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Welcome New Leaders!

Barbara Herold	Kent	Home School/Glenridge Area	K
Nancy Lynch-DeBruler	Federal Way	Silver Lake Elementary	5



Ice Cream Social

An Ice Cream Social is held to honor the qualifying sellers of 120 units or more of candy during the 2005 Candy Fundraiser. Each town hosts a special evening of recognition with presentation of emblems and tie tack pins for their various sales levels. To top the evening, everyone enjoys a bowl of delicious ice cream covered with some of their favorite toppings. Watch your mailboxes for an invitation to this special event and be sure to R.S.V.P. so that the coordinators can make sure they have supplies for everyone attending.

Day Camp Volunteers Wanted

Volunteering at your local day camp is a great outdoor experience, a week of fun in the sun! Camps need a variety of help, both adult and teen staff, whether it is for all 5 days or just 1 or 2. Some of the jobs include purchaser, nurse or first aider, crafts, camp craft skills (jackknives, hatchets), nature, songs, games, general helpers, and most important - counselors. Children of adults who volunteer for all 5 days attend camp for only \$20. If you are thinking about joining us for day camp, please call the registrar for the camp you would like to attend or one of the branch offices. They are happy to answer any of your questions, send out forms, and welcome you to the adventures of volunteering at camp!

Program Resource Center

Council Fire ceremonies and your club's end of the year celebrations will be here before we know it! Please stock up early on emblems and beads, so that we can fill any needs we didn't predict. New program books for those flying up always make a fun presentation award. Even if we run out of something, we can order more for you usually by finding items in another branch office. Our National office has been sending things quickly as well.

If it is hard for you to get to the office during our business hours, you have several options. Call and have us assemble an order prior to a Leaders' Meeting; your Group Program Coordinator can bring the items to the meeting and collect the money. We can also mail items to you for a small fee.



Leaders' Meeting Dates for April 2005

Auburn	Tuesday, April 5 th Auburn First United Methodist 100 N Street SE, Auburn	7 p.m.
Enumclaw	Monday, April 11 th Enumclaw Youth Clubhouse 1225 Battersby Ave, Enumclaw	7 p.m.
Federal Way	Wednesday, April 13 th Mirror Lake Elementary Library 625 S 314 th Street, Federal Way	7 p.m.
Highline	Thursday, April 7 th Our Saviour's Lutheran Church S 168 th & Ambaum Blvd. S., Burien	7 p.m.
Kent	Wednesday, April 6 th South Branch Camp Fire Office 1404 Central Ave. S #109, Kent	7 p.m.
Maple Valley	Tuesday, April 5 th Rock Creek Elementary School 25700 Maple Valley-Black Diamond Rd.	7 p.m.
Renton	Monday, April 4 th St. Matthew's Lutheran Church 1700 Edmonds Ave NE, Renton	7 p.m.
Morning Make-up Meeting		
For all areas	Wednesday, April 20 th Note: Date Change! South Branch Camp Fire Office	9:30 a.m.
Other dates to remember:		
BGPC	Thursday, April 28 th South Branch Camp Fire Office	6:30 p.m.
Horizon Cabinet	Monday, April 25 th South Branch Camp Fire Office	7 p.m.

Spring Projects and Field Trips

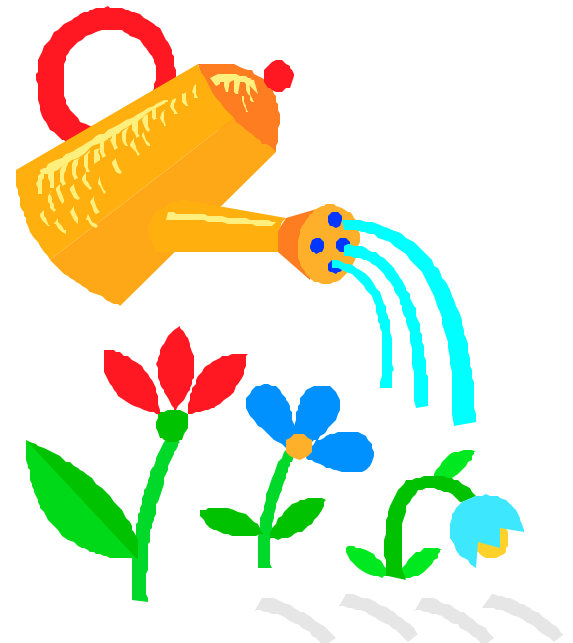
A field trip can be a fresh learning experience for your group. With a new group, start out with short, local destinations. Explore your neighborhood. Find out what businesses or services are in your area.

