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Calendar

September

- 1 Magazine Fundraiser Begins
- 6 Labor Day (office closed)
- 9 Leaders' Association Meeting
- 10-26 Puyallup Fair
- 17 ... Kick Off Song Fest
- 18-19 Mom/Kid Weekend at Camp
..... Niwana
- 26 ... Camp Fire's Seahawk Blue
..... Ribbon Partnership
..... Fundraiser Game
- 30 ... Early Bird Deadline

October

- 2-3.. Service Weekend @ Camp
..... Sealth
- 8 Woodland Park Zoo Overnight
- 16 ... Woodland Park Zoo Overnight
- 16-17 Service Weekend @ Camp
..... Niwana
- 22 ... 19th Annual Benefit Auction
- 23 ... Make a Difference Day
- 23 ... Early Bird Skate
- 31 ... Magazine Fundraiser Ends

Falling Into Fall

It's hard to believe we're gearing up for another new school and Camp Fire USA program year already! Wasn't it just a couple of weeks ago that everyone was busy having fun at Day Camp and Camp Sealth?

The days are getting shorter, and once more we pull out our calendars and start filling up the spaces with Camp Fire meetings and Program Trainings. Just as the kids look forward to seeing their school friends each September, we all look forward to seeing our Camp Fire USA friends, youth and adult, every fall.



On the North Branch calendar, in addition to trainings, we have the annual Kick-Off Song Fest, the Early Bird Event, and the North/East Regional Mom-Kid Fall Fling at Camp Sealth.

Watch for an e-mail or phone call from your Leaders' Association Chair or Camp Fire USA staff person with the dates and location of start-the-year meetings and events.

We're trying some new membership growth strategies this year, and as always, our current members and volunteers are our very best recruiters! Please let your friendly staff person know that you'd like to help!

The staff of the North Branch is here to support and serve you to the best of our ability. Please come by to get project information, get questions answered, or just say hello. Happy fall!

Lynda, Carrie, and Robin

Fun Just For Early Birds

If you register by September 30th, you're an Early Bird! This year, Early Birds will be skating on in to the Bitterlake Annex gym, (also known as Broadview-Thomson Elementary,) on Saturday, October 23rd. The fun begins at 3:30 p.m., and we'll be done by 5 p.m. The cost for youth including skates, is \$3. Adults skate free!

Broadview-Thomson is located at 13052 Greenwood Ave. N. in North Seattle. Please contact Robin McClane at 461 8550, ext. 310, robin-m@campfire-usa.org , or Carrie Cornforth at extension 232, carrie-c@campfire-usa.org with your questions or for more information.

Kick-Off Song Fest

Come join with other Camp Fire USA youth and adults as we "Kick-Off" the new school and program year and celebrate the good times of the summer just passed. Bring your family and a picnic dinner to the Carkeek Park fire ring (near shelter 1, closest to the water) on Friday evening, September 17th. Drinks will be provided. We'll gather and eat at 6 p.m., and the songs will begin at 6:30 p.m. We'll have some dessert, then sing our way home about 7:15 p.m.

Come join us in this great way to get an energetic start on the new year! See you at the park! If you have any questions please contact Colleen Larson at 206 368 2947, or Raelene Reymore at 425 430 1572.

Help Camp Fire Grow Contest

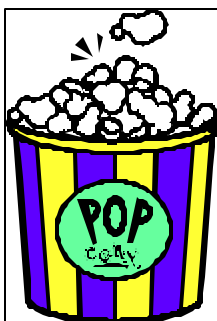


Everyone is invited to join the North Branch "Help Camp Fire Grow" contest. The rules are simple. Everyone in the group must have renewals in no later than December 31st, 2004 and your "Help Camp Fire Grow" project must be completed by December 31st, 2004.

For successfully implementing 4 of the Top Ten Ways To Help project, your group will be eligible to win 5 packages of microwave popcorn, 5 one liter bottles of soda, or juice, your choice. Or...

