The food banks in Kitsap County run low on food in the spring months and your donations will help feed those in need. Let's try to get *more food* than will fit in the back of a pickup truck! Are you up to the challenge? If you are unable to make it to the skating party you can bring food to the Bremerton Program Center by March 16th.
4. Donating a penny, nickel, dime or even a quarter for every year of your age to the Camp Fire USA Membership Growth Fund. Adults, who may be sensitive about their age, may donate one dollar.

Bring: \$4 for each skater (\$1 extra if you want inline skates); cupcakes or cookies to share; and don't forget those food items!

Youth members, who complete steps one through four above, will take home the 2007 Celebrate Camp Fire emblem. Be ready to have a great time as we celebrate another Camp Fire USA year. See you there!





Carnival of Beads 2007 "Around the World in One Day"

Who: Adventure Groups and Adventure Independents only!

What: A day of fun-filled activities to earn beads and learn new skills

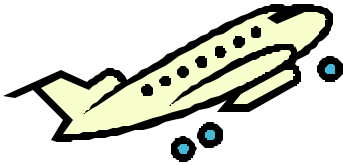
When: Saturday, March 24th, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Where: Camp Sealth on Vashon Island

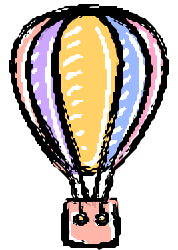
Cost: \$14 with beads - \$10 without beads, per youth (includes activities, crafts, facility usage, and snack)

Bring: Completed Special Activity Permission Form for each youth, completed Emergency Medical Form for each adult, sack lunch, large paper bag or plastic sack for crafts, warm clothing (we do activities/crafts outside), and money for the ferry.

To Register: Mail the registration form below with event fee (check or money order payable to Camp Fire USA) and a **self-addressed stamped** (with 39¢ postage) **business-sized envelope** to:



"Carnival of Beads"
Camp Fire USA
c/o The Shoemakes
9235 Evanston Ave N.
Seattle, WA 98103



Deadline: Registrations must be postmarked by March 3rd, 2007. Sorry, no phone or e-mail registrations will be accepted. No refunds can be made after March 3rd, 2007. A confirmation letter will be mailed to you after March 3rd.

We have limited space so register A.S.A.P.

Questions? Feel free to contact the Shi I Ga Ti Camp Fire Group by e-mail at shiigati@yahoo.com or by phone at 206 783 0157.

Carnival of Beads 2007

Leader's name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/ZIP: _____

E-Mail: _____

of youth with 20 beads included: _____ Cost: _____ (\$10 registration + \$4 beads = \$14/youth)

of youth without beads: _____ Cost: _____ (\$10 registration/youth)

(Two adults per group, please)



Total Attending: _____ **Total amount enclosed:** \$ _____

(Check or money order payable to Camp Fire USA)

200 Service Hour Award

Becca Smith, a senior at Ingraham High School, has completed over 200 hours of service, completing the requirements for her first 200 Service Hour Award and is well on her way to a second.

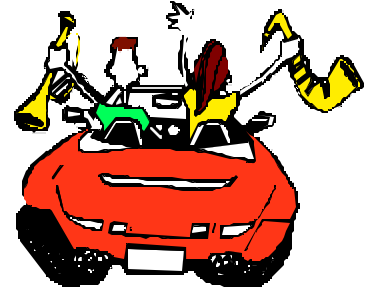
By serving as a Junior Staff at both Carkeek Day Camps, and giving much of her time to North Beach Elementary School, Becca has given a fine example of leadership to her community. Thank you, Becca, for your hours of service!



Discovery / Horizon Weekend

Save the date for a fun weekend at Camp Sealth for youth in grades 6 through 12. This year the theme will be "Rockin' Through the Ages."

A flyer can be expected in the mail to all current Discovery/Horizon Advisors by the end of January. If you have not received yours by February 9th, please call the office and we will send one to you, or stop by one of the Program Centers and pick one up. Each person attending needs to fill out a workshop sign up sheet so make sure you get your hands on one!

