

The Soundings

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE SOUTH KING COUNTY BRANCH

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Calendar

January

- 1 Candy Advance Sale Begins
- 2 New Year's Holiday - Office Closed
- 6 Candy Kick-Off Dinner
- 13 ... Salute to Veterans Cards Due
- 16 ... MLK, Jr. Day - Offices Closed
- 23 ... Horizon Cabinet
- 27 ... Candy Fundraiser Begins

February

- 20 ... Presidents' Day - Office Closed
- 20 ... Candy Fundraiser Ends
- 24-26 Adult Weekend @ Camp Sealth
- 27 ... Horizon Cabinet

Welcome 2006!

The beginning of a new year! How exciting! How full of potential! Do you know how important it is to keep our children involved in self-esteem and skill building activities?

When I was a child in Camp Fire Girls (a very long time ago), I thought the entire "point" of Camp Fire was to **have fun!** And we did have fun! I also thought my leader was a genius, because she had such neat things to do at every meeting.

When I volunteered with my own children, I learned that there was real learning with all the activities! I also learned that my childhood leader was not a genius, she was following the written materials provided to volunteers by Camp Fire.

Lots of things have changed in all those years, and I am very proud to work for an agency which keeps pace with the needs of today's children.

* Camp Fire is coed, because boys as well as girls need to develop high self-esteem, good decision making skills and the skills to combat peer pressure.

* Parents are more pressed for time than ever before. The most successful groups have several parents sharing in the responsibilities of the group. Have **YOU** offered to help at a meeting, drive on a field trip, take members to sell candy, serve as the Candy Captain, or make phone calls?

* Camp Fire meeting plans are written with today's busy people in mind. Open the book and the meeting is complete! And, all the meeting plans are tied to educational objectives and assets, the building blocks which help our children become caring, confident youth and future leaders!

We have some of the best volunteers in all of Camp Fire USA! We have a firm commitment to keeping groups small so children will have lots of individual attention. There are dozens of boys and girls waiting for groups in the South Branch. Keeping groups small means finding more adult volunteers.

Do you know someone who would be willing share their time and talent with youth? Training and support are provided. Recommend volunteering to a friend, neighbor or co-worker!

Thank you for keeping your child, grandchild, niece or nephew involved in such a worthwhile program. Together we are building the future of every life we touch!



Mary Olsen
 South/West Regional Director

Leaders' Meeting Dates for January and February 2006

Auburn	Tue., January 3 rd / Tue., February 7 th	7p.m.
Auburn First United Methodist, 100 N Street SE, Auburn		
Enumclaw	Mon., January 9 th / Mon., January 13 th	6p.m.
Enumclaw Youth Club House, 1225 Battersby Avenue, Enumclaw		
Federal Way	Wed., January 11 th / Wed., February 8 th	7p.m.
Mirror Lake Elementary School, 625 S 314 th Street, Federal Way		
Highline	Thu., January 5 th / Thu., February 2 nd	7p.m.
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, S 168 th & Ambaum Blvd S, Burien		
Kent & Maple Valley	Wed., January 4 th / Wed., February 1 st	7p.m.
Jenkins Creek Elementary School, 26915 186 th Ave. S.E., Kent		
Renton	Mon., January 9 th / Mon., February 6 th	7p.m.
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 1700 Edmonds Ave NE, Renton (Note change due to New Year's holiday)		
BGPC	Thu., January 26 th / Thu., February 23 rd	6:30p.m.
South Branch Office, 1404 Central Ave. S #109, Kent		

Older Youth News

Horizon Cabinet met in December to go caroling for cans - a combined event of spreading holiday spirit and collecting food for local food banks.



The next Horizon Cabinet meeting is scheduled for January 23rd at 7 p.m., and the February meeting is scheduled for February 27th at the South Branch office.

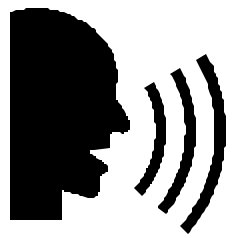
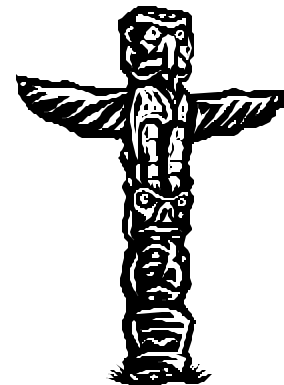
Watch for a postcard in the mail for more details!

South Branch Day Camp

For those of you who are planning early, the dates of our South Branch Day Camps are as follows:

Tall Timbers 1	July 17 th -21 st
Tall Timbers 2	July 24 th - 28 th
Camp Royal Arch	August 7 th - 11 th

Plan now to attend one of these fun weeks of summer activities! More information on registration and volunteering will be in upcoming newsletters.



