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Calendar

October

- 7-8 .. Work Party @ Camp Sealth
- 13-14 LaserQuest for Discovery Youth
- 14-15 Woodland Park Zoo Overnight
- 14-15 Work Party @ Camp Niwana
- 26-29 National Leadership Conference
- 28 ... Make A Difference Day
- 31 ... Magazine and Music Fundraiser Ends

November

- 3 21st Annual Benefit Auction
- 10 ... Veterans Day - Offices Closed
- 23-24 Thanksgiving Holiday - Offices Closed



From Jane

Peace and Justice! A concept for the ages – a concept as old as men and women have contemplated the meaning of life.

How do Camp Fire USA's programs in the Central Puget Sound Council intersect and relate to the philosophy and actual "doing" of peace and Justice? Here are a few thoughts:

- Camp Fire staff, board and volunteers embrace inclusion and undoing institution-alized racism; they lobby, through United Way and The Children's Alliance, against poverty and injustice.
- Camp Fire's Youth Volunteer Corps participants, ages 11-18, provide countless acts of kindness and mercy in the 5,000+ hours they give back to the community through their community service.
- Camp Fire Groups, last year, viewed the injustice of Hurricane Katrina's effect on the citizens of New Orleans – and held bake sales and work parties; and then sent both money and backpacks to the children of the stricken city.
- Camp Fire partnered with the nonprofit, Treehouse, and provided subsidized and scholarship spots to foster children, from Treehouse, to Camp Sealth.
- Camp Fire provides role models, curriculum, programming, events and peer mentoring – all of which embrace and reflect the ideal that our world needs to become both a peaceful place and a just place – for every single human being living on this earth.

For those of you who are reading this note, please take time to contemplate what peace and justice can look like in your personal lives; and take the first, second, or third step toward making a commitment to making it happen.

When I feel completely overwhelmed, I remember the old and true adage – "all things begin with me." As I reflect my small light onto the world, my personal sphere of life is influenced and affected. It is like throwing a pebble into a pond – the ripples are endless.

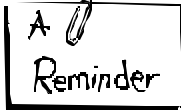


Peace be with you,

Jane White Vulliet, CEO

Remember to Renew!

In November, we drop those from our rolls who have not returned a membership renewal form. If someone in your group is attending meetings, but is not listed on your roster, please help them get registered.



Why is it so important to register your family each year for Camp Fire USA?

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Registered Members . . .

- Are covered under Camp Fire's Accident Insurance during all Camp Fire sponsored activities.
- Receive a monthly newsletter (this one) with information on upcoming events.
- Can attend Camp Fire sponsored weekends and functions.
- Are offered group rates for family friendly community activities.
- Can earn awards.

ARE YOU REGISTERED YET?

If not, contact your local Program Center to complete the registration process. If you need a scholarship, let the staff know so they can send you the form. Membership officially expires on October 31st, so renew today!

Background Checks

While other youth agencies occasionally make headlines touting that they have instituted a background checking process for adults who lead youth, Camp Fire has been screening volunteers and staff for more than a decade. Why? Because Camp Fire wants to ensure the safety of every participant. One of the ways we do that is to run criminal records screens and personal reference checks on all volunteers and staff.

Anyone (teen or adult) who works with children in Camp Fire must have a completed Background Check form on file with the Council. This applies to anyone helping with group activities, driving on field trips, working at day camp, etc.

CONFIDENTIAL The form is confidential; it is only seen by Volunteer Development staff and is kept in a locked file at all times. Social Security numbers and fingerprints are no longer required. Once a volunteer files a Background Check form with their local Camp Fire office, giving us permission to check on them, Camp Fire's Volunteer Development Department looks for convictions in the Washington State Patrol database and in the databases of other jurisdictions. We do not check anyone's credit records, nor are we interested in any legal issues other than convictions for offenses that have hurt someone (assault, rape, child abuse, murder, etc.)

We also ask the people listed as references about the applicant's character and their suitability for working with children. If we ever ask you to provide a reference for someone, please realize that your response is very important. We cannot complete someone's Background Check without reference information. Please send, fax or call in your recommendation right away.

Once their completed form is on file, a volunteer never needs to fill one out again. We are able to update our files and recheck criminal histories periodically from the original forms.

Leaders can find out if a volunteer in their group has a completed Background Check on file by contacting the Volunteer Development staff at 253 854 3676. We cannot share any information from the forms, but we can let you know if a completed Background Check is on file or not. If you have other questions or concerns about Volunteer Background Checks, contact Karen Dare in Volunteer Development at karen-d@campfire-usa.org.

Lost and Found – LAST CHANCE

On October 31st, all of the items left at program weekend events at Camp Sealth, local day camps, and a variety of other Camp Fire activities that are currently in our Lost and Found will be donated to charity.

If you lost something of yours at one of our programs, please call your local Program Center.

Holiday Closures

All Camp Fire offices and Program Centers will be closed on the following dates.



November 10th – Veterans Day

November 23rd – 24th – Thanksgiving Holiday

Oops!

In the Back-To-School issue of the *Wohelo* newsletter, we printed an article with our new Program Center hours. Those hours were incorrect.

Program Centers are open by appointment, or Fridays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Help Camp Fire Grow and Earn an Emblem (or Two!)

Get your group, your members and Camp Fire going and growing as we start a new program year together. Camp Fire can "light the fire within;" you can be the spark.