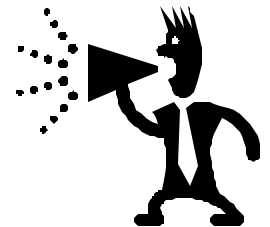


Calling All Carnival of Beads Volunteers

TEENS! Need service hours? We're on the lookout for Horizon volunteers who are interested in working with kids at Camp Fire USA's Carnival of Beads. Carnival of Beads is a service project that older youth organize for Adventure youth. Fun-filled activities are planned in which the kids can earn beads.

Our theme this year is "Around the World in One Day." It's happening on Saturday, March 24th, 2007. Volunteers have the option of spending the night on Friday March 23rd to help set up. It costs \$10 to spend the night in order to cover meal and cabin

costs. We will be hosting a volunteer orientation where you will be able to meet other volunteers and learn about your assigned activity on Saturday, March 17th.



Thanks from the Shi I Ga Ti Camp Fire Group,
Sarah and Danielle Shoemake, Clare Lilliston, and Margo Card

Carnival of Beads 2007 Volunteer Registration Form

YES! I want to volunteer!

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City/ZIP: _ _

Please check all that apply:

I am spending the night on Friday, March 23rd.
\$10 is enclosed, check made payable to **Camp Fire USA**.

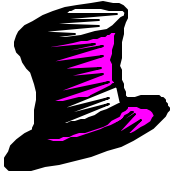
I am not spending the night, and will arrive at
Camp Sealth on Saturday morning.

I am interested in helping out Friday night, but am
not yet sure if I will be able to spend the night. Please
contact me closer to the event.

I will be present at orientation on Saturday, March 17th.

Please send this form to:
The Shoemakes
Attn: Carnival of Beads
9235 Evanston Ave N
Seattle, WA 98103
and e-mail any questions
or comments to
shiigati@yahoo.com.

“Seuss-a-palooza” Starflight Weekend/Day Event



Red hat, blue hat, red vest, blue patch.
Of all the fun activities galore, this weekend will leave you wanting more!
Yummy food, camp sing-alongs, games and crafts, so come along!

WHEN: Day Event - Saturday, April 28th, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
OR Weekend Event - April 28th - 29th, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

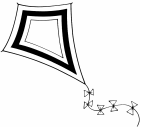
WHERE: Camp Sealth on Vashon Island

FEES: Day Event -
\$22 if postmarked on or before March 30th
\$26 if postmarked after March 30th
This covers dinner and craft costs.

Overnight Event -
\$43 if postmarked on or before March 30th
\$47 if postmarked after March 30th
This covers meals, overnight, and craft costs.



REGISTER: Send the form below with:
1. a check made payable to Camp Fire USA,
2. the names of all attending, including youth, and
3. a self-addressed, legal sized, stamped envelope to
Seuss-a-palooza
222 “R” St. SE
Auburn, WA 98002



DEADLINE: Registrations must be postmarked by April 13th. A confirmation letter and map will be mailed to you.
Canceled reservations cannot be refunded.

QUESTIONS: E-mail Gwen Jewett at gwynniej@comcast.net, or call Crystal Jordanger at 253 833 8670.

Starflight Weekend/Day Event at Camp Sealth, April 28th and 29th

Adults: 1. _____ 2. _____

Address: _____ City/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ Grade: _____

Any medical or dietary concerns we should be aware of? _____

Weekend Registration

#Boys _____ #Girls _____ #Men _____ #Women _____
Total attending _____ @ \$43 = \$ _____ (Before March 30)
Total attending _____ @ \$47 = \$ _____ (After March 30)
Total attending on scholarship _____ @ 50% fee = \$ _____ (include form)

Day Event Registration

#Boys _____ #Girls _____ #Men _____ #Women _____
Total attending _____ @ \$22 = \$ _____ (Before March 30)
Total attending _____ @ \$26 = \$ _____ (After March 30)
Total attending on scholarship _____ @ 50% fee = \$ _____ (include form)

Leprechaun Pudding

Baking a birthday cake for your Camp Fire birthday celebration is a tasty idea, but try this deliciously green and easy recipe for your St. Patrick's Day party this year:

You will need:

sugar free instant vanilla pudding
milk
green food coloring
re-sealable plastic bag(s)

Combine pudding mix and milk as directed on the package. Add a few drops of green food coloring. Stir it up a bit and divide it into each child's plastic baggy. Close the baggy and have the kids shake and squeeze until it becomes pudding.

