

# October/November 2008



## From Jane

Mary Olsen, Camp Fire's Director of Group and Older Youth Programs, spoke with one of Camp Fire Central Puget Sound's star volunteers the other day.

*Mary asked her if she was still the director of her preschool and she said: "Yes, life is crazy — the classes start this week and I still have the waitress job and now that I'm involved in a second [Camp Fire] group, things are really busy."*

*Mary says, "Then she stopped and looked up at me and said, 'But of everything I do, Camp Fire is the most worthwhile - I think I really mean beneficial to my kids (and all the children) - and it's the easiest, with all the great resources and help with questions.'"*

**This is a great, unsolicited, endorsement as we enter our Fall Membership drive.**

With the energy of this wonderful woman, at your back, I challenge you, the Leaders, volunteers, alumni and participants to the following:

1. We increased the number of our club programs last year – a victory! I challenge you to help Camp Fire to do it, again!
2. We increased the number of our Community Family Clubs in diverse communities around King County: Eastside, South County, North King County, and Kitsap County. I challenge you to help us increase the offerings of groups further. We are a rolling stone!
3. We made progress in our long journey in becoming an anti-racist, culturally competent organization. We have had tremendous support from the staff and volunteers and participants. I challenge ALL of us to be focused on and faithful to our commitment. It is a forever commitment; as an organization, we promise to continue the work of cultural competency and anti-racism. As we all know, for 98 years, Inclusion has been a Core Value of Camp Fire!
4. Camp Sealth is going strong. I challenge you to sign up your sons, daughters, nieces, nephews, grandchildren . . . for the time of their lives. Please call me if you have entree to a school or community who would like us to discuss with them the benefits of both Resident

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## Calendar

### October

- 10 .... Holiday Card Contest Deadline
- 10 .... Discovery LaserQuest Lock-In
- 11-12 Zoo Overnight Adventure
- 22 .... CGPC Meeting
- 25 .... Make A Difference Day



### November

- 1 ..... 23rd Annual Benefit Auction
- 8 ..... Veterans Day Parade
- 11 .... Veterans Day - Offices Closed
- 19 .... CGPC Meeting
- 27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday - Offices Closed



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Camp and the Environmental Education Sessions in the Spring and Autumn. We have a stellar Director of Camping, Rick Taylor; and one of the best camps in the nation. Please help us get the word out.

5. **Finally, I challenge you to help us fund Camp Fire. We need your support and dollars during these tough economic times. A personally meaningful gift, from each one of you who reads this will make a difference: Whether it be \$10 or \$50,000 dollars. You each know who you are and what you can contribute . . . Please help us today!**

Here's to an Autumn filled with peace and grace.

Wohelo,  , CEO

## Annual Auction

**Vote for Kids! Vote for Camp Fire USA!** That's the theme for our 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fundraising Auction to be held Saturday, November 1, 2008 at the Sheraton Waterfront Hotel, 2100 Alaskan Way, Seattle. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m.

A fabulous gourmet meal and wine will be followed by the live auction where you can bid on a number of fun items including a chance at the Boeing Simulator, trips to wonderful hotels and restaurants; family fun activities like the Family Fun Center, ACME Bowling, Woodland Park Zoo, MOHAI, etc. This year we've also set up an online auction that you can participate in as well. Visit [www.cmarket.com/auction/AuctionHome.action?vhost=campfireauction](http://www.cmarket.com/auction/AuctionHome.action?vhost=campfireauction).

We're still looking for volunteers. Please contact Jessie Perkins at 206 826 8940 or [jessiep@campfire-usa.org](mailto:jessiep@campfire-usa.org) if you're able to help us put on this fun event. And last, but by no means least, ask family, friends and co-workers to donate items! We can take donations up to the last minute.

## Camp Fire's Museum Collection

In June, along with moving our main Camp Fire office, we also moved our Camp Fire Museum: all 120 boxes worth of items collected over the past 25 years. As a cadre of volunteers spent several days sorting, culling, and packing an amazing collection, two things became apparent.

