

**THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEST BRANCH**

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## West Branch Spring Weekend/ Grand Council Fire

Register for this year's Spring Weekend and Grand Council Fire June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>. The youth of the Discovery and Horizon groups will collaborate in developing the Council Fire program. Completed registration forms for the weekend activities are due to the West Branch Office no later than Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> so make sure they are mailed in time. They can be found on page 3 of the *Kit-No-Ma News*.

Kaitlin and Janet Wyatt are hosting the weekend, and indicate there are plenty of jobs to fill. Swimming, archery, cooking, and the many other things will need volunteers, to help, please call Kaitlin or Janet at 360 876 0993 or call the office at 360 377 5513.

Come for the weekend if you can. Or come for the day if the weekend will not fit into your schedule. What ever you do, don't miss the Council Fire. It is a wonderful experience for the kids, their families and their friends. Make another great memory.



## Calendar

2 .....	National Art Projects
.....	Returned to Branches
3 .....	Leaders' Meeting
6 .....	120+ Sellers Ice Cream
.....	Social
7 .....	500 Seller Day
11 ...	Council Board Meeting
11 ...	C.A.R.E. Dinner
28-29	Cooking and Cabins
.....	Training @ Camp Niwana
28-30	Special Family Weekend
.....	@ Camp Sealth
30 ...	Memorial Day, Office and
.....	Program Resource Center
.....	Closed

## Kitsap County Kid's Day

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> for a trip to President's Hall at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds to join in the fun of Kid's Day. Between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. there will be many booths to visit. Learn more about the agencies and organizations within Kitsap County. Come join the fun! There will be lots to see and do. This is a great family activity, and is developed especially for children.

This fun event features live entertainment, free entry and parking, and inexpensive food and drink.

The West Branch will have a booth and offer a craft project for the youth. If you, either youth or adults, would like to assist with this activity, please call the West Branch Office at 360 377 5513 for more information. This is a great opportunity for groups to fulfill one of the Camp Fire USA visibility activities for the Blue Ribbon Award. Come and enjoy the day!

## A Fun Activity in Bremerton

For a fun field trip, the Aurora Valentinetti Puppet Museum features a collection of puppet styles from the Northwest and around the world. There is a children's activity room that includes hands on programs and a gift shop with unique items to encourage the creative child in everyone.

Located at 257 Fourth Street, in downtown Bremerton, the museum is open Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m., Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Group tours are available by special arrangement. Admission is free, although donations are greatly appreciated and encouraged. Call 360 373 2992 for more information.

## Cooking and Cabins Training

Is your group planning a camp out or a cook out? Are you going to attend Spring Weekend at Camp Niwana? If so, please remember at least one adult in each group must have attended Cooking and Cabins Training prior to doing outdoor cooking with kids.

Debra Langley-Boyer is offering another fun filled Cooking and Cabins training at Camp Niwana from 9 a.m. Saturday until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 28 - 29<sup>th</sup>. It is a training filled with fun and good information on the use of propane stoves and lanterns, fire building and safety, several styles of outdoor cooking, beginning pocketknife, compass use, pacing, knots and more. This training will also equip you to help your Adventure members earn the Progression in Outdoor Action Projects. This class fills fast so don't miss your chance to get ready for summer.

Call Debra Langley-Boyer at 253 884 4235 to register or for more information.

## Camp Fire USA Birthday Party

Another year has gone by, and on March 13<sup>th</sup> the West Branch members, volunteers and staff joined together to celebrate Camp Fire USA's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Bremerton Skateland was again the fun spot for the night of celebrating. Over 50 skaters, with their family members and friends, enjoyed the evening together. The honored guests, the Candy Fundraiser Coordinators, Distributors, Site Sale Coordinators and the Candy Captains, were thanked for their individual and joint efforts in making the Candy Fundraiser a success.

Food was donated and delivered to the local food bank and the children and adults alike watched the pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters drop and add up at the Plinko-Board. The money raised will be added to the Campership Fund.

For those of you who brought goodies to share, change for the Plinko-Board, were there to honor our guests and donated food to our food drive, don't forget to stop by the West Branch Office and purchase your 95<sup>th</sup> birthday emblem.

## 120+ Candy Fundraisers

Alisha Jones	809
Hailee Pasatiempo	620
Cody Wesseler	522
Alyssa Steenerson	515
Paige Parker	501
Holly Hayman	405
Savannah Rice	356
Michelle Boyer	275
Jessica Hopper	185
Alisa Hopper	180
Tucker Alexander	174
Kaitlyn Spellman	165
Kasandra Koch	157
Ashley Huntley	155
Holly Nelson	150
Erin Hutchison	131
Paul Manz	128
Mariah Steenerson	120
Danielle Elder	120
Neenah Gillespie	120

Thank you all for working so hard to support Camp Fire USA!

Plan to attend the Ice Cream Social on May 6<sup>th</sup>. All of the 120+ sellers and their families are invited. Watch your mailbox for an invitation, and R.S.V.P. to the West Branch Office.