Or, make one large bag of the pudding and toss the bag in a circle to each other and make a game out of it until the pudding is ready. Eat and enjoy!

Pacific Science Center Camp-In and Simple Science

Why are animals so gross? What exactly is the purpose of slime? Is human digestion really so different from that of a cow or an owl?

On the night of March 31st, boys and girls in grades 3 – 8 are invited to learn the answers to these questions and more at the Pacific Science Center's 2007 Camp-In. This year's hands-on science workshop, "Animals: From Eating to Excreting," allows you to become a grossologist by experimenting with sticky critters, exploring fascinating facts about the animal world, and making your own slime to take home. By the time you leave you'll have a whole new view of the animal world – from the inside out!

The night you can also take a stroll through the Tropical Butterfly House, have fun with other hands-on exhibits, and visit the Planetarium. The next morning, wake up to a Continental breakfast and a laser show. Watch an IMAX film before heading home.

Simple Science, for boys and girls in grades K – 2, will be held on May 4th. This event is not an overnight, but still features much of the same fun including the workshop, exhibits, butterfly house, planetarium, and an IMAX film.



Flyers and registration forms have been mailed out. Registration deadline for the Camp-In is March 20th. Registration deadline for Simple Science is April 24th. Extra registration forms are available at your Program Center.

President's Volunteer Award Deadline

Remember to submit your record forms by March 31st for the President's Volunteer Service Award so Camp Fire can get the awards by Council Fire time. Families and groups, as well as youth of all ages, can receive recognition from President Bush for giving service.



Volunteer in service activities that meet national or community needs in the areas of youth achievement, parks and open spaces, healthy communities, and public safety and emergency response. Activities should be unpaid and may not include court-ordered community service. These service activities must all take place within a year's time.

Keep a record of volunteer activities and hours served. This Record of Service may be kept as a diary or calendar or tracked online using the USA Freedom Corps Record of Service at www.presidentialserviceawards.gov. Camp Fire record sheets are available on our website under "Forms" and from your Program Center if you do not wish to record online.

Send your record to the Council office to the attention of the Group Program Assistant. Awards will be ordered and paid for by Camp Fire and sent to you when they arrive. We hope everyone will participate!

Please note: Some old forms might still be floating around with an incorrect deadline. **Make sure you get your record forms in by March 31st.**

The Worm in the Apple

The Brief Harrowing Tale of a Concerned Environmental Education Program Assistant and Camp Sealth's Worm Bin
By Bret Olson

Winter rudely ignored the ferry schedule and arrived on Vashon with no waiting or warning. Descending from the northwest with white-caps and wind he screamed, "It's 28 degrees! I'm freezing pipes and leaving you no water for coffee!" He didn't bother calling to make final rental arrangements. He just showed up.

While Camp Sealth's maintenance crew fought the freeze with insulation and heat lamps, a different battle ensued in the bowels of camp's worm bin. Home to the meek red wriggler worms, the bin registered a chilling 38 degrees. A healthy composter operates between 55 and 80. Invoking the spirit of Tom Cruise, our worms were flying in the danger zone.

We purchased the bin to enhance Camp Sealth's Environmental Education (EE) curriculum and produce moist-lush compost for gardening. During the EE season we weigh the waste a school produces during meals. We discuss how worm composting turns left over apples, coffee grounds, salad, and bread into usable compost for the garden; one that produces plants for the entire camp community. Composting stops excess food from entering landfills.



