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## Candy Rally Service Project Report

Thanks to the 75+ people who attended the Family Fun Night/Candy Rally. You brought 75 pairs of socks, 50 pair of underwear, toilet paper and a sleeper! The Bremerton Food Bank was THRILLED to receive your generous donations! "These badly needed items are very seldom donated. Please tell your members 'THANK YOU' for us!"

## Service Weekend at Camp Niwana

Come to Camp Niwana on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> and help transform camp from winter rest to an exciting place for children and families. Come with your group or family. Spend the day on Saturday clearing trails, sweeping cabins, painting, or using your skills. There are jobs for all skill levels and all ages. Dinner will be served as a special thank you for sharing your time and talent.

You're invited to spend the night and enjoy some time around the campfire in the evening. Plan to arrive around 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, bring a lunch, work gloves and tools. Plan to stay for dinner around 4:30 p.m.

Having a busy weekend? Consider coming for a few hours. Every hour will help prepare camp for spring and summer events.

Being a part of the maintenance of Niwana help youth feel ownership and pride in the camp. Contact the West Branch Office at 360 377 5513 to sign up. We need to know how much food to prepare for dinner. The first people to call will have first choice of sleeping accommodations.



## 15th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

Calling all Camp Fire groups! Show your Camp Fire spirit and celebrate the day that brings out the green in all of us. March in the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, in Downtown Bremerton, Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 11 a.m. Decorate your bikes, skates, and wagons and join in the fun.

You can sign up the day of the parade at the US Bank building on 6th and Pacific to participate. Your group will receive your number so you know what order to march in. Contact parade organizer Carol Atkinson at 360 377 3041 for more information. Remember to take photos!

## Gallery Resources for National Art Project

To help your group earn the National Art Project emblem, you can provide opportunities to see art on display and perhaps even speak with an artist by enjoying the gallery walks scheduled in various communities throughout the West Branch. Stores and specialty museums can provide similar opportunities. Many of these are listed on the web as the Art Guide NW at [www.artguidenw.com/artevents.htm](http://www.artguidenw.com/artevents.htm), an excellent resource for information on a large number of museums and galleries:

**First Friday Bremerton Gallery Walk** in downtown Bremerton from 5 - 8 or 9 p.m. Entertainment and refreshments.

**First Saturday of every month - Gig Harbor Art Walk** in downtown Gig Harbor from 1- 5 p.m. Demonstrating artist in each gallery, refreshments, drawing for free art. Call 253 851 5546 for information.

**Old Town Silverdale Art Walk** March 11<sup>th</sup>, 6 – 8 p.m. Come share the talents of the artists in our midst and enjoy an evening of good food, wine, flowers and Entertainment. Call Denise Mahoney, 360 373 3801 to learn more.

**Second Sunday Quarterly Bainbridge Island Arts Walk** noon - 5 pm. Music, arts and poetry throughout downtown. Call 206 842 7901 for information.

**Third Thursday Tacoma Art Walk** — Galleries, the Tacoma Art Museum, and the Museum of Glass are open from 5 – 8 p.m. Admission free at both museums. Info line: 253 272 4258.

## Recycle Your Soles

Got any old sneakers lying around, ready to throw in the trash? Don't! There's a better way. Kitsap County Public Works is sponsoring a "Reuse-A-Shoe" program through Nike. The goal is to collect at least 5,000 pairs of old shoes for Nike to process, and then install a Nike Grind play surface in a Kitsap County park.

Any brand and color of sneaker with a rubber sole can be donated. None with cleats, spikes or flashing components will be accepted, nor will sandals, flip-flops, or dress shoes.

The West Branch Office will have a learning kit available from Public Works that shows how the grinding process works and what some of the end products that "Nike Grind" can be used for. Groups that participate in the program and do the learning project can earn the Red Feather for the Wise Old Willie Project at the Starflight level or a brown bead on the Trail to the Environment for Adventure members.

Contact the West Branch Office at 360 377 5513 for more information on where to drop off the collected shoes



## Storytelling Fun

Using music, historical photographs, and storytelling, Jill Johnson presents "Little, But Oh My!" The Story of Berte Olson, at the Bremerton Library at 3 p.m. on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Enjoy a living portrait of Berte Olson, the first woman to skipper a ferry boat on Puget Sound and own her own ferry boat company. Between 1920 and 1950, Ms. Olson ran two different ferry boat companies with four different ferry runs. Called the "Tugboat Annie of Puget Sound," colorful and strong-willed Berte could perform all of the jobs on her vessels from deckhand to engineer. In addition, she was the oldest daughter of a large pioneer family, a wife, and a mother, and this lively performance brings this part of her life alive as well.

