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## Calendar

1 .....	Magazine and Music
.....	Fundraiser Begins
5 .....	Labor Day, Office and
.....	Program Resource Center
.....	Closed
9-25	Puyallup Fair
17-18	Alumni Weekend @
.....	Camp Sealth
17-18	Mom/Kid Weekend @
.....	Camp Niwana
25 ...	Camp Fire's Seahawk Blue
.....	Ribbon Partnership
.....	Fundraiser Game
30 ...	Group Early Bird Registration
.....	Deadline

## Your Children Are the Lucky Ones!

Yes! Your children are the lucky ones! Lucky, because **YOU** see the value in Camp Fire USA and plan for them to participate!

Some youth in today's world are "busy" playing video games, instant messaging, web surfing, and watching reality TV shows. They are "watching" rather than "experiencing" life.

In talking with adults who were involved in Camp Fire as children, I hear the same things over and over again, "If it were not for Camp Fire, I would not have really learned about myself, set high goals, marched in a parade, gone to college, gone to camp, toured a candle factory, made these special friends, learned to be responsible for my actions, or received a scholarship." Every person's list is a little different. But, there is one thing in common: "I'm so glad I stayed in Camp Fire! It made a tremendous difference in my life and who I am."

And then there are the adults who say, "I was in Camp Fire for a while. I wished I had stayed!" But "we moved," or "I changed schools," or "my leader quit," or "I got really busy with other things."

Schedules are busy and many people seem to be in a hurry all the time. Your children are the lucky ones because **YOU** have found the time and the place to help them learn and live and experience and grow. **YOU** have made an investment in the future by nurturing the next generation.

Is it simple to get your child to the meetings? Sometimes, but not always. Is it easy to juggle all the demands on our lives? No. Is it easy to find the time to help with group activities? Not usually. Is it important to build caring, confident youth and future leaders? **YES!**

Thank you for the commitment you have made! Your children are the lucky ones!

*Mary Olsen*  
South/West Regional Director



## Leader's Meeting Dates for September

Auburn	Tuesday, September 6 <sup>th</sup> Auburn First United Methodist 100 N Street SE, Auburn	7 p.m.
Enumclaw	Monday, September 12 <sup>th</sup> Enumclaw Youth Club House 1225 Battersby Avenue, Enumclaw	7 p.m.
Federal Way	Wednesday, September 14 <sup>th</sup> Mirror Lake Elementary School 625 S 314 <sup>th</sup> Street, Federal Way	7 p.m.
Highline	Thursday, September 1 <sup>st</sup> Our Saviour's Lutheran Church S 168 <sup>th</sup> & Ambaum Blvd S, Burien	7 p.m.
Kent	Wednesday, September 7 <sup>th</sup> South Branch Camp Fire Office	7 p.m.
Maple Valley	Tuesday, September 6 <sup>th</sup> Rock Creek Elementary School 25700 Maple Valley-Black Diamond Rd. SE	7 p.m.
Renton	Monday, September 12 <sup>th</sup> (NOTE: Change due to Labor Day holiday) St. Matthew's Lutheran Church 1700 Edmonds Ave NE, Renton	7 p.m.
B.G.P.C.	Thursday, September 22 <sup>nd</sup> South Branch Camp Fire Office 1404 Central Ave. S #109, Kent	6:30 p.m.

Note: If you miss your regularly scheduled Leaders' 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.



## Older Youth News

### Horizon Cabinet:

Come to Horizon Cabinet on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 7p.m. We will be kicking the year off with food, fun and information about activities to come! If you want to have a say on activities for the following meetings, this is an important meeting to be at! Bring a friend and don't miss this meeting!

## Let's Get Together

Your local Leaders' Meeting is a great place to get started and keep your enthusiasm high. At the meeting you will be informed about all upcoming local, Branch, and Council events, so you can decide which activities your group would like to participate in.

Each month leaders get together to share their ideas, group activities, plan local events or chat with other leaders with a similar age group and share their successes. By attending the Leaders' Meetings, new leaders can benefit from the more "experienced" leader who has "been there, done that." For the experienced leaders, it's a time to be a mentor and pass on their enthusiasm to light the Wohelo flame and help carry on Camp Fire traditions.

So be sure to mark your calendars for the Leaders' Association Meeting dates in your area and attend these important, informative meetings.



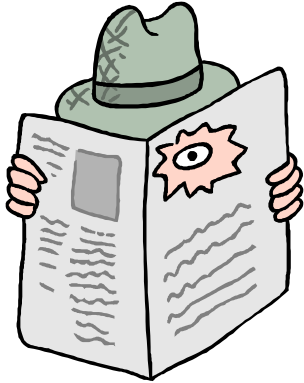
## Lost and Found

Every year we end up with a box full of items left at program weekend events at Camp Sealth, at local day camps, and at a variety of other Camp Fire activities. Now is the time to claim what is yours! Among the pile of items are coats and sweatshirts, flashlights, sunglasses in a Boeing case, a hair brush, a pair of scalloped edge scissors and a pair of prescription glasses. We can only store these for so long and then we need to make room for things left at this year's events.