We hope students see *their* impact on *their* environment. Learning about *vermicomposting* develops a student's connection to the process. They develop a sense of place that encourages them to take care of our natural resources*. This is better than frightening them with obscure

(Continued on page 13)

Na Mi Ha U Camp Fire Group
Susannah Arnhart, Jessica Eaton, Lillian Furlong, Fiona Gleason, Reilly Loveland and Hillary U
Invite You and Your Dads (or substitute Dads) to Join Us at the



27th Annual Dad/Kid Weekend A Spring Tradition

March 10th and 11th, 2007



- Who:** Camp Fire USA Kids and their Dads (or substitute Dads)
- Why:** To spend some special time together
- Where:** Camp Sealth on Vashon Island
- Cost:** \$40 per person (includes lodging, dinner, brunch and five fun shops)
- Questions:** E-mail dad-kid-wknd@excite.com or you can leave a message at 206 660 6096. No calls until February 19th.

To Register, send this completed form, including a check payable to **Camp Fire USA** and a legal size, self-addressed, stamped envelope for your confirmation letter to:



Dad/Kid Weekend
6810 17th Avenue NE
Seattle, WA 98115

Registration Deadline is Saturday, February 24th, 2007. This event fills quickly – only 230 spaces! A confirmation letter will be mailed after March 2nd. Please understand that canceled reservations cannot be refunded.

Dad/Kid Weekend - Come Have Fun with Us Under the Sea

Dad's Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

Child's Name(s)	Leader	Age	Gender

Cabin Mate Request: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Medical Concerns or Dietary Needs: _____

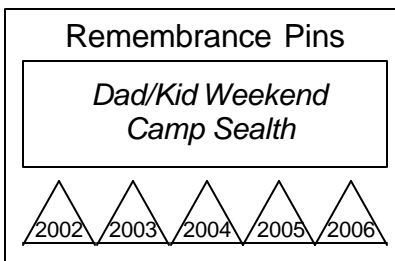
Fun Shop Choices - (Select 6, you will have time for 5):

- Free Time Outdoor Cooking Nature Hike Seahorse Paddle 3D Fish Bowls
- Fish Caps Sea Life Bookmarks Shell Frames Ice Candles Fish Tails

Dad/Kid Remembrance Pins - \$6 each

Year Dangles - \$1 each (Indicate which years needed)

2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 Previous Years _____



Number of Participants Registering..... x \$40 = _____

Number of Remembrance Pins..... x \$ 6 = _____

Number of Year Dangles for Pins..... x \$ 1 = _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (registration and pin fees) = _____

*We will no longer be providing ferry tickets - you will have to purchase them at the dock.

(“Worm in the Apple,” Continued from page 11)

statistics about the million acres of rainforest disappearing elsewhere in the world.

Unfortunately, winter was not the worms’ only danger. Food rotted on the top; fruit flies flew up students’ noses; and our compost looked like the Toxic Avenger meets a hot fudge sundae on a bad day. If the meek were to ever inherit the bin, something needed to be done. I called local vermicomposting master Mark, and after some troubleshooting discovered worms that eat produce heat (and compost!).

I followed his suggestions and temperatures rose. I dove in the bin. I rooted out compact compost, added more worms, stopped using sawdust for food cover (worms, like humans, don’t dine well on toothpicks), discovered how worms mate, became a worm midwife, and ultimately concluded good worm poop—compost—always smells better than rotten eggs.



The worms were well on the way to healthy living and better composting and the EE program is well on its way creating future environmentalists, or at least back yard composters. All it takes is an encounter with an old apple, a worm, and a bit of worm lovin’.



*To read more on sense of place and environmental activism see Richard Louv’s book *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*.

YVC News

The first half of Youth Volunteer Corp (YVC)’s new program year started off strong with a talented new group of AmeriCorps members leading groups of youth in some amazing volunteer projects. It seemed like there was always something going on for youth to get involved with and helping out their communities through YVC.