Adopt A Group

In this project, Camp Fire group members who help begin and mentor a new group at a school can earn this emblem for helping Camp Fire grow and making Camp Fire open to more youth.

Early Bird Award

Camp Fire members whose signed registration form and fees are turned in to the registrar by September 30th are eligible to receive the Early Bird Emblem, or sun rays in succeeding years.

I Told A Friend Award

Any youth member who is instrumental in recruiting, registering and welcome a new adult or youth member into an existing group will earn this award.



Membership Growth Award

Any youth member who actively helps with a public event for organizing new groups may receive the Membership Growth Award.



More information and individual project flyers and worksheets are available at your local Program Center. Ask your Program Manager to help you get started.

Thank you for helping bring Camp Fire to more youth and families!

2007 Candy Fundraiser

Certification and Volunteer Recognition

Next to Candy Sellers, Candy Fundraising Volunteers are the next most important group of individuals needed to ensure the continued success of this annual fundraising event. This year, the Candy Committee has analyzed how Camp Fire can recognize and support our Candy Volunteers and in the process, raise the level of importance these volunteer positions contribute to the financial stability of the Council.

One of the areas being studied is the training each volunteer receives. We have found that training curricula varies depending on the trainer, and some volunteers slip through the cracks and do their jobs without training.

A task force from the Candy Committee has made significant changes to the training outline to make it standard for all areas of the Council. This year, we are offering the opportunity for all Candy Volunteers (Candy Captains, Distributors, and Site Sale Coordinators) to become "Certified" Candy Volunteers. To be Certified, volunteers must attend one of the trainings offered. The dates for the Certification courses for Distributors and Site Sale Coordinators are listed below.

Candy Captains are also part of the "Certification" program. Groups are asked to have their Candy Captains attend their Leaders' Association meetings in November, as Candy Committee members will be attending these meetings to help with candy orders which are due December 15th. Other information for Leaders and Candy Captains will be available at these meetings in an effort to prepare your groups for the Candy Fundraiser.

Every Candy Fundraising Volunteer will receive a meaningful recognition item at the conclusion of each Certification Training. This item will identify you as being a "Certified" Candy Fundraising Volunteer.

Candy Captain Certification will be January 8th – 19th, 2007. Specific dates, times and locations will be published in the December/January *Wohelo* newsletter.

Coordinators will be Certified on November 8th at 6 p.m. at the Council office.

Distributors will be Certified on the following dates (choose which time works best for you):

- | November 13th at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Council office
- | November 14th at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Council office
- | November 15th at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Program Center in Redmond
- | November 16th at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Program Center in Bremerton
- | November 17th at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Program Center in Kent

Site Sale Coordinators will be Certified on the following dates (choose which time works best for you):

- | November 13th at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Council office
- | November 14th at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Council office
- | November 15th at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Program Center in Redmond
- | November 16th at 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. at the Program Center in Bremerton
- | November 17th at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Program Center in Kent

* If you are unable to make the certification for your job, please contact Kathy Neubecker at 206 461 8550, ext.312 or kathy-n@campfire-usa.org to arrange a time to meet that will be better for your schedule.

Together, we can have fun while making this the "BEARY" BEST Candy Fundraiser ever!



"Camp Fire USA - On the Wings of Success"

Katie Scott and Central Puget Sound Council have just received a great honor! Katie has been awarded a \$300 check and a Certificate of Outstanding Achievement for the 2006 Candy Fundraiser for being the 3rd highest seller in the Nation!

Way To Go Katie! We are very proud of you and send our congratulations to you.

2006 Magazine and Music Team



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Camp Fire Events

October 7th – 8th: Put on your gloves and head over to Camp Sealth for a Weekend Work Party. They don't call it a "party" for nothing!

October 13th – 14th: Discovery members are invited to join us to play laser tag *all night long* at LaserQuest. Contact your Program Manager for details or a registration form.

October 14th – 15th: What a busy weekend! Prowl on over to the Woodland Park Zoo for an overnight adventure! See you there!

October 26th – 29th: Staff, volunteers, and youth from councils all over the country will be gathering in Phoenix, Arizona for Camp Fire USA's National Leadership Conference.

November 3rd: The annual benefit auction will be held at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel. Come bid on some goodies and support Camp Fire programs. Volunteers are still wanted to help out, so contact Lael Ross at 206 461 8550, ext. 234 if you're interested.

November 11th: March your way to Auburn for the Veterans Day Parade. Wear your reds, whites and blues for your country, and for Camp Fire!

More Fun

Salmon Days Festival, Issaquah

www.salmondays.org

This two-day event celebrates the returning salmon to our lakes, streams and hatcheries. Salmon Days features a weekend full of salmon, fun, entertainment, food, and a whole lot more! This is the place you want to be October 7th – 8th.

Maris Farms, Buckley

www.marisfarms.com

Maris Farms promises a "Tremendous Adventure" with a variety of activities for the whole family. A farmyard playground designed for children 2 – 12 years of age includes a cow train ride, face painting, a climbing wall, duck races, "cow" roping, and more. There are also pony rides, hay jumping, and corn mazes! During the month of October, the spooky Haunted Woods are open to those who dare enter! During the day, you can get a behind-the-scenes "un-scary" tour at the Haunted Woods, for those who are trying to get the nerve to enter.