The first was that our collection of ceremonial gown, vests, uniforms, program materials, group notebooks, pictures, newspaper articles, etc. is an outstanding documentation of our Council's history and has provided a very rich collection for our museum.

The second was that we are no longer able to accept every generous donation from our alumni and their families. This is not to say that there may be some donations that would be great additions to our museum. An example would be an entire collection of materials from one of our early Camp Fire members, or a specific article such as a picture of a Camp Fire event that might be a new addition to our collection.

What we are asking our alumni and their families to do is to call the Development Office prior to making a donation to the museum. We can determine by talking with you whether your donation would enhance our collection or would help us to further record our local and national history.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Collins, Interim Director of Development at [sharonc@campfire-usa.org](mailto:sharonc@campfire-usa.org) or 206 826 8934.

## 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?

Registered members. . .

- Are covered under Camp Fire's Accident Insurance during all Camp Fire sponsored activities.
- Receive a regular member 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 emblems and other awards and recognition.

**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 31, so renew today!

## Call to the Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Camp Fire USA Central Puget Sound Council will be held Wednesday, December 10 at 4 p.m. in the Camaraderie Room at the Council office. The election of Offices, Members-at-Large, and Nominating Committee members will take place.

For questions call Ngoc Do at 206 826 8922 or e-mail [ngocd@campfire-usa.org](mailto:ngocd@campfire-usa.org).

## Holiday Card Contest

There's still time to enter the Council Holiday Card Contest! Draw or paint, and create something fun and colorful for this year's Camp Fire holiday card. Artwork requirements: Draw your 5" x 7" image on white paper with felt pens or other artist media. Please use a general holiday or winter design (not any items specific to Christmas or other religions.)

If your design is chosen, you will receive a prize, and your name will appear on the holiday card, which is sent out to associates of the Camp Fire USA community. Please send all entries by **Friday, October 10**, with your full name and age to Jackie Peterson at the Council Office in Seattle.

# 2008 Candy Fundraiser Hall of Fame

Camp Fire USA recognizes the value of hard work and dedication demonstrated by the thousands of youth selling Camp Fire USA candy. To acknowledge the outstanding achievements of candy sellers, National Headquarters has developed a national candy sale incentive program. Youth who sell \$1,200+ of candy during the year are nominated by their council to the Candy Hall of Fame.

For each program year, the top three candy sellers with the highest dollar amount of sales in the country will win cash prizes. Winners are determined by total dollars reported by each council. We are proud to announce the top winners for the 2007-08 year:

**First place** with a cash prize of \$1,000 and selling the highest dollar amount of sales *in the entire country* is **Katie Scott**, age 14, from **Central Puget Sound Council!** Katie sold \$12,330 in candy! **WAY TO GO!**

Other National Top Sellers include:

Nicole Loehr, sold \$11,170 in candy  
Snohomish County Council, Everett, WA

Brendan Todd, sold \$8,505 in candy  
Portland Metro Council, Portland, OR

**Alysha Newton**, sold \$8,395 in candy  
Central Puget Sound Council (**Way to go, Alysha!**)

Elizabeth Townsend, sold \$8,305 in candy  
Portland Metro Council, Portland, OR

**Kayla Butler**, sold \$8,175 in candy  
Central Puget Sound Council (**Way to go, Kayla!**)

JJ Brown, sold \$7,910 in candy  
Inland Northwest Council, Spokane, WA

Emma McLaughlin, sold \$7,535 in candy  
Inland Northwest Council, Spokane, WA

**Sam LaPella**, sold \$7,215 in candy  
Central Puget Sound Council (**Way to go, Sam!**)

Congratulations to all of the hard working youth who sold Camp Fire USA Candy this past year to support their local council!



# 2009 Candy Fundraiser

## The North West Chocolate Trail!

**January 23 - February 16, 2009**

This year, *Keys to Sweet Success* will again be available as a tool for Leaders. There is a meeting plan for each month that leads up to the kick-off of the Candy Fundraiser. Each plan has several activities and ideas to get the youth ready and excited about the Fundraiser.



To help members set goals, the incentives will be available for Leaders to check out. The animals are really fantastic this year!