With midwinter and spring break just around the corner, the YVC AmeriCorps members are working hard to set up service learning projects that tackle a variety of community needs all over the area.

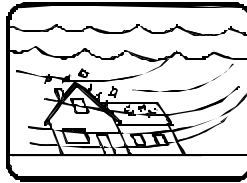
YVC projects can be found at their new website address, www.yvckingcounty.org. New opportunities are added as they become available, and be sure to check back soon for a complete list of midwinter and spring break programs.



For more information about YVC, call 206 461 8550, ext. 230 or e-mail yvc@campfire-usa.org.

News From Our Camps

While nearly everyone in Puget Sound dealt with toppled trees, damaged buildings and power outages following the December 14th windstorm, Camps Sealth and Niwana were no exception. The power went out and many, many trees came down, but we’re counting our blessings that the damage could have been much worse.



At Sealth, a handful of buildings lost shingles and have holes in the roofs from large limbs. One tree fell on the remodeled Village shower house, but only the roofing material was damaged. Virginia Lodge and one program shelter, both in Wrangler, have minor roof damage from downed trees. A couple of trees

and large branches brought down power lines, which have since been restored. Sealth was also inflicted with three separate power outages, lasting from a few hours to three days.

The longest lasting effect of the storm was to Sealth’s trail system, which was damaged by many downed trees. The trails are closed until all the trees can be inspected and the hazardous trees removed.

The storm damage at Camp Niwana was negligible, but general clean up will take some time.

The camp staff have spent several days clearing trees and branches and repairing damaged buildings. However, there is still much work to do to clear the grounds, trails and campsites. Service weekends at Camp Sealth are scheduled for February 24th-25th and April 14th-15th. We invite individuals, kids, families, businesses and Camp Fire groups to join us in this clean-up effort and to help us get ready for the spring environmental education and summer seasons.

To register for the service weekend or for more information, call Camp Sealth at 206 463 3174, ext. 22.

Day Camp Adventures

It’s not too early to start planning for Day Camps! Watch for the flyers – usually in the mail in early March – and sign your kids up early for a week of fun at day camp this summer. The camps, sponsored by Camp Fire USA, 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.

2007 Day Camp Dates

South County

Tall Timbers I: July 16 - 20
Tall Timbers II: July 23 - 27
Royal Arch: August 13 - 17

North County

Carkeek I: July 9 - 13*
Carkeek II: July 16 - 20*
Woodland Park: July 23 - 27*
Lincoln Park: July 30 - Aug 3*

*Pending Seattle Parks Department approval

Kitsap County

Niwana: July 23 - 27
Bainbridge: TBA

East County

Hans Jensen: July 16 - 20
Blyth: July 23 - 27

Participants enjoy arts and crafts, games, sports, outdoor cooking and a variety of other activities. Register your child/children early as space is limited, and some camps fill quickly. Any adults interested in helping at camp, in any capacity, should contact their local Program Center for more information. Full time volunteers’ kids go to camp for a greatly reduced fee and are guaranteed enrollment! Training is required.



The Autism Epidemic

I am currently working on my Wohelo Award project and one of my goals is to help educate our community about autism. Autism is a disorder that is rapidly affecting more and more people. It is now the fastest growing developmental disability in the U.S. and has been deemed an epidemic. In 1994, one in 2,500 children was affected by autism. In 1999, the rate was one in 500 kids. In 2005, the numbers rose to one in 166 children. Because autism is growing so quickly and becoming a greater part of our lives, it is important for us to become educated about it and to develop a better understanding of this disorder.

Autism is a developmental disability that affects the normal functioning of the brain, impacting development of communication skills and social interactions. Autism is what is known as a spectrum disorder, meaning it affects each individual differently. The symptoms of autism can present themselves in a large variety of combinations, with different levels of severity. Autism usually appears within the first three years of life and is four times more likely to affect boys than girls. Early diagnosis is crucial, and by learning the signs, a child can start to benefit from one of many specialized intervention programs. Children don't outgrow autism, but symptoms can lessen with age and treatment.