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, Edmonds

www.driftwoodplayers.com

After sellout crowds in 2005, the Headless Horseman will ride again! Here is the spooky classic story by Washington Irving, presented with all the thrills, chills and laughs that keep audiences young and old on the edge of their seats. A Halloween treat for the whole family! The show runs October 20th – 29th.



"Celebrate Kids" – An Auction to Benefit Today's Kids, Tomorrow's Leaders

You still have time to participate in Camp Fire's Annual Auction Gala to be held at the newly remodeled Sheraton Seattle Hotel on November 3, 2006. As the theme, "Celebrate Kids" indicates, we will be in a party mood as we raise what we hope is a record amount of revenue for Camp Fire kids and their programs.



Here are ways you can still participate:

- Attend the auction and be a part of the party. Reservations are \$150 per guest which includes a five course gourmet dinner accompanied by wine selections. Get a group together and help support Camp Fire programs.
- Be a volunteer (we need both youth and adults) for the evening or to help set-up during the day. The following volunteer opportunities are available:

Youth Volunteer Opportunities:

- Opening parade and rally – All youth volunteers
- Guest Greeters – Starflight and Adventure
- Raffle Ticket Sellers – Discovery and Horizon
- Live Auction Runners – Discovery and Horizon
- Customer Service and Clean-up

All Discovery and Horizon youth receive service hours and all youth receive an emblem for participation.

Adult Volunteer Opportunities:

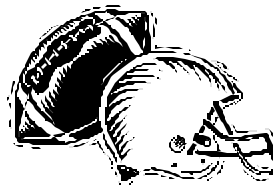
- Set up silent and live auction displays; table decorations, and other tasks during the day on November 3rd.
- Basket assembly at the main Camp Fire office during the day October 25th, 26th, 27th, 30th, and 31st.
- Night of the auction; registration, spotter, security/auction closer, pack-up, youth helper.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these jobs, we'd love to have you on the team! For more information or to sign up to volunteer, please contact Lael Ross at 206 461 8550, ext. 234 or lael-r@campfire-usa.org.

Seahawk Spirit of 12 Partners

The Seahawks will be playing on national TV on Thursday, December 14th at Qwest Field, and you can be part of the action by being a Camp Fire Seahawk Program Hawker and sell programs prior to the game. This is a rare Thursday night game and might work with some volunteer schedules better than Sunday.

We are currently signing up volunteers for this game and if you didn't have an opportunity to be part of the September 17th game, or if you had such a fun time at the September game that you are can't wait to volunteer again, here's your chance.



To sign up or for more information, contact Lael Ross, lael-r@campfire-usa.org or 206 461 8550, ext. 234.

North County News

Leaders' Meetings

North Program Committee

Monday, October 2nd and Monday, November 6th, 6:30 p.m.
Council Office

Vashon

Wednesday, October 11th and Wednesday, November 8th, 1:30 p.m.
Café Luna, 9924 SW Bank Road, Vashon

West Seattle

Wednesday, October 4th and Wednesday, November 1st, 7 p.m.
West Seattle Christian Church, 4400 42nd Ave SW, Seattle

Shoreline/Lake Forest Park

Thursday, October 5th and Thursday, October 26^{th*}, 7 p.m.
Third Place Books, 17171 Bothell Way NE, Lake Forest Park

Central-Rainier Valley

Tuesday, October 10th and Tuesday, November 14th, 7 p.m.
Starbucks, 2300 South Jackson St, Seattle

Magnolia/Queen Anne

Wednesday, October 18th and Wednesday, November 15th, 7 p.m.
Place to be announced*

Northwest Seattle

Monday, October 23rd and Monday, November 27th, 6:30 p.m.
October, TBA and November, Council Office



Northeast Seattle

Wednesday, October 25th and Wednesday, November 22nd, 7 p.m.
Council Office

*Please contact Janelle Kitson at 206 461 8550, ext. 310 or janelle-k@campfire-usa.org, or your local Leader Chair for address and directions.

H.I.P. Discovery

October: Discovery members will enjoy a fun, action-packed evening of laser tag at the Laser Quest lock-in on October 13th. For more information, please contact Janelle Kitson.



November: Due to the Veterans Day holiday, H.I.P. Discovery will be cancelled for November.

Welcome New Leaders!

Cammie Wraspir will be leading a group of Little Stars and Starflight youth in the Wallingford neighborhood, with the assistance of Mary White and **Carol Jones**.

Karin Sanders will be leading an Adventure group in Shoreline.

Jeannette Smith will be leading a group of Starflight youth on Vashon Island.

Angela Lickliter will be leading a Starflight group in West Seattle.

Kitsap County News

Babysitting Classes - "I'm Taking Care"

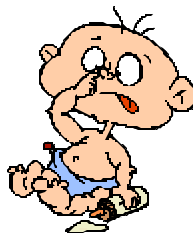
Do you want to be a better-trained babysitter, or do you have a babysitter you would like to have better training? Camp Fire USA has babysitting classes, recommended for ages 11 through 14. Youth will learn the skills they need to become first class babysitters. Through practice and demonstration, participants learn how to manage behavior and to safely play responsively with young children. They also learn how to prevent and handle emergencies, and discuss simple basic first aid. The class workbook, given to each participant, serves as an on-the-job reference. Participants receive a certificate of completion. Fall classes are scheduled at the following locations:

Bainbridge Island-Strawberry Hill Center

Wednesday, November 15th 1 – 3:30 p.m. **AND**
Thursday, November 16th 3:30 – 6 p.m.
(Participants must attend both days) Cost \$25

Poulsbo Parks and Recreation

Saturday, November 18th 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Cost \$38



Call the Program Center in Bremerton at 360 377 5513 to register or for more information. A class may also be arranged for your neighborhood or youth group. Look for classes in Bremerton and Port Orchard starting in January 2007.