Note: If you miss your regularly scheduled leader meeting, basic information will be mailed to you. Other handouts, flyers, newsletters, etc. as well as program support, are available at the South Branch Office. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Trainings

Please call the office at 253 854 3676 to schedule any of the following trainings:

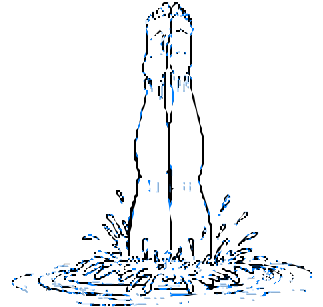
- Starflight Program Training (Grades K-2)
- Adventure Program Training Level 3 (Grade 3)
- Adventure Program Training Level 4/5 (Grades 4/5)
- Wohelo Award Training
- Outdoor Training-stay tuned for dates this spring.
- Ceremonial Attire Training: Friday, March 3rd, 6:30 p.m.

Welcome New Leaders:

Leigh Lande	K/1	Kent
Patti Ford	K/1	Renton
Allie Brandon	K/1	Highline

Let's Celebrate Camp Fire's 96th Birthday With a Splash!

Earn your Celebrate Camp Fire emblem while swimming
and kickin' around with old friends and new.



- Where:** **Tukwila Pool**
4414 South 144th Street, Tukwila WA
(Call 253 854 3676 or go to www.mapquest.com for directions)
- When:** **Saturday, March 25th, 2006**
What time: Check in and suit up at 1:30. Party from 2 - 4 p.m.
- Cost:** **\$5 registration fee per swimmer.** Non-swimming adults may attend for free.
NOTE: a paying adult **must** accompany any swimmers under the age of six in the pool.
- Bring:**
- * Special Activity Permission form for each youth attending.
 - * Permission for Water Activities form for each youth attending.
Forms can be found at www.campfire-usa.org under Forms or pick one up at the South Branch Office.
 - * Gently used clothes of all sizes for the Renton Clothing Bank to fulfill the Service Project portion of your emblem.
- Questions:** For additional questions regarding this event call 523 854 3676.

Space is limited so get your registration in early! Send the form below and your registration fees to:

Birthday Swim Party
c/o Camp Fire USA
1404 Central Ave S. #109
Kent, WA 98032



Deadline: Postmarked March 10th, 2006.

Please make checks payable to **Camp Fire USA**

Note: No confirmation letter will be mailed.

Camp Fire USA's Birthday Swim Party Registration

Camp Fire Youth's Name: _____

Adult Participant's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Group Coordinator's Name: _____

Does your child have any special needs or need any special equipment to swim? _____ If yes, please explain:

Will there be additional friends/siblings there? _____ If yes, please provide name(s): _____

of swimmers attending: _____ x \$5 = _____ Total amount enclosed: _____

Serving In Our Community

South Branch Leaders and their groups had fun giving service in the last few months! Here is a sample of what they did:

Auburn did two projects with the Life Care Center. They put up and decorated a number of trees for the facility, several of which they donated themselves. Several days later they returned there to carol for the residents and provide them with some holiday gifts.

Enumclaw held a turkey and food drive at the Holiday Bazaar they hosted for the South Branch.

Federal Way went caroling at Foundation House and provided ornaments for the residents.

Highline held a Winter Ceremonial and gathered books and school supplies for kids in need.

Kent collected personal hygiene items and made gift bags for the homeless.

Renton went caroling and collected "gently used" clothing. They also participated in the "Shoebboxes for Joy" for elderly shut-ins.

Learning about community needs and finding ways to help is a wonderful part of the Camp Fire USA program.



Site Sale Coordinators - South Branch 2006

Federal Way – Kathy LaPella, 253 941 9479, lapella@msn.com
Start date: Monday, January 16th Times: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Highline, South Central – Lynne Sitarsky, 206 243 6235,
lsitarsky@yahoo.com
Start date: Monday, January 23rd Times: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Auburn – Marilyn Dollinger, 253 939 9713, cfmtpockets@yahoo.com
Start date: Saturday, January 21st Times: No calls after 8 p.m.

Kent – Sandy Lipscomb, 253 638 7249,
sandylipscomb_lmp@comcast.net
Start date: Saturday, January 21st Times: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Renton – Sheila Airis, 425 255 4225, smairis2@comcast.net
Start date: Saturday, January 21st Times: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Enumclaw - Tamara Braun, 253 709 8036
Start date: Monday, January 16th Times: No calls after 10 p.m.

Maple Valley – Cindy Cole, 360 886 2922
Start date: Friday, January 20th Times: No calls after 9 p.m.

Candy Rally Time

The theme this year is "On the Wings of Success!" Come to the Candy Rally on January 20th from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Auburn.

Get a memory patch and complete the steps towards the "Sales and Sense" emblem. You will learn about safety, incentives and selling techniques, and make a goal chart or sale poster. Also, there will be store sale sign-ups. The BEST part is candy tasting at the end! So come prepared to have fun!

Leaders, look for more details at you leaders meeting.



Candy Sale Reminders for a Super Sales Force

- ✓ Turn in money often.
- ✓ Call the Site Sale Coordinator before selling at a place of business.
- ✓ Keep Site Sale permission slip with you at store sales sites.
- ✓ Wear your Camp Fire uniform and sale button.
- ✓ Shift candy within your group to maximize sales.
- ✓ Wear a smile and remember to say, "Thank you!"