There is no known single cause for autism, but it is generally believed that abnormalities in brain structure or function are to blame. Also, the fact that in many families there seems to be a pattern of autism supports the belief that autism is a genetic disorder.

There are a great deal of characteristics and traits that those affected by autism may show. Some of these include resistance to change, difficulty in expressing needs, repeating words or phrases, preferring to be alone, difficulty interacting with others, and trouble understanding others' feelings or discussing their own.

My family and I have now participated in two walks to raise awareness and funds for research for autism. These walks have been very beneficial and enjoyable experiences and I hope that many of you will become involved in helping to support the battle against autism.

Megan Martinson
Wohelo Candidate

Generations Emblem

In March, Camp Fire will celebrate its 97th birthday. Wow, 97 years is a long time. Countless boys and girls have been a part of the Camp Fire family over many generations. Was your mom or dad in Camp Fire? Was your grandma a Camp Fire Girl? What about her mother, your great-grandma? Have any of your aunts and uncles been in Camp Fire? Or, are you the first one to bring Camp Fire to your family?

The Camp Fire Generations emblem was designed to help members celebrate the history of Camp Fire USA by learning about their parents' and grandparents' involvement in Camp Fire as a youth. It is also about creating new traditions for first generation Camp Fire families.

What generation are you? Current Camp Fire members who are the first in their family to participate in Camp Fire as a *youth* are considered First Generation. Other members, whose family members or stepparents were Camp Fire youth participants, qualify for the Second, Third, Fourth or Fifth Generation Emblem.

We recognize that today's families may take many different forms, so Camp Fire members who are living with adults who were Camp Fire members as youth, but who are not their biological parents, are also considered Second (Third, Fourth, etc.) Generation. The emblem is not meant to exclude anyone, but rather increase intergenerational appreciation, to celebrate our rich history and to create new traditions for you and your family.



Pick up a Generations worksheet at a Program Center for more information. Your Program Manager can help answer your questions. Have fun learning about your family and all the different groups your family has belonged to.

Art Project Field Trip Idea

The 2007 National Art Project encourages participants to visit photography exhibits as part of the requirements to earn the emblem. Seattle Art Museum's Olympic Sculpture Park's grand opening was January 20th.

Sculptures? What does this have to do with photography? One of the artists whose work is featured at the park isn't a sculptor, but a photographer. Glenn Rudolph has been documenting the Pacific Northwest through his camera lens for 30 years. His photographs have tracked historical and environmental transformations, and the reactions of people in changing situations.

Mr. Rudolph began taking pictures of the site where the Sculpture Park is located in 1986 and continued through the construction of the park. A series of his pictures captures "...the human aspects of development in downtown Seattle, and document anonymous individuals who lives unnoticed in and around the site, at the edges of public recognition," according to the Seattle Art Museum.

Mr. Rudolph's photographs will be displayed at the PACCAR Pavilion. It would be a fun and interesting field trip for your group to view his work for the National Art Project. For more information, visit www.seattleartmuseum.org.



Remember, your own photographs for the competition are due to your Program Center on April 13th.

Absolutely Incredible Kid Day

What is Absolutely Incredible Kid Day? It's an annual call to action for adults to write letters of love and support to America's children.

When is Absolutely Incredible Kid Day? March 15th, 2007 - and annually on the third Thursday of every March.

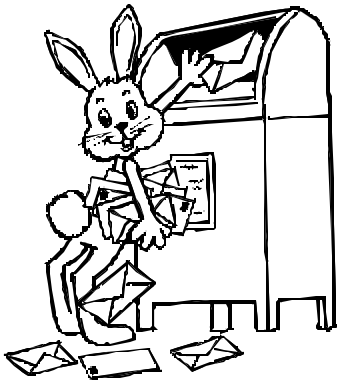
Why is Camp Fire sponsoring this event? We want to honor the hundreds of thousands of children all over the country involved in Camp Fire, as well as those not involved in our programs. Adults sometimes forget to stop and tell a child how important he or she is. Absolutely Incredible Kid Day is a reminder to do just that!