Don't Forget!

Leaders' Meetings on October 3rd and November 7th at 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. Choose your best time!

Community Events

4th Annual Haunted Fairgrounds!

Where: Kitsap County Fairgrounds

When: October 20th, 21st, 27th, 28th and 31st

5 - 6 p.m. – The lights stay on, but from 6 - 10 p.m. you're in the dark!

Cost: \$7 (ages 5+) - \$1 off with canned food donation to benefit local food banks

Pumpkins, harvest festivals, haunted farms, corn mazes and much more! Check out www.pheasantfields.com or www.scandiavalleyfarm.com for more information on these locally owned and operated farming businesses.

Evergreen Children's Theatre and Aurora Valentinetti Puppet Museum present *The Reluctant Dragon*, October 14th, 2 p.m. at the Roxy Theater in downtown Bremerton.

Call 363 373 2992 or go to www.ectandpuppets.com for more information.

South County News

Leader Surveys

Special thanks to the following Leaders who returned their Leader Surveys!

Theresa Beauchene	Messa Taylor
Carol Bolma	Michelle Tirhi
Richard Dunn	Carmen Murphy
Alicia Flores	Mary Nelson
Patti Ford	Lisa Parks
Charisse Gregory	Connie Powell
Becky Haver	Misty Taylor
Paula Hooser	Christine Terry
Kathy LaPella	Laura Widdice
Jeanne Lunde	Sharon Blaylock
Jeanne Martin	Marci Coen
Katy Mills	Trese Justis
Kym Hales	Lisa Luchau
	Ellen West

Town Baskets for the Auction

LAST CALL! Please bring your basket or individual donations to the Program Center in Kent as soon as possible. Items will leave the office by October 12th! Every donation will help!

Town Basket Themes:

Auburn: Harvest

Enumclaw: Dog

Federal Way: Chocolate

South Program Committee: Day Dreams

Highline: Coffee Time

Maple Valley/Kent: Time Out

Renton: Italian



Meetings, Meetings, Meetings

Leaders and parents are invited to attend their town's monthly meetings. You receive information about upcoming events, share meeting and craft ideas, and help plan upcoming events. Please mark your calendar!

Auburn: Oct. 3rd and Nov. 7th, 7 p.m. at the Auburn United Methodist Church, 100 N Street SE

Enumclaw: Oct. 9th and Nov. 13th, 6 p.m. at the Enumclaw Youth Clubhouse, 1225 Battersby

Federal Way: Oct. 11th and Nov. 8th, 7 p.m. at Mirror Lake Elementary, 625 S 314th St.

Highline: Oct. 5th and Nov. 2nd, 7 p.m. at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, S 168th & Ambaum Blvd. S

Kent/

Maple Valley: Oct. 10th and Nov. 14th, 7 p.m. at Covington Elementary, 17070 SE Wax Rd.

Renton: Oct. 2nd and Nov. 6th, 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 1700 Edmonds Ave NE.

South Program Committee (Formerly B.G.P.C.): Oct. 26th and Nov. 16th, 6:30 at the Program Center in Kent, 1404 Central Ave. S #109.

And for older youth:

Horizon Cabinet: Oct. 23rd and Nov. 27th, 7 p.m. at the Program Center in Kent, same address as above.

If your meeting falls on a holiday, please call the office to see when the meeting has been scheduled.

East County News

Daring Explorers....Come Join the Fun!

Do you love the outdoors? Then come join us!

Last year, Robert and Darlene Conner took groups snowshoeing, day hiking and even on a NIGHT hike!

The youth help decide what adventure to do, and Robert and Darlene put it all together. It's a blast!

If your group is interested, e-mail Cindy Scott at cindy-s@campfire-usa.org. Come explore with us!

New Program Chair

A big WELCOME to Pam Zackula as the new chair for the East Program Committee (formerly B.G.P.C.).

Pam was a member of Camp Fire as a youth and earned her Wohelo Award. She is a Leader for a Starflight group. Pam helped at Hans Jensen Day Camp this year as a Truck Specialist.

Pam and her husband Eric and daughters, Alyson and Grace, live in Kirkland.

Welcome, Pam!



All Eastside Volunteers' Meeting dates....watch for e-mail announcement!

To Leaders, With Love

Camp Fire leadership is always challenging, often fun, and rarely without surprises. Whether you've just begun, or have had years of leadership experience, you have probably discovered this for yourself; such facts do not remain hidden for long!

Without you, the Camp Fire program could not exist. It is your enthusiasm that makes the spirit of Camp Fire come alive. It is your understanding and skill that offer kids opportunities to grow through the fun and friendship of a club. It is your wisdom, caring, and love that move the goals and ideals of Camp Fire from wish to reality.

For boys and girls reaching out to touch, understand, and affect their world, you are a friend, guide, and partner. The power of this partnership can give you, and the children you serve, a lifelong zest for living, learning and growing.