ALL CANDY SELLERS and their families will be invited to Candy Rallies in January and Ice Cream Socials after the fundraiser. Watch future issues of this newsletter for dates and locations.

Let's all work together to make this the most successful Candy Fundraiser our Council has ever had. We can do it and it will be FUN!

## YOU are a Part of Our Fundraising Team

Camp Fire programs don't just happen. They're a team effort. And raising the money to guarantee they continue is a team effort, too. Your participation in and support of Camp Fire's fundraising activities makes everyone a winner:

**Youth** learn about making setting and making goals, salesmanship, money accountability, gain self confidence and have fun.



**Adults** share their Camp Fire experience with youth and are satisfied that their contributions are used for programs which help young people become future leaders.

**Camp Fire's** Group Program realizes approximately 87% of its operating budget through the efforts of members and friends participating in Camp Fire's product sales.

Camp Fire mints practically sell themselves. Almond Caramel Clusters and Almond Roca are two additional quality chocolates sold by Camp Fire and manufactured by Brown & Haley.

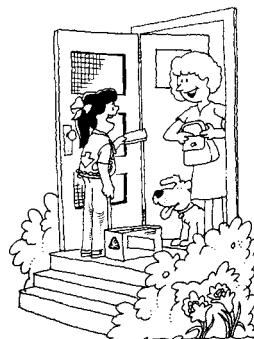
### OTHER BENEFITS

Youth earn **incentives**: stuffed animals, t-shirts, program currency, emblems, charms and special events.

Groups receive **25 – 35 cents** for each box of candy sold.

**75/75 Group Bonus** adds an additional 5 cents refund per unit if 75% of your group sells 75 units or more.

Work with your group to set a fundraising goal!



# North County News

*Serving the Seattle, Shoreline and Vashon Island School Districts.*

## Welcome New Leaders!

Welcome **Bev Sakamoto** and **Teresa Shimizu**, co-Leaders of a Starflight group at the Seattle Buddhist Temple in Group #699! The new members are very excited to wear their red vests!

## Leaders' Meetings

### North Group Program Committee

October 6 & November 3 at 5:30 p.m.  
Council Office in Seattle

### Shoreline/Lake Forest Park

October 2 at 6 p.m.  
Cathie Westcot's Home\*

November 6 at 7 p.m.  
Third Place Commons  
17171 Bothell Way NE,  
Lake Forest Park

### Vashon

October 6 & November 3 at 2 p.m.  
Vashon Community Church  
9318 SW Cemetary Rd, Vashon

### NE/NW Seattle &

### Central/Rainier Valley

Oct. 8 & Nov. 12 at 7 p.m.  
Council Office in Seattle

### West Seattle

Oct. 9 & Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.  
West Seattle Christian Church  
4400 42nd Ave SW, Seattle

### Magnolia/Queen Anne

October 15 at 7 p.m.  
Place TBA

November 19 at 7 p.m.  
Monique Johnson's Home\*

*\*Please contact Janelle for address and directions.*

## Program Level Trainings

If you need any of the several program level trainings, contact Janelle Kitson to RSVP at least **one week** before the training.

If these dates do not fit your schedule, please contact Janelle to set another appointment.

All trainings listed are held at the Seattle Office.

- **Getting Started** (for anyone interested in forming a new group): by appointment
- **Little Stars** (ages 3-5): October 1, 7 p.m.
- **Starflight** (gr. K-2): October 7, 7 p.m.
- **Adventure** Level 3: October 13, 7 p.m.
- **Adventure** Levels 4 & 5: October 16, 7 p.m.
- **Discovery** (gr. 6-8): by appointment
- **Ceremonial Attire\*\*** (gr. 6-8): Oct. 20, 7 p.m.
- **Horizon and/or Wohelo Award\*\*** (gr. 9-12): by appointment

\*\*These trainings require youth and parents/guardians to attend.



# East County News

*Serving the Bellevue, Issaquah, Mercer Island, Lake Washington, Northshore, Riverview and Snoqualmie Valley School Districts.*

## All Volunteers' Meetings

All Leaders and Volunteers are invited to attend All Volunteers' Meetings. Meeting dates for the 2008-09 program year are October 27, November 17, December 15, January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27, May 18 and June 15.