What's so special about a letter? A letter is personal, tangible and something a person can hold onto for years to come. Through written words, people can express emotions they may hold back in conversation. And during the often-challenging times of adolescence, children may be more open to reading a letter than having a talk that may "embarrass" them.

Does writing a letter really make a difference? Children need positive reinforcement in their lives. The right words of encouragement can come at just the time a child needs them most - helping the child make better decision, build self-esteem, and even be more compassionate and successful.

What is the goal of Absolutely Incredible Kid Day? We want every child to receive a letter. Just imagine the impact of loving letters in lunch boxes, on pillows, or tucked in backpacks!

Write a letter now!



Use this sheet to make additional copies for friends and to write a note to your favorite kid!



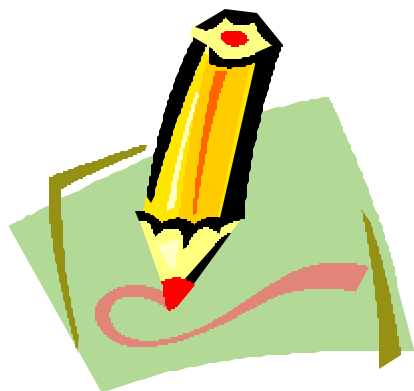
You are an Absolutely Incredible Kid!

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



10 Tips For Writing to Your Child

1. Set aside some time in a place where you can be undisturbed for 10 to 20 minutes.
2. Form a mental picture of the child and the things that you enjoy or appreciate about the child.
3. Getting started can be the toughest part. Try "Do you know what I like about you? I like it when you..."
4. Be specific and be descriptive. Use humor. Don't lecture.
5. Don't worry about the length.
6. Write it by hand. Feel free to make edits as you go. Don't over edit.
7. You can mail it, e-mail it, put it in a lunch box, on a bed stand, or read it to a child.
8. Don't get nervous about acknowledgment. It's all right to ask, "Did you get my letter?" Don't push it with, "Did you like it?"
9. Find time to write another letter. Make it a habit.
10. Write a letter now!



Games and Crafts

Floating Candles

You will need:

old candles scissors
hot plate can
paper cupcake molds

Over boiling water, melt a can of old candles, all the same color. Take the old wicks out and stretch them out to dry. Pour the melted wax into the paper cupcake molds.

Cut the wicks 1½" lengths and put them down through the center of the cupcake molds as soon as the wax begins to set enough to hold the wicks straight.

When the wax has set, peel off the cupcake paper and float the burning candles in a bowl of water for your next meeting's opening/closing ceremonies.

Tennis Ball Puppets

You will need old tennis balls, markers, glue, and craft scraps. Ahead of time, (carefully) cut a slit across each tennis ball to form a mouth. Have the youth decorate the balls as they choose. Squeeze the back of the ball to make the puppet "talk."

George Washington Word Game

You can make over a hundred words out of the letters in George Washington's name. Supply paper and pencils.

Set a time limit, and at the end of your set time, see how many different words your group was able to come up with. (E-mail sarah-k@campfire-usa.org if you would like a list of all possible answers.)

Homemade Stickers

Cut out small magazine pictures - slick paper works the best. Place them upside down on a paper towel.

Mix 1 tsp. gelatin (any flavor) and 2 tsp. water. Heat the mixture to warm, slightly thickened stage. With your finger, coat the back of each picture with the mixture. Allow them to dry.

When they're dry, stickers can be licked and put on paper for stationery, collages, etc. (and they taste good, too!)

Penny Bracelets

Soak pennies in vinegar and salt to clean them. Cut strips of clear contact paper about 1½" wide. Sprinkle the sticky side of the paper with glitter, if desired.



Place pennies on the lower half of the sticky side and fold the contact paper over them. Size to fit the youths' wrists and tape the ends together.