Renewing Leaders

We are excited and lucky to have the following Leaders with us for another fantastic program year:

North County

Pam Horn
Tina Ko
Brenda Nelson
Jeannette U
Sandra Revesz
Lourdes Reymore
Mary Robello
Paige Tangney
Dawn Lemoi
Leslie Vietmeier
Karen Montes
Susan Hockberger

South County

Shelly DeWolfe
Janeen Little
Sharon Abrahamson
Mary Olsen
Ellen West
Lori Church
Misty Taylor
Laura Widdice
Terese Justice

East County

Sandi Fennell
Suz Coan

Kit-No-Ma

Ivaly Alexander
Lejanna Bayha

Hints for Busy Leaders

There's a saying, "If you want something done, ask a busy person." And it does seem that people who are always busy are the first to say "yes" when asked to take on another task.



If you're an employed Camp Fire Leader, you are more than likely one of these people. You're probably well-acquainted with stepping through the front door, out of your work clothes and into the evening chores, taking hardly a breath in between, because dinner has to be fixed, eaten and cleared away before the arrival of your Camp Fire group.

Over 75% of our Leaders work outside the home. They are committed to having a quality experience for their children, so they are willing to organize their busy schedules to make this happen.

Being a busy person, you probably have already come up with time savers to make your meetings run more smoothly. But if the following hints aren't on your list, you might find them helpful.

1. Have a monthly calendar of activities. Decide in advance what you will be covering for the month. Keep it simple and stick to it. Ask a parent to help at each meeting. Give them a calendar so they know when it is their turn.
2. Decide in advance what materials you'll need, and put them together the day before the meeting. If you have a box or shelf where you always put your Camp Fire materials, they will be easier to get at when the meeting time comes.
3. Prepare a simple, warm-up dinner before you leave for work, or plan to pick up "fast food" on the way home. Use your meal time to go over the meeting in your mind to be sure all the preparations have been made.
4. Keep your meetings to the time length that you set out for the parents. Be sure parents know they are expected to drop their children off at meeting time (not early) and pick them up promptly (not late). Or, form a transportation committee where one parent picks up all of the kids, and another parent takes them all home.
5. Allow time at the end of the meeting for members to gather up materials and dispose of trash. Everyone should help with clean-up. It should not be a punishment or "dirty job." Reward the helpfulness with praise or stickers.
6. Meeting at a school or other location besides your home helps. You don't have to clean your own home ahead of time, and afterwards. In your community there may be a community room or space at the library that you could use. Ask other Leaders where would be a good place to meet. If it is nice weather, plan to meet outside, at a park, or even a school playground.
7. Parents may be willing to share their skills. Invite them to tell about their hobby, or demonstrate a special activity. Have one parent take the club on a tour of their business.
8. Ask a parent to be in charge of one special event – a holiday party, a service project, a ceremonial, or other special event.
9. If you are having trouble with organizing, talk to your Program Manager, or other Leaders at a Leaders' Meeting. Share ideas for time saving. Remember to provide any helpful hints that work for you.

The key to some of these time and energy savers is asking for help. You do not have to do it all! You are important to the group, but other parents should also take their turn. Parents may enjoy the benefits of helping with the group and spending quality time with their child. Their child will feel special when their parents/guardians are there to help.

Camp Fire succeeds only because of people like you – people who are willing to share their time, energy and love with children. Camp Fire is important for youth, and you are important to them!

Thanks to the Heart of the Hawkeye Council in Des Moines, IA for this article.

Groups Invited to Holiday Bazaars in South Area

A limited number of tables are available for groups who wish to sell items at one of the two Holiday Bazaars in South King County. Please call the Program Center in Kent 253 854 3676 for a registration form. There is a small fee for each table to cover the cost of the facility.

All items must sell for \$7 or less. This is a children's bazaar, with children (and adults) buying items made by children. Tables are available to groups who are currently registered, have participated in the 2006 Magazine and Music Fundraiser, and who plan to participate in the 2007 Candy Fundraiser.

Everyone is welcome to come and shop! Specific information about dates and locations will be e-mailed to group Leaders by mid October. It's a wonderful opportunity for children (and adults) to pick out gifts to give to special people in their lives.

Buy Holiday Gifts that Help the World at the Alternative Gift Fair!



The purpose of an Alternative Gift Fair is to contribute to charitable organizations in the purchasing of material items to give to your friends and family. Wallingford Presbyterian Church is hosting one on Sunday, November 5th from noon - 3:30 pm.

As one of my Camp Fire USA Wohelo Award advocacies I am heading the Heifer International booth, and am leading in the organization of the event. The organizations being represented are: **Heifer International** – full animals or shares of them can be purchased in honor of friends and family; **Presbyterian Coffee Project** – fair trade, organic, shade grown coffee that will also benefit the Wallingford Youth Group; and **Noel House** – cards can be purchased and the profit will support homeless single women in Seattle.

Wallingford Presbyterian Church is located at 1414 N. 42nd Street, Seattle. For directions, visit www.wallpc.org. If you cannot attend that day but would like to support any of the organizations, or would like more information, please feel free to contact me at dbug_mbob@yahoo.com or 206 783 0157. Checks and cash only, please.

Danielle Shoemake
Wohelo Award Candidate

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 2007.

Carnival of Beads is a service project that older youth organize for Adventure youth. Fun-filled activities are planned where the Adventure youth 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 fees. We will be hosting a volunteer orientation on Saturday, March 17th where you will be able to meet other volunteers and learn about your assigned activity.