All meetings are in the Baker Adams Room, which is just down the hall from the Redmond Program Center office. Please plan to have a representative from your group attend these meetings in which important information, upcoming events, networking, and program support will be available.

## Day Camp Thanks

A BIG thank you to all the volunteers and donors who helped make Hans Jensen and Blyth Day Camps a fun and wonderful experience for all. Your hard work and dedication to the campers made for one outstanding summer! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

## New Leaders

The Redmond Program Center is very excited to welcome **Kirsten Lints** and **Cami LeBlanc** as new Leaders of a Starflight group from Eagle Rock in Duvall. Welcome, Kirsten and Cami!

## Daring Explorers

The Daring Explorers started out the school year with a hike to Tonga Ridge near Stevens Pass.

It was a perfect day for a hike – sunny and warm. The group hiked about six miles and enjoyed a picnic dinner complete with dessert.

Come join us for more daring adventures throughout the year. Contact Cindy Scott at the Redmond Program Center for more information.

# South County News

*Serving the Auburn, Enumclaw, Federal Way, Highline, Kent, Renton, South Central and Tahoma School Districts.*

## Town Auction Baskets

Each Leaders' Association has chosen a basket theme and will work together to fill their silent auction basket with fun items for the Annual Auction. If you have an item for these baskets, please take them to your October Leader Meeting or bring them to the Program Center in Kent by October 12 in the morning.

### Auburn/Enumclaw

Bear in Tennis Shoes *(family hiking)*

### Federal Way

Cookies! *(cookie recipes, cutters, etc.)*

### Highline

Red, White, and Blues *(blues music and picnic supplies)*

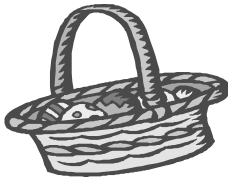
### Kent/Maple Valley

Patriotic Picnic Basket

### Renton

All-American Picnic Basket

If you have another item you would like to donate, the forms are at the office or on the Council website.



## Leaders' Meetings

### Auburn/Enumclaw

October 13 & November 10 at 6 p.m.  
Elethea Steward's Home  
Call Kent Program Center for directions

### Federal Way

October 8 & November 12 at 7 p.m.  
Mirror Lake Elementary  
625 S 314<sup>th</sup> Street, Federal Way

### Highline

October 2 & November 6 at 7 p.m.  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church,  
S 168<sup>th</sup> & Ambaum Blvd S, Burien

### Kent/Maple Valley

October 14 & November 18\* at 7 p.m.  
Crestwood Elementary School  
25225 180<sup>th</sup> SE, Covington

*\*NOTE: Change in November meeting day due to Veterans Day Holiday*

## Training

If you have not yet received program training, please contact Hollianne at the Program Center in Kent.

Training is provided for Little Stars (3-5 years), Starflight (K-2), Adventure (at the beginning of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and then again in 4<sup>th</sup> grade), Discovery (grades 6-8), and Horizon (grades 9-12).

We currently have a **Wohelo Award training date scheduled for October 20 from 6:30 – 9 p.m.** for youth in Horizon who are interested in earning their Wohelo Award. Please call the Program Center in Kent to sign up.

### Renton

October 6 & November 3 at 7 p.m.  
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church  
1700 Edmonds Ave NE, Renton

### South Program Committee

October 23 at 6:30 p.m.  
Program Center in Kent  
1404 Central Ave S #109, Kent

### Horizon Cabinet

Oct. 27 & Nov. 24 at 6:30 p.m.  
Program Center in Kent  
1404 Central Ave S #109, Kent

# Kitsap County News

*Serving the Bainbridge Island, Bremerton, Central Kitsap, North Kitsap, North Mason and South Kitsap School Districts.*

## Leaders' Meetings

Our next Leaders' meetings are scheduled for Monday, October 6 and Monday, November 3 at 9:30 a.m. at the Program Center in Bremerton. Hope to see you there!