For successfully implementing 6 of the Top Ten Ways to Help project, your group will be eligible to win a gallon of ice cream, flavor of their choice, 2 toppings of their choice, whipping cream, bowls, spoons, and napkins. Or...

For successfully implementing 8 of the Top Ten Ways to Help project, your group will be eligible to win 2 pizzas, a video of their favorite movie, 5 one liter bottles of soda, or juice, plus a dessert. The East Branch staff will even throw in some paper plates and napkins!



You may mail this coupon to:
**Help Camp Fire Grow
North Branch Office
8511 15th Avenue NE
Seattle, WA 98115**

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ ZIP _____
Phone(Day) _____ (Other) _____
E-mail _____

Yes, we want to **Help Camp Fire Grow**

This is how we will help:

1. Register by September 30st , or December 31st
2. Have my group help with activities for Membership Growth emblem.
3. We will add more members to the group to earn the I Told A Friend emblem.
4. We will adopt a group at our school.
5. I will proudly volunteer as our School Representative.
6. We will put up a display about Camp Fire in our school or other community place.
7. I will see to it that posters are put up around my school, neighborhood, and/or community.
8. I will help distribute flyers to schools in my area, district.
9. I will host a Parent meeting and help people get a group started.
10. This is our idea: _____

Early-Fall Training Opportunities

Here at the North Branch, we offer program level and other trainings on a regular basis. If your group just flew up to Adventure, Discovery or Horizon, check the dates to see when your first opportunity comes around.

Starflight and Adventure trainings are intended for adults only, while Discovery and Horizon/Wohelo trainings are for both youth and adults. Also for youth and adults is a Ceremonial Attire Workshop for those who will be creating their ceremonial attire, (usually when youth are in sixth or seventh grades).

If these published trainings are not convenient to your schedule, please call Carrie or Robin to schedule a time that does work for you. Our goal is to help you get the most out of the Camp Fire USA program.



Adventure (3 – 5th grade)

September 14th, 7 p.m.

Discovery (6th – 8th grade)

September 22nd, 6:30 p.m.

Ceremonial Attire Workshop

September 29th, 6:30 p.m.

Starflight (K – 2nd grade)

October 5th, 7 p.m.

Horizon & Wohelo Award (9th – 12th grade)

October 6th, 6:30 p.m.

More trainings will be scheduled as the year progresses; please call at least 24 hours in advance to register for any of these offerings or if you have any questions. Contact Carrie Cornforth for Discovery, Horizon, and Wohelo Award trainings, or Robin McClane for Starflight, Adventure, and Ceremonial Attire trainings.

Just For Older Youth

Save the Date

November 20th - 21st, 2004

Come spend the weekend at Camp Sealth! All Discovery and Horizon youth and their advisors are invited to relax on a Caribbean island for Older Youth Weekend. Choose from activities you want to do or just hang out. Look for a registration form in the October

Wohelo.

2nd Annual Beach Hike is Second Annual Beach Blast!

Once again time and tides smiled on Puget Sound to create a mid-day low tide of -3.9ft on a Saturday. June 5th, National Trails Day, was spent by many Camp Fire USA members exploring the "rocky intertidal zone" habitat between Carkeek and Golden Gardens parks in Northwest Seattle.

This year, along with the usual crabs, sea stars and high-squirting geoducks, we were also able to see sea pens, sea cucumbers, and sea slugs. At the Golden Gardens end of the walk, several great blue herons ignored the crowds while they helped themselves to lunch just a few feet from the splashing humans.

Our thanks once again to our friends at Volunteers for Outdoor Washington for providing the marine and beach life expertise. Anne Jennings, wife of VOW Executive Director Todd Jennings, brought her extensive knowledge and Discovery Park Beach Naturalists Diana Rowland and Tara Vodopich to help out. VOW intern, Corey Watson also joined the fun before returning to his home in Kentucky. A huge thank you to each of them for sharing their skill with us!