Please stop by and see if any of these items belong to you or a family member or call the office at 253 854 3676 and we will check to see if we have what you are looking for. Anything not claimed by October 31<sup>st</sup> will be donated to a local charity,

## “News Hounds” WANTED

We are looking for “NewsHounds” to help us with extra sets of eyes (and scissors) to find Camp Fire USA articles printed in local newspapers, cut them out and mail them to the South King Office. We have a publicity plan to increase Camp Fire’s visibility. This summer and fall we are committed to sending regular news releases to local papers and need to know when they are published. Call today and sign up with Karen (253 854 3676) to be the “NewsHound” for one (or more) of the following papers:



*Auburn Reporter*  
*Enumclaw Courier-Herald*  
*Federal Way Mirror*  
*Federal Way News*  
*Highline Times*  
*DesMoines News*  
*Kent Reporter*  
*King County Journal*  
*Voice of the Valley* (Maple Valley)  
*Renton Reporter*

Let us know if we missed your local paper.

## Training Dates

Please call the office at 253 854 3676 to register for any of the training dates below. Occasionally we cancel trainings that no one has signed up for, only to find out that someone came without calling. The way to avoid an unnecessary trip to the office is to call and sign up early.

If you know of someone in your area who enjoys children and is willing to make time in their lives for them, now is the time to let them know of our Getting Started training. Here parents learn about Camp Fire as an organization and how groups get started and registered. Call Hollianne to set up an appointment!

### Getting Started- by appointment

#### Starflight- K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade

September 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10 a.m.
September 28 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.

#### Adventure-

Level 3- Sept 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.
Level 4/5- Sept 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.

#### Preview of Discovery- (adult and youth) 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade

October 7 <sup>th</sup>	6:30-9 p.m. (includes potluck dinner!)
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#### Horizon 200 Service Hour Award training-

September 26 <sup>th</sup>	6:15 p.m. (prior to Horizon Cabinet)
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#### Wohelo Award-

September 20 <sup>th</sup>	6:30-9 p.m.
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## Upcoming Events

September 1<sup>st</sup>  
Magazine and Music Fundraiser Begins

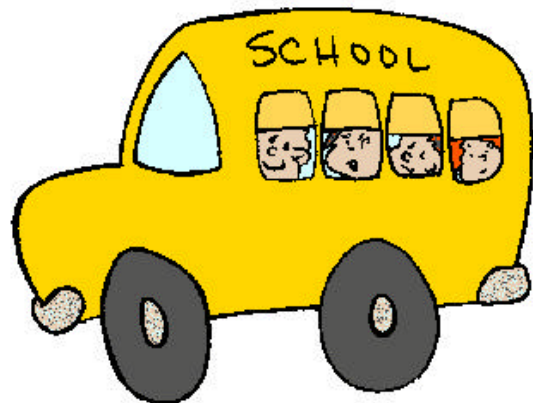
September 5<sup>th</sup>  
Labor Day – Office Closed

September 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>  
Alumni Weekend at Camp Sealth

September 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>  
Mom / Kid Weekend at Camp Niwana

September 25<sup>th</sup>  
Seahawk Blue Ribbon Partnership Game

September 30<sup>th</sup>  
Early Bird Deadline



# Auction

Just a reminder to get your donations in for the Central Puget Sound Council of Camp Fire USA's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction being held on October 28, 2005 with a theme of "Building Our Future Together." The basket themes chosen by the individual towns in the South Branch are listed below. Leaders and parents may contribute.



**Town Basket Themes**  
**Auburn:** Romance  
**Enumclaw:** Time Capsule Memories  
**Federal Way:** Scrapbooking  
**Kent:** Travel  
**Highline:** Legos  
**Maple Valley:** Tools  
**Renton:** Knitting



If at all possible, bring your items to the September Leaders' Meeting for your town or to the South Branch Office. If you are able to procure other items for this event or have something else you would like to donate, forms are available at the office. The funds earned at this event go to fund valuable Camp Fire USA programs for more than 18,000 children and families in King, Kitsap, and North Mason counties.

## Donate!

Did your group fly up to a new level in the spring? Are you wondering what to do with that red or blue vest that is no longer needed or your old program books?

They may be donated to the South Branch Office to be put to use by those who may not be able to afford new ones.

These items may be dropped off during business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., or taken to your local Leaders' Meeting and given to your Group Program Coordinator.

Your thoughtfulness will be appreciated.



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