Location: Downtown Bremerton Library, 612 5th St. The Kitsap Regional Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library sponsor the Inquiring Mind Series; call 360 377 3955 for more information.



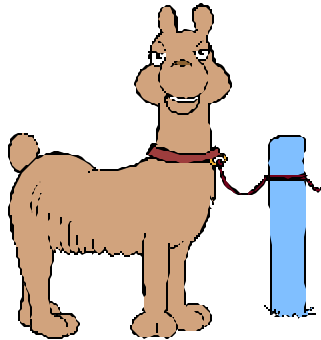
## Put on Your Jammies

Kitsap Regional Library offers Bedtime Story times at several locations throughout the West Branch. Put on your pajamas and snuggle up for some sleepy time reading at these libraries.

Bedtime Storytime – Mondays, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> Location: Poulsbo Library — 700 NE Lincoln St., 360 779 2915 7 p.m.

Family Pajama Story Time - Mondays, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> For Children 2 to 8 years old. Location: Port Orchard Library - 87 Sidney Ave., 360 876 2224

# Thank you, Debra and Llamas!



Leaders enjoyed a mini-class on felting at the last leaders' meetings taught by Debra Langley-Boyer. Debra brought a huge box of llama wool, part dyed and part natural, and showed the group how to make felt. Everyone experienced

making a toy felt ball and a felt covered soap, and was then able to take home more wool to use with their group. As a result, a Starflight group has already submitted a beautiful felt National Art Project entry.

Thank you, Debra, for the wonderful workshops and for generously sharing your talents and materials! If you missed the meeting, check out Debra's article in the white pages of this issue.

# Camp Fire USA Birthday Party

Bring your group and/or family to celebrate Camp Fire USA's birthday!

**When:** Sunday, March 13, 2005 5 - 7 p.m.

**Where:** Skateland (1740 NE Fuson, Bremerton)

**Cost:** \$3 per skater plus \$1 for inline skates

**Bring:** \*Cookies or cupcakes to share  
 \*Your signed Special Activity Permission Form  
 \*Nonperishable food donations for the Food Bank (Can we gather more than will fit into Mary's truck?)  
 \*Pennies, nickels, dimes or quarters for the Plinko Board (Your donations will help youth attend summer camps.)



When you come to the skating party, bring some food donations, give coins to Day Camp Fund and help us honor some special people, you will earn the Celebrate Camp Fire emblem! See you there!

## Clip and Save!

### March

Leaders' Meeting  
 Camp Fire Birthday Party at Skateland  
 Camp Sealth Information night  
 Camp Fire Birthday  
 Absolutely Incredible Kid Day  
 Pacific Science Center Camp-In

March 1<sup>st</sup> , 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.  
 March 13<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 p.m.  
 March 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.  
 March 17<sup>th</sup>  
 March 17<sup>th</sup>  
 March 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

### April

Carnival of Beads at Camp Sealth  
 Leaders' Meeting  
 Service Weekend at Camp Niwana  
 West Branch Starflight Day Event  
 Simple Science

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
 April 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.  
 April 16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>  
 April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
 April 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.



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# Starflight Event at the Poulsbo Marine Science Center



**When:** Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005

**Time:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Cost:** \$2 per person

**To Register:** Mail the form below with check made out to Camp Fire USA by April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Join us for a fun event at the Marine Science Center! Pizza lunch is included. Space is limited to the first 40 youth who register. Up to 9 adults may also attend. This will be a private event just for Starflight groups. The program will start promptly at 11:10 a.m. so punctuality is important. Driving directions and confirmation will be returned by April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Mail completed registration form and check to:**

Ivaly Alexander  
3410 Circle Way NW  
Bremerton, WA 98312



Questions? Call Ivaly at 360 479 7806, or e-mail: [golf@silverlink.net](mailto:golf@silverlink.net)

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## Registration

Leader's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s) of Group \_\_\_\_\_

# of Boys \_\_\_\_\_ # of Girls \_\_\_\_\_ # of Men \_\_\_\_\_ # of Women \_\_\_\_\_

Total Youth Attending \_\_\_\_\_ x\$2 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

(Please make checks payable to Camp Fire USA)



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