

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEST BRANCH

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Welcome New West Branch Leaders

We are pleased to welcome 3 new volunteers who have recently completed Starflight training and are leading new groups:

Corrine Nortmann	North Kitsap	Starflight
Barbara Wesseler	South Kitsap	Starflight
Shontel Heim	South Kitsap	Starflight

We thank our newest leaders and wish them many years of fun and fantastic experiences with Camp Fire USA.



Calendar

January

- 3 New Year's Holiday - Office
..... and Program Resource
..... Center Closed
- 3 Advance Candy Order
..... begins
- 14 ... Salute to Hospitalized
..... Veterans Cards due to
..... Branch Offices
- 17 ... M. L. King Jr. Day - Office
..... and Program Resource
..... Center Closed
- 21 ... Candy Rally @ Mt. View
..... Middle School
- 28 ... Candy Fundraiser Begins
- 31 ... Council Westlake Mall Site
..... Sale

Dinner and Games at the West Branch Candy Rally!

Come be part of the West Branch 2005 Candy Fundraiser Rally. We will meet on Friday, January 21st at Mountainview Middle School, 2400 Perry Ave. in Bremerton. Dinner will be provided and begins at 6 p.m. There will also be skits, games and lots of fun for kids and adults alike.

This is a great way to get everyone ready and excited to sell. Get an up close look at this year's incentives. Share your stories from past years with the new groups. Help them understand how important this fundraiser is to them personally, as well as to Camp Fire USA. Come, enjoy, have dinner and participate in another fun Camp Fire USA evening. See you there!

Plan Ahead for Day Camp

Now is the time to start making plans for the great summer months ahead. Planning to attend Niwana Day Camp? Circle August 1-5, 2005 on your calendar so you will be sure. It is bound to be another terrific week making new friends and enjoying new experiences.

Better use a pencil when marking July 18-22, 2005 as the dates for Fay Bainbridge Day Camp festivities. We need to firm that up with the park ranger, so until springtime comes, those dates are tentative.

No matter which day camp you choose, fun is a guarantee and, as all Camp Fire kids, volunteers and staff know, it is never too soon to begin planning for fun!



Clip and Save!

January

New Year's Holiday, office closed	January 3 rd
Candy Pre-Fundraiser begins	January 3 rd
Leaders' Meeting	January 4 th
Salute to Veterans cards due	January 14 th
Martin Luther King Jr. Day, office closed	January 17 th
Candy Rally	January 21 st
Candy Fundraiser begins	January 28 th

February

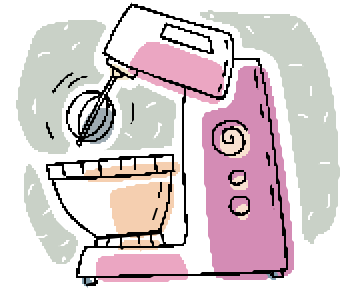
Leaders' Meeting	February 1 st
Presidents Day, office closed	February 21 st
Candy Fundraiser ends	February 21 st
Adult Weekend @ Camp Sealh	February 25 th – 27 th

Kid-Friendly Cookies

Here's a recipe for a quick and easy treat the kids can make themselves.

No Bake Peanut Butter Cookies

½ cup peanut butter
 ½ cup instant cocoa mix
 ¼ cup honey
 1 cup crispy rice cereal



Combine all ingredients, mix well and form into balls, refrigerate.

Inclement Weather Policy

When winter weather makes driving hazardous, Camp Fire offices follow the local school district schedules. In the West Branch, this means if the **Bremerton** School District is closed, so is the West Branch Office. If the Bremerton School District is opening 2 hours late, the Camp Fire office will open 2 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 360 377 5513.

Leaders' Meeting Reminder



Mark your calendar for the first Tuesday of each month from January through June and plan to attend the Leaders' Meetings at the West Branch Office. For your convenience, there are meetings at 9:30 a.m. and also at 6:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to get to know other leaders, learn the latest information from our Council and the National Office about

upcoming events and activities, and share resources. This is a very valuable time together and can be a terrific aid to both new and experienced leaders. Come, enjoy, learn and share!



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