## Clip and Save

### May

Leaders' Meeting	Tuesday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.
Ice Cream Social for 120+ Sellers	Friday, May 6 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30 p.m.
500 Sellers Day	Saturday, May 7 <sup>th</sup>
C.A.R.E. Dinner	Wednesday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>
Cooking and Cabins Training at Camp Niwana	Saturday-Sunday May 28 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>
Memorial Day, office closed	Monday, May 30 <sup>th</sup>

### June

Leaders' Meeting	Tuesday, June 7 <sup>th</sup> , 9 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.
Council Fire/Spring Weekend at Camp Niwana	Friday-Saturday, Sunday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>
Dad 'n' Me at Camp Niwana	Saturday & Sunday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>

# Council Fire/Spring Weekend at Camp Niwana 2005

**Check in:** Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5 p.m. for 5<sup>th</sup> graders and Discovery and Horizon groups  
Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. for Starflight and Adventure groups

**Check out:** Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

**Program:** Each group should come prepared to have fun doing their own group projects and participating in the West Branch Council Fire. There will be crafts available and a special hike to earn the National Trails Day emblem. The waterfront will be open from 1 - 4 p.m., and the Polar Bear swim will be Sunday at 7 a.m. Archery will also be offered.

**Food:** Bring a sack lunch with beverage for Saturday. You may do your own cooking over a fire, if an adult has completed the Camp Fire Cooking and Cabins Training. You may pre-pay for Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast and eat in the dining hall. You may pre-pay for parents who want to eat dinner with you before Council Fire.

**Bring:** Warm sleeping bag, flashlight, toothbrush, toothpaste, towel, mug, soap, insect repellent, rain gear, study shoes, (NO SANDALS), change of clothes, swimsuit and towel, Special Activity Permission form and Permission Form for Water Activities for every youth member, Adult Medical Emergency Form for every adult spending the night.

**To Register: ONLY ONE REGISTRATION PER GROUP PLEASE**

Independent members may register on their own, but must have pre-approval for supervision by an adult in attendance.

Complete the registration form below and mail NO LATER than May 20<sup>th</sup> to:

**Camp Fire USA**  
1109A Warren Ave  
Bremerton, WA 98337

Questions? Call the West Branch Office at 360 377 5513

Leader's Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

#of boys \_\_\_\_\_ in grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_ #of girls \_\_\_\_\_ in grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_ #Men \_\_\_\_\_ #Women \_\_\_\_\_

Person who has taken Cooking and Cabins (if cooking over a fire) \_\_\_\_\_

#Discovery/Horizon Youth/Adults for Friday night pizza and pop: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$4 = \_\_\_\_\_

# Discovery/Horizon Youth/Adults for Breakfast Saturday: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$2 = \_\_\_\_\_

#Discovery/Horizon Youth/Adults for sleeping Friday night: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$7 = \_\_\_\_\_

#Youth/Adults for Saturday overnight: (Includes cabin, waterfront, crafts, s'mores, Council Fire emblems, and dreamboats) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12 = \_\_\_\_\_

#Youth/Adults for Saturday day only: (Includes day use, waterfront, crafts, and Council Fire emblems) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5 = \_\_\_\_\_

#Youth/Adults for dinner in the dining hall on Saturday: (Remember to count parents who want to eat with you before Council Fire) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$4 = \_\_\_\_\_

#Youth/Adults for breakfast on Sunday: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$2 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Early registration is encouraged**

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to Camp Fire USA. Remember, you may use your Camp Fire Currency.**

Cabin Request: 1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Cabin requests will be honored if possible, but cannot be guaranteed.

Are there any special dietary needs? If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

# Day Camp Volunteers Have Fun!

Volunteers are needed for a variety of positions. Would you enjoy leading songs or games, purchasing supplies or food, teaching archery, leading a small group of girls or boys, planning arts and crafts, checking out equipment, or helping with outdoor skills and fire building? Many positions can be done in teams, so bring a friend!

To meet American Camp Association standards and assure a quality experience for campers, training is required for all adult and teen volunteers. Please plan on attending one on-site and one off-site training. When you complete and mail the form below, you will receive information on the dates and times of trainings. Please call the West Branch Office for more information at 360 377 5513.

The children of full time adult volunteers attend Day Camp for \$20 or \$40 rather than the full fee of \$90 or \$110! Childcare is available on-site for the preschool children of adult volunteers.

Fill out the form below and mail it to: **Day Camp Volunteer Coordinator, West Branch Camp Fire Office, 1109 A Warren Ave, Bremerton, WA 98337.**

Yes, I'd love to join you! I would like to volunteer for:

\_\_\_\_\_ Fay Bainbridge State Park, July 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005      \_\_\_\_\_ Camp Niwana (South of Port Orchard), August 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005

I would like to help with: (Please check one or more)

- |  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| _____ Leading a small group of children (minimum age is Junior in high school) | _____ Nature/Environment  |
| _____ Junior Staff (8 <sup>th</sup> grade and up)                              | _____ Creative Dramatics  |
| _____ Fire Building  | _____ Preschool Childcare |
| _____ Purchasing supplies/food   | _____ Equipment Manager   |
| _____ Crafts   | _____ Supervise archery   |
| _____ Games  | _____ Other _____         |
| _____ Songs  |                           |
| _____ Outdoor Skills   |                           |
| _____ Jackknives    _____ Compass    _____ Pacing    _____ Knots               |                           |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_\_\_ OR Youth in \_\_\_\_\_ (Current Grade)

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_



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