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, 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 the 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

The Dental Health Bookmark Contest Is Back!

This contest is an excellent way to help members assume greater responsibility for their oral health. The winning designs will be printed on bookmarks, which will be distributed to schools, libraries, dental offices, and health fairs in Washington. A total of 40,000 bookmarks will be printed! Grand prizes will be awarded, but everyone will receive sugarless gum and a poster in appreciation of the artist's hard work.

Camp Fire youth can now earn an emblem upon completion of this project by using **MouthPower, an interactive online program**, as an enrichment tool for the bookmark contest. This online project shares the power of a healthy smile with youth everywhere through an entertaining and educational web experience.

Pick up a flyer from any Program Center for more information. MouthPower information and the project can be found at www.mouthpower.org. Bookmark entries should be sent directly to Julene M. Newland-Pyfer, 321 NW 198th St., Shoreline, WA 98177, and **must be postmarked by Friday, December 15th, 2006.**

Contest Rules and Guidelines

1. Use an 8½" by 11" sheet of white paper. The size of the design should fill a 4" by 10" rectangle on the sheet.
2. Use black ink only for the entry, picture, and slogan. Please, no marking pens.
3. The design should reflect a dental health theme, such as good brushing and flossing skills, healthful snacks, bright smiles, the need to visit a dentist twice a year, anti-chewing tobacco, or use of mouth guards for playing sports.
4. This sentence should be somewhere on the bookmark: **Every Month Is Children's Dental Health Month**, but it should not be large enough to detract from the message or the design.
5. Adult drawings are automatically rejected. Camp Fire youth of all levels are welcome to enter.
6. Please do NOT use brand names, such as toothpaste or mouthwash brands.
7. Designs must be drawn by hand. No computer-generated designs or lettering, please.
8. All of the following information must be on the back of each entry and should be clearly written or typed since this data is used by the printer, for press releases, for contacting winners, etc.:
 - Member's name
 - Member's address and phone number
 - Member's dentist's name (First and last, please)
 - Group number or name
 - Leader's name
 - Leader's address and phone number

General questions can be directed to Sarah Kessler at 206 461 8550, ext. 229 or sarah-k@campfire-usa.org. We hope many people participate in the Dental Health Bookmark Contest this year, and take advantage of the MouthPower program – apply what you learn from the program to your bookmark entry and maybe have your message get out to 40,000 people in our state!



National Art Project

National Art Project flyers and entry forms are available at your local Program Center. This year's

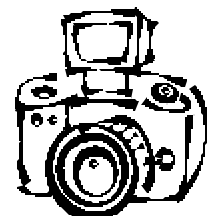
medium is photography. Art project entries are due at any Program Center by April 13th, 2007. They will be taken to the Council office and displayed.

Artists from the community who specialize in photography will be asked to judge the artwork, and the winning pieces will be displayed at the 2007 C.A.R.E. Dinner in May.



Here are some helpful hints for taking pictures:

- Think about the picture before you take it. Observe the background as well as the subject. Planning can help avoid photos with the appearance of trees or telephone poles, lamps, plants, and picture frames growing from the top of a person's head or losing your subject in a cluttered background.
- Try to get as close to the subject as possible. If you do, you won't have to explain that the tiny speck in your picture is really a giant bullfrog. Fill the frame of your picture with your subject.
- Pictures with one main center of interest can be better than mob shots.
- Try to hold the camera as still as possible. Squeeze the shutter button rather than punching it down which could cause your camera to move as you snap your shot.
- If you are taking an action shot, continue to move your camera with the action as you squeeze the shutter. This will avoid your picture being a "blur."
- Different angles will make your pictures more interesting. Also, by moving to a different angle, you may avoid distractions around your subject.
- A horizontal angle is best for shooting scenic pictures, while a vertical angle is best for taking a shot of a person. It's not necessary to include a person's legs, feet and shoes.
- Have people do something rather than standing in a line up against the wall saying, "Cheese!"
- Do not shoot directly into the sun. People standing in direct sun will have squinty eyes and long shadowy noses. Leaf and tree branch shadows will also cause confusing patterns on faces.
- Sunrises and sunsets provide interesting lighting behind your subject, but remember to use a flash.
- Always keep your camera clean and dry and don't leave it in the sun. Be careful not to scratch the lens. When not in use, keep your camera in a case or another safe place.



Remember, there is no "right" or "wrong" picture. Experiment. Find different ways to take pictures that you like.

A Salute to Hospitalized Veterans

The Salute to Hospitalized Veterans emblem is available for those who take part in this service program. Members complete two requirements: learn who veterans are, and make remembrances for them, such as a card or letter. Flyers with more activity ideas to learn what veterans did for our country are available at Program Centers, or at your Leaders' Meeting.

It means a lot to the veterans to know that someone cares about them. Some of them are lonely and don't get very much mail so it makes them happy to hear from somebody. Some reminders when making your cards/notes:

- Maximum size is 4"x6" and must be handmade.
- Please, no glitter or sequins. Be sure other decorations are securely glued on, and allow enough time for glue and paint to dry thoroughly before they are packed for delivery.
- Include a friendly and cheerful note – "**Dear Veteran,**" or, "**Dear Friend.**" Tell them a little about yourself – your age, grade, what you like to do and are doing in Camp Fire. **Sign only your first name.**
- You may say, "Have a happy day," but please DO NOT say, "Get well soon," or other similar phrases, as for many of them getting well is not a possibility.
- Print/write neatly.
- If you put your card in an envelope, please do not seal it.
- Remember that Camp Fire is spelled with two words.