The Branch Group Program Committee (the sponsoring body) would also like to thank volunteers Mary White and Stacy Carlson for their help with driving a shuttle van and staffing the Blue Ridge Beach gate.

A packet of nine beads and a National Trails

Day emblem was available at the end of the walk. You can just get a list of the beads earned from Carrie or Robin at the North Branch Office.

With cooperation of the moon, tides, and calendar, watch for the Third Annual Carkeek to Gardens Beach Walk in June of 2005.



Leaders' Meetings

Leaders' Meetings are for all interested adult and older youth volunteers. Come join other Camp Fire volunteers and staff and learn about upcoming events, share ideas and concerns, and enjoy the camaraderie of those who share your interests.

Meetings are held in each area monthly, on a usually predictable date, (i.e. Soundview Leaders meet on the 4th Monday of each month, and Shoreline meets on the 1st Thursday.)

As of last spring some Leaders' Associations planned to rethink their meeting days, so those times are not yet available. Here are the dates available at press time:

Tri-Area (Lakeridge, Mountain View, Olympic Heights): 2nd Wednesday – September 15th, here at the North Branch Office.

Shoreline: 1st Thursday – Watch for an e-mail or phone call about whether there is a September meeting

Soundview: 4th Monday – September 27th, 6:30 p.m. at the Broadview Public Library.



Magnolia/Queen Anne: 3rd Tuesday – September 21st, time and location TBA.

West Seattle: 4th week of month, with day of week to be decided. Watch for announcement of dates – Meetings held at Highland Park Elementary.

Vashon: Dates and location TBA.

Day Camps Deluxe!

A huge "You rock! And thank you" to our deluxe Day Camp Site Directors Martha "Miss Marty" Mercer of Carkeek 1, Karen "Friend Owl" Aoyama of Carkeek 2 at Woodland Park, Amy "Zia" Schmitzdinsky of Vashon, and Katie "Ms. LMNO" Krieger of Lincoln Park Day Camp.

Each of these deluxe volunteers recruited their staff and planned top-notch Day Camps that resulted in maximum fun for all. To those Day Camp staffers, rookies and old hands, youth and adults, a huge thanks for your time, energy, enthusiasm and creativity. Your efforts enabled hundreds of North Branch kids to spend a week in directed, creative and safe fun.

Haven't tried Day Camp yet? There's always next year! Camp Fire USA Day Camps run on volunteer love and labor. The more adults who volunteer, the more youth our programs can serve. Day Camp is one of those ways we nurture today's kids into tomorrow's leaders.





Mom/Kid Fall Fling



Weekend at Camp Sealth

October 16th and 17th, 2003

Where: Camp Sealth on Vashon Island

Who: Camp Fire kids and their moms (or significant female role model)

What: Songs, games, crafts, hikes, and quality time with Mom.

Heated cabins provided for your sleeping comfort, along with the superior cuisine from Camp Sealth's kitchen.

Registration deadline is September 30th, but earlier is BETTER. You will get a confirmation letter and map to Camp Sealth after your registration is received.

Please enclose a **Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope** and return this form and check to:

For further information, contact Robin McClane at 206 461 8550, ext. 310

Mom/Kid Weekend
Attn: Robin McClane
8511 15th Ave NE
Seattle, WA 98115

We are coming to the Mom/Kid Weekend at Camp Sealth!

Adult Name _____

Child/Children's Name(s) _____ Age(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ WA ZIP _____

Phone (day) (____) _____ Eve (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

E-mail _____ Youth: # of Males _____ # of Females _____

We are in group (leader): _____ Adults: # of Males _____ # of Females _____

We would like to be in a cabin with (subject to availability): _____

Vegetarian Other dietary needs _____

I am a Nurse Doctor EMT Certified Advanced First Aider

I could serve as a First Aider for the weekend: Yes No Enclosed is \$35 x _____ = \$ _____


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