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3rd Annual Low Tide Walk

Put on your favorite Camp Fire USA shirt (or red, white and blue) and join Camp Fire kids, volunteers, their families, and staff for the 3rd Annual Carkeek-to-Golden Gardens low tide beach walk on Saturday, June 25th.

We'll meet at 1 p.m. at Carkeek Park at the kiosk near the bridge to beach. At least one adult per group is required; additional supervision will be provided by older youth and other volunteers. (We recommend dropping a car at Blue Ridge Beach or Golden Gardens for the trip back to Carkeek, but we will have shuttle vans available for both the short and full walks)

Packets of beads earned and the National Trails Day emblem will be available for purchase at the end of the walk (\$1.65 for just the emblem, or \$3 for emblem plus nine beads).

Pick-up: Short walk pick-up at approximately 3 p.m., at Blue Ridge Beach (at the intersection of NW Blue Ridge Drive and Triton Dr. NW.) Full walk pick-up at Golden Gardens Beach at approximately 4 p.m.

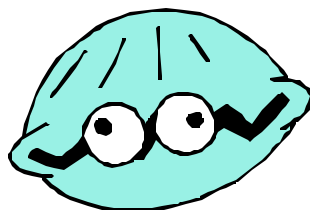
Bring: Special Activity Permission Form, lunch, full water bottle, sunscreen, and hat. Optional: sunglasses, camera, bucket, field guides, binoculars.

FYI: The lowest tides this year occur during the week, with a -3.9 low at 12:26 p.m. on Thursday June 23, and -3.6 ft. at 1:13 p.m. on Friday June 24th.

For additional information, directions to Carkeek Park, Blue Ridge Beach or Golden Gardens, to volunteer, or for any other questions, please contact Robin McClane at 206 461 8550 ext. 310, or robin-m@campfire-usa.org.

Attention Carkeek Junior Staff: Come get warmed up for day camp by helping with this event! Older youth are needed to help guide young attendees on our walk. Learn new skills useful for camp! Earn Service Hours! Get to know other junior staff! Have fun!

We hope to see everyone at the beach June 25th!



North Branch 120+ Candy Sellers

Catlin Henry	1278	Naomi True	150
Delaney Ballard	705	Eva Gianutsos	147
Lacey Ballard	705	Lily Collier	147
Trinity Fagan	700	Emily Bruce	141
Melinda Gallagher	630	Alexa Meins	138
Sarah Stolnack	518	Kirsten Westmoreland	136
Stephanie Cook	512	Alison Cornwall	135
Allison Swenson	510	Ana Sneed	135
Celina Aguiniga	350	Andy Lilliston	135
Andrea Price	330	Mackenzie Carlson	135
Alyson Laing	310	Abreane Gapp	132
Anna Berti	300	Colleen Lyell	130
Christa Knutson	280	Hillary U	130
Whitney Nelson	245	Karissa Wans	129
Franny Lilliston	230	Fiona Gleason	126
Mariah DeWeese	228	Taylor Elder	125
Danielle Shoemake	225	Karla Dobson	123
Sarah Shoemake	225	Neesa Link-Scott	123
Elissa Rosenthal	213	Marc D'Aberle	122
Mirella Galang	206	Hollie Sharp	121
Stephanie Kastner	203	Sofia Smith	120
Kate Kennedy	192	Lissan Tibebe	120
Sara Brulla-Wolfe	189	Kalii Jackson	120
Kyndahl Jones	180	Kristine Lind	120
Kristina Jacobs	180	Paige Smart	120
Sophia Parkhurst	173	Andy Studyvin	120
Meredith Carlson	157	Lillian Furlong	120
Molly Hubbard	150		

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

Need Training?

Training can be scheduled by appointment by contacting Carrie at 206 461 8550, ext. 232, or e-mailing her at carrie-c@campfire-usa.org, or Robin at 206 461 8550, ext. 310 or robin-m@campfire-usa.org.

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 Carrie or Robin to schedule a Program Level Training.



Cooking and Cabins Training

Is your group planning a camp out or a cook out? If so, please remember at least one adult in each group must have attended Cooking and Cabins Training prior to doing outdoor cooking with kids.

Debra Langley-Boyer is offering another fun filled Cooking and Cabins training at Camp Niwana from 9 a.m. Saturday until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 28 - 29th. It is a training filled with fun and good information on the use of propane stoves and lanterns, fire building and safety, several styles of outdoor cooking, beginning pocketknife, compass use, pacing, knots and more. This training will also equip you to help your Adventure members earn the Progression in Outdoor Action Projects. This class fills fast so don't miss your chance to get ready for summer.