Bring your cards or remembrances to any Program Center by January 12th, 2007 and we will send them out to hospitalized veterans. Our hospitals are Seattle Veterans Hospital, the Veterans Hospital in Utah, and Veterans Hospital in Puerto Rico.



Camp Sealth Summer Summary....the Numbers are In!

1,795 resident camp kids in 8 sessions
 3,100 parents, guardians and social workers involved
 48,500* plates of food served (* realistic estimate)
 198 day camp kids at Sealth in 8 sessions (and many others at our other day camps)
 113 staff
 15 days of pre-camp training
 5,900 timecard entries (just for summer temps)
 4.5 hours sleep per night per staff member (average)
 34 volunteers
 9,740* doses of routine medications given (* realistic estimate)
 460 session program plans hand-written
 147 sink traps unclogged
 229 toilets plunged
 78 day camp check-in and check-out days
 16 Boata runs
 1 snake denied Boata passage
 16 luggage runs
 16 Tacoma runs
 9 Candlelight Dinners
 9 Council Fires
 Countless bulls-eyes at archery
 150+ dreamboats launched
 200+ camperships given
 26 horses fed, watered, trained and loved all summer
 9 collaborating organizations involved
 0 rainy days
 2 Pacific Science Center campouts hosted
 1 Rotary benefit auction hosted (it was a fabulous event.....a PR coup for Camp Fire)
 314 auction attendees and volunteers wowed by Camp Sealth
 75 buildings deep-cleaned in late August
 158 backpacks, 20 Coleman stoves and countless other equipment de-cootied
 12 year-round staff tired but transitioning to rental season
 1 grateful heart....This Camp Director sincerely thanks all the staff, volunteers, donors, collaborators and supporters who helped make the summer a successful one at Camp Sealth.



Jan Milligan
 Director of Camping



YVC's Dream, Draw, Dabble Project

Ten YVC volunteers from nine schools came together this summer to design and paint a huge mural for the Seattle's Cascade People's Center.

The mural will be hung above the outside entrance of the center at 309 Pontius Ave N in Seattle to welcome the neighborhood to the center. Says one volunteer, "[I took away from this project] the entire experience! The end result was superb and I met great people!"

Check out www.yvckingcounty.org for new fall/winter opportunities to serve with YVC!

Special Activity Permission Forms

Please remember to turn in those beige (or yellow) Special Activity Permission forms to the office. State law and our insurance carriers require Camp Fire to collect these forms each year.



Please help us stay up to date and in compliance by turning in those forms from this past program year. You can pick up new forms at any Program Center or your Leader's meeting. Thanks for doing your part to help.

LaserQuest Lock-In for Discovery Youth

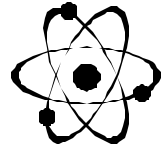
Discovery age youth (grades 6 – 8) are invited to join us for an evening of laser tag on Friday, October 13th from 11:45 p.m. until 6 a.m. the next morning at LaserQuest, 2210 S. 320th, A-4 in Federal Way!



Yes, you can play laser tag all night long!!! Cost is \$35 per person. Adults who wish to stay but not play laser tag are free. Registration flyers were mailed to all Discovery youth members in the Council. Mail in the registration form with payment and call your local Program Center for information on carpooling.

Pacific Science Center Camp-In and Simple Science

The Pacific Science Center makes great camping grounds. Where else can you sleep in the same building as tropical butterflies, naked mole rats, marine life, and mind-boggling exhibits all at the same time?



Camp-In - March 31st, 2007

Explore the center, visit the planetarium, participate in hands-on activities, experiments and exhibits. The Camp-In program is designed for youth 3rd – 5th grade. This year's theme is "Animal Grossology," with a visiting exhibit called "Grossology: The Impolite Science of the Human Body."

Horizon youth can apply to attend the Camp-In for free as a volunteer! We would love it if you could help with activities, prepare snacks, and make sure everyone is having a good time. What a fun way to earn some extra service hours. Contact Sarah Kessler at 206 461 8550, ext. 229 or sarah-k@campfire-usa.org for a volunteer form.

Simple Science - May 4th, 2007

Groups in grade K-2 can attend Simple Science – a shortened version of the overnight. Groups get to participate in the same activities and workshops, but this event is not an overnighter.

Flyers and registration forms will be available soon at all Program Centers, and will be mailed to all Starflight and Adventure members' families. Please be sure to register early as the events fill up fast.

President's Volunteer Service Awards

From April 1st, 2005 to March 31st, 2006, 78 Camp Fire USA members documented thousands of hours of service! Youth and adult members did a variety of service activities in their schools, faith communities, community centers, and with Camp Fire USA. Each member who turned in a completed form to the Council office received a certificate, and a gold, silver, or bronze pin depending on their age level and hours of service given.

Youth of all ages, adults, families, and groups can receive this recognition from President Bush for giving service. The President's Volunteer Service Award was created to encourage more community volunteerism.

To earn this award, keep a record of your volunteer activities and hours served. These service activities must all take place within a year's time from April 1st, 2006 – March 31st, 2007. Your 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 nearest Camp Fire Program Center, if you do not wish to record online. Send your record to the Council office to the attention of Sarah Kessler. **All record forms must be received by March 31st, 2007**; some old forms are still floating around with a different date. You can still use the forms, but they are due at the end of March.