Recognition Isn't Just for Council Fires

We are now halfway through the 2006-07 Camp Fire program year and your group may want to take time to reflect on what they've done in the last few months. How about a ceremonial in February to recognize the accomplishments of youth?

Often group members sit at the end of the year just before a Council Fire and try to remember what they have done all year. The beads and awards are less meaningful when distanced from the actual project or activity. Save a few special things to give at Council Fire, but also recognize your group members throughout the year. They will be proud to wear their vests and other ceremonial clothing that already display their work during the year.

Also, having group ceremonials periodically or at the end of a project is a good way to keep parents informed about the accomplishments of their group members.

However, ceremonials shouldn't be limited to giving awards in recognition of achievement. How about a celebrating a weekend camping trip, a winter sledding party, a quiet hike, or any opportunity which gives you the chance to "recognize" the special times your group has in Camp Fire. There are fun memory emblems available at your Program Center that can be given out at the ceremony. Remember to invite parents!



Beans – The Magical Fruit

StoryBook Theater presents a hilarious rendition of *Jack & the Beanstalk*, a live musical adaptation of the children's fairy tale.

This hilarious production is recommended for children ages 3 – 9 and their families. Tickets for weekend performances are only \$8. The show runs through February 25th with weekend performances in Renton, Seattle, Kirkland, and Everett.

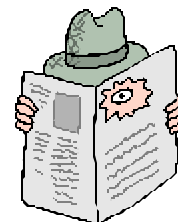
Later on in their season, StoryBook Theater presents *The Little Mermaid*, another musical adaptation for children and their families of the popular fairy tale. *The Little Mermaid* opens April 4th and runs through May 17th.

For more information, show times and locations for all of StoryBook's upcoming shows, visit www.studio-east.org or call 425 827 3123.

In the Next Issue...

Keep your eyes peeled for the next incredible issue of the *Wohelo* newsletter! The April/May 2007 issue will feature:

- ✓ C.A.R.E. Dinner Information
- ✓ Council Fires
- ✓ Leadership Breakfast
- ✓ International Children's Festival
- ✓ 2007 Peace Arch Celebration
- ✓ Day Camp Information
- ✓ And more!



If you have some fun news to share or an original article you would like to submit, send it to Sarah Kessler at sarah-k@campfire-usa.org. **Articles must be received by February 28th to make it into the April/May issue.**

Current *Wohelo* newsletters and back issues can always be found at www.campfire-usa.org/downloads/publications/index.htm.



Program Centers



North King County
8511 15th Ave NE
Seattle, WA 98115

Phone 206 461 8550
Fax 206 525 3351

Center Hours:
Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - noon, 1 - 5 p.m.
(Program Manager is available by appointment, and
Fridays 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

East King County
16315 NE 87th St, Suite B12
Redmond, WA 98052

Phone 425 885 0477
Fax 425 885 0201

Center Hours:
By appointment and Fridays 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

South King County
1404 Central Ave S #109
Kent, WA 98032

Phone 253 854 3676
Fax 253 854 3678

Center Hours:
By appointment and Fridays 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Kitsap/North Mason County
1109A Warren Ave
Bremerton, WA 98337

Phone 360 377 5513

Center Hours:
By appointment and Fridays 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.





Camp Fire USA
CENTRAL PUGET SOUND COUNCIL
8511 15th Avenue NE
Seattle, WA 98115-3199
Telephone: 206 461 8550
E-mail: info@campfire-usa.org
www.campfire-usa.org
Jane White Vulliet, CEO
Leslie Rice, Board President

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

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 Karen Aoyama at 206 461 8550 or 800 451 CAMP, ext. 319. TDD/TTY users may reach us through the Washington State Relay Service at 800 833 6388; TeleBraille users call 800 833 6385.


Camp Fire USA
CENTRAL PUGET SOUND COUNCIL
8511 15th Avenue N.E.
Seattle, WA 98115

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Permit No. 642
SEATTLE, WASH