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## Clip and Save

### May

- 2 ..... Leaders' Meeting, 9:30 a.m. or  
..... 6:30 p.m.
- 5 ..... Simple Science @ PSC
- 10 ... C.A.R.E. Dinner
- 13 ... 500 Seller Day
- 27-29 Special Family Weekend @  
..... Camp Sealth
- 29 ... Memorial Day - Office Closed

### June

- 2 ..... Older Youth Overnight @  
..... Camp Niwana
- 3-4 .. West Branch Council Fire/  
..... Spring Weekend
- 6 ..... Leaders' Meeting, 9:30 a.m. or  
..... 6:30 p.m.
- 10-11 Dad/Kid Weekend @ Camp  
..... Niwana

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## West Branch Spring Weekend and Council Fire Ceremony

Remember to register for this year's Spring Weekend and Council Fire on the first weekend in June.

Older youth have the option of coming on Friday evening (June 2<sup>nd</sup>). Groups can come for the day on Saturday (June 3<sup>rd</sup>) and enjoy archery, swimming, hiking, crafts, and participate in Council Fire that evening and spend the night. Families are invited to come for the awards ceremony on Saturday at 7 p.m., and may join us for dinner, if they register ahead of time. Continental breakfast is provided for groups who spend the night.



Completed registration forms, with payment, are due to the West Branch Office no later than Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Prompt registration will enable the volunteers to plan and purchase adequate supplies and food.

Volunteers are still needed to help with life guarding, archery, cooking, crafts, and the many other things which are necessary for a memorable weekend. Please call the West Branch 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 youth and their families and friends.

Amy Hutchison is planning Council Fire. Contact her at 360 769 8826 or [amyhutchison1990@hotmail.com](mailto:amyhutchison1990@hotmail.com), to sign your group up to participate in this very special ceremony.

## Calling All Teenagers!

We have a lot of children out there who want to be in a Camp Fire Group but there are not enough Leaders. So, if you want to help out and become a Camp Fire Group Leader, contact Dianne Rivers at the West Branch office at 360 377 5513.

I was a Camp Fire leader for two years. It was time consuming. It took a lot of hard work to make the meetings happen, but it is a reward in its self just being able to see the kids smiling after a meeting. Camp Fire has books to let you know what your group needs to learn so all you have to do is look it up.

*Kaitlin Wyatt*  
Horizon Member



## Kids' Day

Come join the fun on Kitsap County Kids' Day, Saturday, June 10th from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds. This is a great day for family fun. Camp Fire USA will have a booth and offer a craft project for the kids. Many youth serving agencies will be represented so there are lots of things to see and learn about our community.



If you, either kids or adults, would like to assist with this activity, please call the West Branch Office at 360 377 5513 to sign up to help for an hour or two.

This is an opportunity for groups to fulfill one of the Camp Fire USA visibility activities for the Blue Ribbon Award.

Come and learn, come and help, or just come and enjoy the day.

## Disability Awareness Workshop for Teens

This workshop prepares youth to better understand people with disabilities, to care for children with differing abilities, and provides an exploration of related careers.

The workshop will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> in Bremerton. The location will be given when youth register. The registration fee is \$25, some scholarships are available.

Youth will learn:

- ◆ About different disabilities and explore myths and stereotypes about disabilities
- ◆ How to listen to and communicate with persons with special needs
- ◆ How to play with and care for children of all abilities
- ◆ Simple behavior management techniques to use when caring for children of all abilities
- ◆ From speakers who have a variety of jobs and careers related to special needs
- ◆ Different equipment and devices used by persons with disabilities

This workshop is open to all youth ages 13 – 18 in the community. Call 360 377 5513 for registration information.



## What a Great Birthday Party!

Skaters of all ages gathered to celebrate Camp Fire USA's 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday at Skateland in Bremerton.

Participants collected over 400 pounds of food for the Bremerton Food Bank (they were thrilled!), and \$30.50 was collected in the "Plinko Board" for the campership fund.



Everyone shared birthday cupcakes and cookies, and honored South/West Regional Director, Mary Olsen for her long time commitment to Camp Fire.

## West Branch 120 Sellers

Congratulations to West Branch 120 sellers! YOU ALL did a FANTASTIC JOB!

Holly Hayman	775
Hailee Pasatiempo	558
Savannah Rice	510
Alisha Jones	464
Jesse Sims	315
Moira Brenner	248
Alyssa Steenerson	242
Sierra Halsted	235
Madeline Glad	222
Gabrielle Matthews	201
Paige Parker	180
Megan Harries	178
Danielle Elder	165
Jennifer Johnson	150
Mariah Steenerson	150
Alisa Hopper	136
Erin Hutchison	136
Holly Nelson	135
Amber Jones	125
Paul Manz	124
Berkley Hassebrock	122
Steven Jones	120

AND a special THANK YOU to the West Branch candy volunteers: Terry Schroeder, Debra Langley-Boyer, Mike Adams, Patti Peterson, Teresa Hopper, Judy Jones, and Ruthann Langkamp. THANKS also to the Candy Captain in each group, and the parents who helped their young people reach their goals!