A young group can start with the library. Discover the many activities the library offers and apply for their first library cards.

With spring just around the corner, now is the time to start thinking about planting flowers. Adopting a park, school yard, a nursing home, church, or even an elderly neighbor's yard is a great service project.

Take a field trip to a local nursery to see what is available for spring planting. This project can also include learning about the cost of plants, whether annuals or perennials are the better buy, finding out what plants do well in our area, and where to plant them.

Maybe one of the group's parents is an avid gardener and would be an adviser for the project. This is an activity that will bring color and smiles to everyone as the flowers bloom.





Under the Sea

Starflight Weekend/Day Event at Camp Sealth May 21st & 22nd, 2005

Bring your group and have lots of fun "Under the Sea." Come for the day or stay and spend the night.

Weekend Participants: arrive at camp between 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Weekend registration includes four workshops, dinner, evening program, overnight accommodations and Sunday breakfast.

Day Participants: arrive at camp between 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Day event registration includes four workshops and dinner.

Please bring: a sack lunch and beverage for each youth/adult for Saturday, a signed permission form for each child, an **adult emergency medical form** for each adult and your tropical wear for the evening program.

Ferry schedules and prices will come with your confirmation letter approximately a week before the event. You will purchase your ferry tickets at the dock. **Watch for other important information on your confirmation form.**

Registration Deadline: Mail your registration form, a **self-addressed legal size envelope with 60¢ postage**, and check made payable to Camp Fire USA. See postmark deadline below. (Sorry, no phone registrations.) Space is limited - no more than two adults per group please. (Groups of 10 or more may have a third adult.)

Mail to:

Lisa Luchau
24817 19th PI S
Des Moines, WA 98198
lisalu6@msn.com/206 824 9589



Registration

Leader's
Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ ZIP _____
E-mail address _____
Any special needs, dietary or other _____

Weekend

of # of # of # of
Boys _____ Girls _____ Men _____ Women _____

Early Registration - postmarked by April 20th, 2005

Total # attending _____ @ \$37 = \$ _____

Late Registration - postmarked by May 5th, 2005

Total # attending _____ @ \$42 = \$ _____

Attending on scholarship _____ @ _____ \$ _____

(Scholarships are for 50% of the registration fee.)

Day Event

of # of # of # of
Boys _____ Girls _____ Men _____ Women _____

Early Registration - postmarked by April 20th, 2005

Total # attending _____ @ \$20 = \$ _____

Late Registration - postmarked by May 5th, 2005

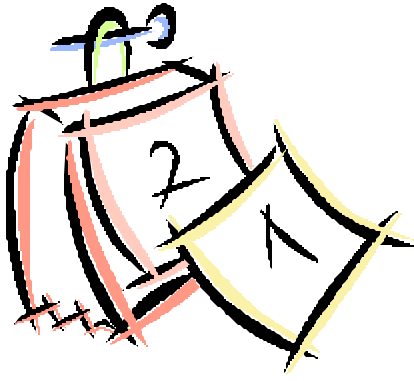
Total # attending _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____

Attending on scholarship _____ @ _____ \$ _____ (Scholarships are for 50% of the registration fee. Scholarship form must accompany registration)

Names of adults attending (at least 2 per group).
Number needs to be limited. Groups of 10 or more may have 3 adults.

Names of children attending:

Names of children attending on scholarship:



Upcoming Training Dates

Please call the office at 253 854 3676 to register for any of the training dates below.

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 on in the fall. Get a jump on the new program materials by attending training this spring, and be ready to go in the fall!

Adventure Training (for groups moving into 3rd grade)

Monday, May 16th, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18th, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 3rd, 10 a.m.

Discovery Training (for groups moving into 6th grade):

Discovery Preview for adults and youth: May 13th, 6:30-9 p.m.—includes a potluck dinner. More information when you call to sign up!

Horizon Training (for groups moving into the 9th grade):

For youth: be on the lookout for a flyer later this spring inviting you and your group to the 8th Grade Welcome event, planned and put on by Horizon youth.

200 Hour Service Award Training (must be completed BEFORE you begin counting service hours):

Monday, April 25th, 6:15 p.m. before Horizon Cabinet.

Wohelo Award Training (for Horizon Youth):

Tentative (please call the office) Wednesday, May 25th, 6:30-9 p.m.

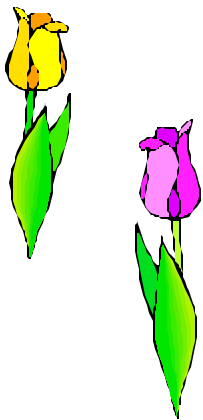
For leaders: Horizon Preview offered by appointment with Hollianne.