## Auction Gift Wrap Package

The Bremerton Program Center will again be donating a gift wrap package for the annual Camp Fire Auction on November 1. Please bring your donations of gift wrap, ribbon, bows, gift bags, etc. to the next Leaders' meeting on October 6.

## First Friday Art Walks

Bremerton has one of the largest and most diverse official fine arts districts in the Northwest. Centered in downtown Bremerton is the city's rich Arts District which includes museums, perform arts stages, galleries, food, and unique shops.



The first Friday of each month businesses stay open later and there are special events. Don't forget to include the Charleston District on Callow Avenue with their unique galleries, and all-ages music venues.

## Veterans Day Parade

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 8 and be sure to join everyone in Auburn for the largest Veterans Day Parade west of the Mississippi! By participating in the parade, we can honor all those who have served our country and share our pride in Camp Fire USA.

Line up is set for 10:30 a.m., but come a little early to sign in with a Camp Fire representative at East Main and I Street. This event is open to all ages of Camp Fire members. There may be a drill team or other activities for the kids.

Be watching for more information on this event. Come prepared for the weather and the wait.

All participants, youth and adult, will receive a memory emblem, which will be available at the December Leaders' Meetings.



## National Art Project

The medium for the Camp Fire USA National Art Competition 2008–2009 is **Digital Storytelling**. Participants will learn how they can tell stories that will create art through words and pictures.

In preparation for celebrating 100 years of Camp Fire USA programs in 2010, participants are encouraged to share their Camp Fire stories. A participant can learn about telling his or her Camp Fire story through the use of digital technology by creating a PowerPoint presentation, a Microsoft Photo Story 3 production, an Adobe Photoshop story, a video, or any other digital medium.



Those participants who do not have access to digital technology can tell their stories through words and pictures—for example, by making scrapbooks or posters. Pictures could include photographs, drawings, paintings or other images.

More information is available from your Program Manager, or contact Grace McKinney at 206 826 8929 or [gracem@campfire-usa.org](mailto:gracem@campfire-usa.org) for a project packet. We look forward to seeing what stories all our members have to tell!

## Holiday Bazaar in South Area

A limited number of tables are available for groups who wish to sell items at the Holiday Bazaar in south King County. Please call the Program Center in Kent at 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 shoppers buying items made by children. Tables are available to groups who are currently registered and who plan to participate in the 2009 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.

## 2009 Wohelo Award Information

Attention all Wohelo Candidates! If you're working on your Wohelo Award, please remember to meet with your Older Youth Advisor (OYA) on a regular basis to keep track of your progress. If you're planning on earning your Wohelo Award in 2009, you must have all of your information turned in and signed off by **Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009**.

If you're interested in a workshop to help with a specific highlight or reflection, please contact your Program Manager.

## 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 then 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. Bring your cards or remembrances to any Program Center by January 9, 2009 and we will send them to hospitalized veterans.



## LaserQuest Lock In

Discovery members are invited to join us for a full night of Laser Tag on Friday, October 10 from 11:45 p.m. until 6 a.m. the next morning! Cost is \$35 per person. Watch the mail for a flyer. Registration deadline is October 1. Event questions? Call Hollianne at 253 854 3676.

We will be providing transportation to and from the Camp Fire office in Seattle. Space is limited so call Janelle at 206 826 8910 to reserve a seat in the van.

## PSC Camp-In Update

The Pacific Science Center Camp-In will be held on Friday, April 17, 2009. Spend the night at the PSC and discover the delicious and mysterious molecular world of your favourite sweets with the theme, *Candy Chemistry: Savor the Science*.

More information will be mailed in January.

Pacific Science Center will *not* be offering the Simple Science event in 2009.



# Program Centers

### Council Office

4241 21st Ave W, Suite 200  
Seattle, WA 98199  
Phone 206 461 8550  
Fax 206 525 3351

Center Hours:  
Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. - 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.

### East King County

16315 NE 87<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.



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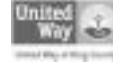
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*Camp Fire USA builds caring, confident youth and future leaders.*

*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 206 826 8919 or 800 451 CAMP. 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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