# West Branch Council Fire/Spring Weekend at Camp Niwana 2006

Check -in: Friday, June 2 at 5 p.m. for 5<sup>th</sup> graders and Discovery and Horizon groups  
Saturday, June 3 at 11 a.m. for Starflight and Adventure groups

Check -out: Sunday, June 4 at 11 a.m.

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

Food: Bring a sack lunch with beverage for Saturday  
 1. You may do your own cooking over a fire, if an adult has completed the Camp Fire Cooking and Cabins Training.  
 2. You may pre-pay for Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast and eat in the dining hall.  
 3. 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, signed Special Activity Permission Form and Permission Form for Water Activities for every youth member, and 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 22nd 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 sleeping Friday night \_\_\_\_\_ X \$7.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

# Discovery/Horizon Youth/Adults for Breakfast Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ X \$3 = \_\_\_\_\_

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

#Youth/Adults for Saturday and overnight on Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Includes cabin, waterfront, crafts, s'mores, council fire emblems, and dreamboats)

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

#Youth/Adults for continental breakfast on Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ X \$3 = \_\_\_\_\_

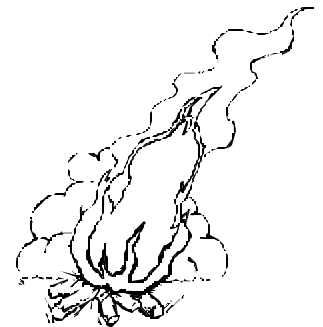
**Early registration is encouraged** **Total Enclosed = \_\_\_\_\_**

**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

Please list all dietary restrictions and/or needs for your group: \_\_\_\_\_



## West Branch Day Camps

Keep your eyes open for upcoming mail with information on planning meetings and training dates for this year's Day Camps. Plan ahead and register early!

**Camp Niwana** (South of Port Orchard) will be held July 24 - 28  
 Theme: "Pirates – The Search for Fred & Ted's Treasure Chest"  
 To volunteer, please contact:  
 Site Director: Teresa Hopper at 360 779 1814 or [hoppers5@aol.com](mailto:hoppers5@aol.com)  
 Registrar: Judy Jones at 360 308 8114 or [siren3244@aol.com](mailto:siren3244@aol.com)

**Fay Bainbridge** (Bainbridge Island) will be held July 31 – August 4  
 "Expedition 2006! Explore the many cultures of our own neighborhood!"  
 To volunteer, please contact:  
 Site Director: Jessie Gaudio 360 782 2900 or [jessiegaudio@yahoo.com](mailto:jessiegaudio@yahoo.com)  
 Registrar: West Branch office, 360 377 5513

**Who can volunteer?** Leaders, Moms, Dads, Brothers, Sisters, Aunts, Uncles, Grandparents, Teachers, Friends, Neighbors, and Energetic Teens can join the fun! Training is required and children of full-time volunteers attend for \$25 or \$45 rather than \$95 or \$115. Camp Fire Day Camps are open to all youth of the community, so bring a friend!

For more information, call the numbers listed for each camp or the West Branch Office at 360 377 5513.

Day Camp is one of the most rewarding and memorable times you will have and it's just around the corner. Help bring this experience into the lives of your children! Your efforts will be appreciated for years to come.



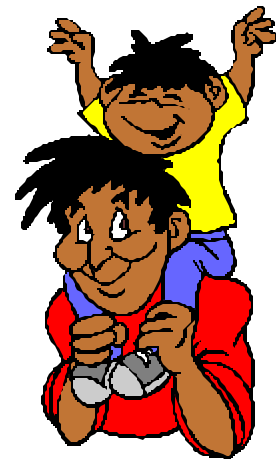
## Dad/Kid Weekend at Camp Niwana

Mark the weekend of June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and spend some time with your favorite guy (Dad, Grandpa, Uncle, or...) at Camp Niwana.

Enjoy the great outdoors, sleeping in open-air cabins and joining other campers for crafts, nature awareness activities, sports, hiking, boating, swimming, and fishing.

Saturday night dinner and Sunday morning breakfast will be provided with a little set-up and clean-up help from you. The cost is \$27 per person.

The registration form is in the "white pages" of this newsletter. The deadline to register is June 1<sup>st</sup>, but registering earlier will give the planning committee more time to prepare.



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