Call Debra Langley-Boyer at 253 884 4235 to register or for more information.

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 Carrie or Robin a call at the North 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.



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 North Branch. Invite your friends and relatives to come celebrate with you!

Tri-Area (Lakeridge, Mountain View, Olympic Heights): June 3rd, Time and location, TBA (possibly Maple Leaf Park)

Magnolia/Queen Anne: June 3rd, 7 p.m., Magnolia Congregational Church, 3555 W. McGraw. Rehearsal: June 2nd, 6-7 p.m.

Shoreline: June 10th, Time and location TBA.

Soundview: May 24th, 7 p.m. Broadview-Thomson Elementary lunchroom, 13052 Greenwood Ave. N. Rehearsal: May 23rd, 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Vashon: June 10th – 11th, Dupar Meadow, Camp Sealth. Council Fire and overnight.

West Seattle: Date, Location TBA



Leaders' Meetings

Tri-Area: Wednesday, May 4th, 7 p.m. at the North Branch Office

Queen Anne/Magnolia: May 17th, 7 p.m., Location TBA

Shoreline: May 5th, 7 p.m., Third Place Books, Lake Forest Park

Soundview: Council Fire, May 24th

Vashon: Date TBA

West Seattle: May 26th, 7 p.m., Highland Park Elementary, Red Pod Room.

H.I.P. Discovery

Come help celebrate "El Día Después del Cinco de Mayo" or "El Seis de Mayo" which translates to 'Day After Cinco de Mayo' which is, if course, the sixth of May. Join Carrie and other Discovery youth for fun with a Mexican flavor on Friday, May 6th.

Fiesta starts at 7 p.m. and winds up at 8:30. ¡Los vemos el 6 de mayo! (See you on May 6!)

Dads+Kids+Camp Sealth= Big Fun

For 25 years now – a quarter century- Adult Male Role Models (a.k.a. Dads) and their Camp Fire Youth Members (a.k.a. Kids) have been getting together for a super weekend at Camp Sealth; 2005 was no exception.

On March 12th -13th, 61 dads, and their 72 kids, joined Martha (Miss Marty) Mercer, her husband Larry, and 10 dad, and 11 youth volunteers for another spectacular Dad-Kid Weekend. Participants spent the day doing crafts such as creating flying pigs, stone critters and kaleidoscopes, building birdhouses, and cooking over an open fire. After a yummy dinner, the group made Rounds Hall's floor bounce as they folk and square-danced the evening away.

This event could not happen if it weren't for the efforts of a large corps of volunteers under the tutelage of Miss Marty. Jeannette U's Horizon group has taken on Dad-Kid Weekend as a group Wohelo Advocacy, and special thanks go to the members plus moms and dads of that group. Jeannette U bought the supplies, and Nichols Gleason made the ferry ticket run. Youth members Hillary U and Jessica Eaton helped with a lot of the planning, but weren't able to participate in the event itself; they were in Ireland with the Roosevelt High marching band for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Needless to say, they weren't able to run home for the weekend!

Give a loud cheer and thanks to the dads and kids who volunteered for the weekend: Mark and Fiona Gleason, Frank and Lillian Furlong, Kirk and Susannah Arnhart, Mark and Veronica Davis, Steve and Kelly Keyes, Keith and Kate Kurko, Chris and Eleanor Englund, Dennis and Taura Leighton, John and Rose Mitchell, Stuart and Caitlin Coleman, Skip and Kerrie Sampelajo, Reilly Loveland, and Tom Parks.

It's not too early to put the weekend of March 11th – 12th, 2006 on your calendar for the 26th edition of Dad-Kid Weekend. Come join the fun!

We Wished Us A Happy Birthday!

The North Branch and the Central Puget Sound Council celebrated Camp Fire USA's 95th birthday on a bright and sunny Friday, March 18th at the Council and Branch Offices.

Attendees came and checked out our offices, toured the Museum, did a variety of craft activities, got their faces painted, and even went away with a balloon animal from the NB staff's own Carrie and from dad volunteer Michael Galang.

Parents and kids had the opportunity to meet our new CEO, Jane White Vulliet, and say farewell and "Happy Retirement" to Lee Drechsel who retired as of April 1st, 2005.

Big thanks go to our Birthday Party volunteers Riesa Overstreet, Christa Knutson, Sarah and Danielle Shoemake, Margo Card, Clare Lilliston, Madeleine Tangney, Vanessa Gullufsen, Monteze Camp and Isabel Corrado.

Hope to see everyone again next year for our 96th Birthday!

Thank You!



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