Awards will be ordered and paid for by Camp Fire and sent to you when they arrive (hopefully our pins won't be lost or delayed again getting to us this year – thank you for your patience in receiving them). For more information, consult your Program Manager. We hope everyone will participate!

200 Service Hour Award

Raelene Reymore, a senior at Holy Names Academy and Wohelo Award candidate, has completed two-200 Service Hour Awards! By leading Operation Christmas Child at both her church and school, building homes in Tijuana, Mexico, and serving as Junior Staff at Carkeek II Day Camp, Raelene has proven that she is a caring, confident youth and future leader. Thank you, Raelene, for your commitment to service and giving back to your community!



March in a Parade

Mark your calendar and join the Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 11th, in Auburn. This is the largest Veterans Day Parade west of the Mississippi River!

Check in with the Camp Fire representative at the corner of East Main Street and "I" Street by 10:30 a.m. They will direct you to our line-up location and record the number of memory emblems you need for your group (youth and adults).

The parade starts at 11 a.m. All Camp Fire members march as a single unit. Some youth may wish to join the drill team. The routine is simple and there is plenty of time to practice as we wait for our place in the parade. Others may want to carry their group banner. The Auburn Leaders' Association has assigned youth to carry the United States and Camp Fire flags.

The parade is one mile in length and the route is flat. We march from east to west on Main Street. Most people park at the end of the parade route and walk to the beginning. Then they are near their cars when the parade is over.

We do need to plan for quite a wait. The parade is arranged according to military protocol, which places all military and veterans groups at the beginning. So be prepared to wait and dress for the weather. Remember to wear red, white and blue!

For more information, please call the Program Center in Kent at 253 854 3676.

Seattle Kids' Marathon

In ancient Greece, Phidippides ran from the plains of Marathon to Athens to report about the Persian War. That is where the marathon got its name.

Thousands of years later, people are still runnin'.

The Seattle Kids' Marathon is structured to allow youth in kindergarten through 8th grade to complete a full 26.2-mile marathon at a rate that is fun and safe for their growing bodies... "one mile at a time."

Kyndahl Jones, an Adventure member in West Seattle, is excited to run the marathon this year for the second time, after having such a positive and successful experience last year. Completing the marathon was a great confidence-booster for her, and athletes of all levels are encouraged to participate and join her this year.

The marathon is on November 25th at 10 a.m. Entry forms and more information can be found at www.seattlemarathon.org/kids.asp.

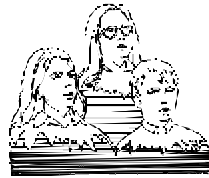


Month of the Young Adolescent

October is Month of the Young Adolescent, which is sponsored by National Middle School Association (www.nmsa.org).

Four key messages of the month:

- The importance of parents being knowledgeable about young adolescents and being actively involved in their lives;
- The understanding that healthy bodies plus healthy minds equal healthy young adolescents;
- The realization that the education young adolescents experience during this formative period of life will, in large measure, determine the future for all citizens; and
- The knowledge that every young adolescent should have the opportunity to pursue his or her dreams and aspirations, and post-secondary education should be a possibility for all.



Spooky Recipes

If you and your Group members are not into eye of newt, toe of frog, wool of bat, and tongue of dog, you may enjoy these recipes a little more.

Witch's Brew

1. Fill a tall glass with ice cubes (freeze raisins in the ice cube for "eyes of newts.")
2. Pour in cranberry juice to fill half the glass.
3. *Very slowly* pour in orange juice, leaving about 1½ inches at the top.
4. Now *slowly* pour in ginger ale to the top.
5. Add a straw. The drink will stay in layers. By moving the straw up and down, you can sip three drinks from one glass.

Eyeball Potion

1. Place two scoops of whipped topping into small dessert dishes. Put a blueberry or raisin in each scoop for the "pupils."
2. Freeze for 30 minutes, or until firm.
3. Meanwhile, follow directions and mix up a package of your favorite gelatin dessert – any red flavor will do.
4. Pour the gelatin around the two "eyeballs" in each dish, leaving the top of the "eyeballs" exposed.
5. Refrigerate 1½ hours, or until firm.



Huge Scary Spiders

1. Preheat oven to 375°. Lightly grease a baking sheet.
2. In a saucepan, melt 2-oz. of unsweetened chocolate over low heat. Let it cool.
3. In a small bowl, mix 1¼ cup flour, 1½ teaspoon baking powder, and ¼ teaspoon of salt.
4. In a medium bowl, beat ¼ cup margarine and 1 cup of sugar until creamy. Stir in 1 beaten egg, 1 teaspoon vanilla, and the chocolate.
5. Combine the flour mix and mix well, forming a stiff dough.
6. To make spiders, shape a 2" flat oval for the body. Make the spider's head by flattening a small circle and attach it to the body. Attach eight legs to the body as well.
7. Press "Red Hot" candies in the dough for the eyes.
8. Bake in 375° oven for 5 – 8 minutes. Let the spiders cool on the baking sheet to avoid breaking when removing.

Have a wonderful and safe Halloween and Thanksgiving Holiday!

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. - 12 p.m., 1 - 5 p.m.
(Program Manager is available 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.



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.





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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.


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