Outdoor Training:

Planning to go camping this spring or summer? For sleeping in a cabin or cooking over a fire, one adult accompanying each group must have completed Cooking and Cabins Training.

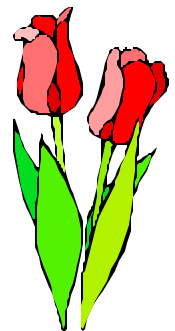
Cooking and Cabins will be offered Saturday, April 23rd from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 to cover the food. A map to our training location will be mailed upon registration. The training will be held east of Kent near Lake Meridian. Registration is due on or before April 14, 2004. Call the South Branch Office at 253 854 3676 to sign up.

Do you have at least two adults in your group with **Field Trip Training**? A group must have **at least** one adult with field trip Training accompany the group when taking the group away from the meeting place. Call Hollianne at 253 854 3676 or e-mail her at hollianne-m@campfire-usa.org to see if your group can go on field trips.



Upcoming Events

April 2 nd	Carnival of Beads
April 13 th	Arbor Day
April 15 th	National Art Projects Due
April 29 th	Simple Science at PSC
April 30 th - May 1 st	Adventure Weekend at Camp Sealth
May 7 th	500 Seller Day
May 11 th	C.A.R.E. Dinner
May 21 st - 22 nd	Starflight Weekend at Camp Sealth
May 21 st	Outdoor Skills Day at Lions Park
May 28 th - 30 th	Special Family Weekend at Camp Sealth



Outdoor Skills Day 2005

When: Saturday, May 21st, 2005 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Registration: 8:45 a.m., Workshops start at 9 a.m.

Where: Lions Park in Renton. (Map will be sent with confirmation)

Who: Youth from 4th grade to 6th grade working on the Outdoor Progressions

Fee: \$5 per youth, pre-paid. (Make checks payable to **Camp Fire USA.**)

Bring: Water bottle, permissions slip. Dress for the weather*. NO canvas or open toe shoes. (Note: Two adults must accompany your group, including one who has taken field trip training. If you have a group with Fire Tender and High Adventure, and also Trail Maker and Gypsy, you must have an adult for the first two progressions, and another adult for the two higher progressions.)

Registration Deadline: Postmarked by **May 4th, 2005**

Send: Registration form, check, and self addressed stamped legal size envelope to:
Nicole Bellino, 19027 SE 270th Ct, Covington, WA 98042
Call Nicole with registration questions at 253 630 3919

Other Questions? Call Hollianne Monson at 253 852 3676

Outdoor Skills Day Registration Form

Leader's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

adults attending: _____ E-mail: _____

Number of youth attending: _____ x \$5 per youth = \$ _____ enclosed

Please write the name of youth and what level they are:

Levels: Fire Tender, High Adventure, Trail Maker, Gypsy

Names of Youth	Level of Youth	Names of Youth	Level of Youth
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____



Older Youth News

Training to qualify Horizon youth to earn the Horizon 200 Service Hour Award will be offered on May 11th at 6:30 p.m. This training is required before hours may be recorded or counted.

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

On Monday, April 25th, come to Horizon Cabinet and complete requirements for part of Choices and Decision, Option #1, Part 3. More details will follow.

Special thanks to Kathy Ander, Kathi Middlekauf, Renton Leaders' Association, and many, many other volunteers who came to help make Discovery/Horizon Weekend better than watching Survivor! Those who attended the weekend enjoyed many Survivor-themed workshops, including an outdoor survival workshop, outdoor cooking, and tinkling stick dancing. The old favorites like candle making, glass etching, henna tattoos, and archery, were enjoyed as well. Thank you to everyone who made this such a successful event! You are all Survivors!

Considering earning your Wohelo Award? Think about attending this year's C.A.R.E. Dinner on May 11th. You'll meet all of this year's recipients, including about 7 from the South Branch. You'll learn what others have done to earn the Wohelo Award, be inspired, and see how this special recognition evening works. Advisors may request an invitation by calling Carol Sorvig at the Council office at 206 461 8550, ext. 222.

Branch Group Program Annual Meeting and Adult Awards

Join us on Friday, May 27th for an evening of fun and to recognize ALL our wonderful volunteers. Plans are underway for a farm-themed event that will include dinner, adult awards, and our annual, and now famous, recognition by the South Branch Camp Fire staff.

Invitations will be in the mail soon – you won't want to miss this event! All volunteers are welcome to attend. The cost is usually around \$10.

If you are interested and did not receive an invitation, check with your Group Leader or call the South Branch Office at 253 854 3676.



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