Calling All Candy Captains

The 2006 Candy Fundraiser is fast approaching. All Candy Captains will need to be prepared. The theme is *"On the Wings of Success!"* Advance training helps you glide through the paperwork.

Group Candy Captains are required to attend **one** of the following trainings. Experienced, pre-approved Candy Captains may attend the drop in mini-training anytime between 10 a.m. and Noon on Saturday, January 8th.

If you are unable to attend the training in your area, you may come to any of the trainings listed below. Please call 253 854 3676 and let us know which training you will be attending.

Date	Location	Time
Mon., January 2 nd	St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Renton	6 p.m. (Prior to Leaders' Meeting)
Tue., January 3 rd	Auburn United Methodist Church, Auburn	6 p.m. (Prior to Leaders' Meeting)
Wed., January 4 th	Jenkins Creek Elementary School, Kent	6 p.m. (Prior to Leader's Meeting)
Thu., January 5 th	Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Burien	6 p.m. (Prior to Leaders' Meeting)
Sat., January 7 th	South Branch Camp Fire Office	10 a.m.- Noon (Drop in training for previous Captains) 1- 3 p.m. (In depth training for new Captains)
Mon., January 9 th	Enumclaw Youth Clubhouse, Enumclaw	6:45 p.m. (After Leaders' Meeting)
Wed., January 11 th	Mirror Lake Elementary Library, Federal Way	6 p.m. (Prior to Leaders' Meeting)
Fri., January 13 th	South Branch Camp Fire Office	10 - 11:30 a.m.

Questions? Call your Coordinator:

Roger Veenhuizen 425 432 2460
Sandy Bjork 253 941 0983
TBD

Enumclaw and Maple Valley
Federal Way and Highline
Auburn, Kent and Renton



Candy Fundraiser Incentive Pick Up

The following days and times have been set aside for you to come in and pick up your Candy Fundraiser incentives (emblems and stuffed animals) that your youth have earned. We will have volunteers here to fill your order at the times listed below. Please be sure to have your completed paperwork with you!

Wednesday, February 22 nd	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Friday, February 24 th	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Monday, February 27 th	10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m.	Wednesday, March 1 st	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday, March 4 th	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.		

All incentives must be claimed no later than Monday, March 6th!

If you are unable to come in at any of these times, please do one of the following:

Mail your order form to the South Branch Office, 1404 Central Ave. S. #109, Kent 98042, so the volunteers can fill it at their leisure and have it ready for you whenever you can come in. Your Group Program Coordinator can also bring completed orders to the March or April Leader Meeting.

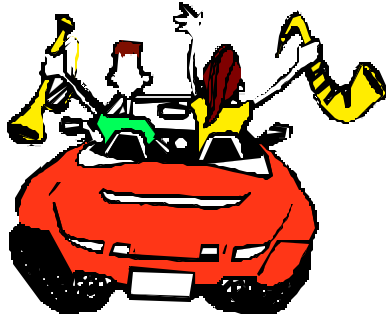
OR

Drop your order form off at the South Branch Office or call the office with the order and we will have a volunteer fill it when they can.

Many times the staff are busy or out of the office when someone drops in unexpectedly to pick up incentives. We will try our best to fill the order while you are here, but may not be able to. If you mail the order or call it in to us in advance, you can drop by any time to pick it up. Remember to bring the paperwork with you when you come!

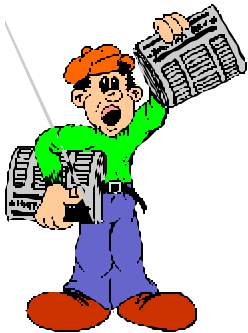
The Seattle Repertory Jazz4Kids Concert

The 7th Annual Jazz4Kids Concert will be at the Nordstrom Recital Hall at Benaroya Hall on Saturday, March 4th, 2006 at 4 p.m. It is free to all children, parents, youth, teachers and youth leaders. Advance tickets recommended and are available from SRJO offices. Call 206 523 6159 for more information.



Inclement Weather Policy

When winter weather makes driving hazardous, Camp Fire offices follow the local school district schedules. In the South Branch, this means if the Kent School District is closed, so is the South Branch Office. If the Kent School District is opening two hours late, the Camp Fire office will open two hours late and so on.



We try to leave a message on the answering machine if this happens. If there is an evening meeting or event, we try to have cancellation information on the answering machine as well.

When in doubt call 253 854 3676.

Discovery/Horizon Weekend

This year we are going "All Around the World!" Set aside March 18th and 19th for a weekend of fun at Camp Sealth!

Workshops will include the ever popular yoga, knitting, and basket weaving, as well as specially themed workshops such as beautiful silk print eggs and international cooking.

Registration paperwork will be mailed soon!

Adventure Weekend

Get ready for a weekend of "Mad Science!" Mark your calendars for May 20th - 21st and plan to bring all your little scientists for a weekend of fun!

Starflight Weekend

Plans are underway for Starflight Weekend / Day Event to be held May 6th-7th at Camp Sealth on Vashon Island. Starflight groups should be sure to save the date for some fun activities. More information will be in upcoming *Wohelo* newsletters and at your local leader meetings.



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