

## THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEST BRANCH

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5 .....	Leaders' Meeting
8 .....	Woodland Park Zoo Overnight
16 ...	Woodland Park Zoo Overnight
16-17	Work Party @ Camp Niwana
22 ...	19th Annual Benefit Auction
23 ...	Make a Difference Day
31 ...	Magazine Fundraiser Ends

#### November

2 .....	Leaders' Meeting
5 .....	Capital Campaign ..... Groundbreaking @ Camp ..... Sealth
11 ...	Veterans Day - Office and ..... Program Resource Center ..... Closed
20-21	Older Youth Weekend @ ..... Camp Sealth
25-26	Thanksgiving Holiday - Office ..... and Program Resource ..... Center Closed

## More Members = A Better World

The world needs more caring, confident youth and future leaders!

YOU make that happen! Every minute YOU commit to working with young people IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE in their lives!

Share your enthusiasm with friends, neighbors and co-workers. The very best recruitment is word-of-mouth. YOU sharing with other adults what you see happening in the lives of the youth in your group and what Camp Fire meant to you as a youth, helps people see how important it is to involve more young people in Camp Fire USA.

Our commitment to community service plants the seeds of caring for others at an early age. Our commitment to increased self-esteem helps people navigate the "speed bumps" of life. Our commitment to taking good care of ourselves serves as an excellent example to others. Our commitment to youth and adults planning together provides life long skills.

"BUT, I am already s-o-o-o busy! I don't have time to help!" Who, but you and I, see the potential in every life we touch? I am asking each person who reads this, to carve out an hour from their busy schedule, and spend it in one of the following ways:

- \*Talk with a parent about the value youth receive from Camp Fire USA.
- \*Talk with a non-parent about the joy of volunteering.
- \*Share your enthusiasm at an Open House Table.
- \*Help entertain children at a recruitment event.
- \*Tell a neighbor, "You would make a great volunteer!"
- \*Invite a child to join your group.
- \*Volunteer to help at a group meeting.
- \*Volunteer to drive on a field trip.

Sharing my time with volunteers and watching the changes in the lives of everyone we all touch is the most rewarding part of my job. I know many more children could benefit! Working together to spread the word and encourage new volunteers IS THE ANSWER!

Wohelo,  
*Mary Olsen*  
South/West Regional Director





## Clip and Save!

### Upcoming West Branch Events

#### October

Leaders' Meeting  
Work Party at Camp Niwana  
QSP Magazine Fundraiser Ends

October 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.  
October 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>  
October 15<sup>th</sup>

#### November

Leaders' Meeting  
Veterans Day, office closed  
Older Youth Weekend at Camp Sealth

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.  
November 11<sup>th</sup>  
November 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>

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## Enter a Poster Contest!

**Sponsor:** America Recycles Day: Kitsap County

**Theme:** *It All Comes Back To You* - Posters must promote or celebrate buying recycled-content products, Close the Loop, recycling or the benefits of recycling.

**Who:** Any student in grades K - 8 in Kitsap County

**Materials:** Recycled-content of any of the following: white board, construction paper, art board, or plain white wrapping paper. Please use crayons, felt pens, colored chalk, watercolors, poster paints, or grease pencils. No 3-D or collages.

**Size:** 8 ½ by 11 inches drawn horizontally on the page. All artwork must be original.

**Judging:** All posters will be judged by grade. At least one poster from each grade level will be included in the 2005 Kitsap County America Recycles Day full-color calendar. Thirteen winners and up to 7 honorable mention posters will be included in the calendar.

**Release:** A completed, signed release form must be firmly attached to the back of each entry. Posters submitted to the contest become the property of the Kitsap County Public Works and will not be returned to the artist.

**Awards:** Each winner will receive an Award of Excellence, 5 copies of the calendar and be recognized at the November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004 County Commissioner meeting.

**Deadline:** Entries must be received by Terri Washburn at Kitsap County Public Works no later than Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

**For additional information:** Contact Terri at 360 337 4472, or [twashburn@co.kitsap.wa.us](mailto:twashburn@co.kitsap.wa.us).

## A-Mazing Field Trip Ideas

Ever wonder how pumpkins grow or where chickens sleep? Pheasant Field Farm has the answer to these and other questions about life on a farm. Take a tour of the farm during Harvest Celebration, and you can take home a sugar pie pumpkin at the end of the tour and explore a cornfield maze. They also offer several fun special events, like the haunted cornfield maze, storytelling around a campfire and helping tuck the farm animals in for the night. The farm is located on Clear Creek Road in Silverdale.

Weekday tours are offered during school hours and scheduled family or group tours are available on the weekend. Cost is only \$4 per child and \$1 for adults.

Prices vary for Special Events. Call 360 697 6224 for more

information, or visit their website at [www.pheasantfields.com](http://www.pheasantfields.com).



The Jensen Farm in Scandia Valley, Poulsbo also has a cornfield maze and tours. See Farmer Jensen and his crow puppet in the Pumpkin Theater. Call them at 360 779 3353 for more information, or visit their website at <http://member.webo.net:8080/~scandiavalley/>.

## Does Someone You Know Need Babysitting Training?

Camp Fire USA provides Babysitting Classes for youth between the ages of 11 and 14.

### Participants learn through practice and demonstration:

- Behavior management
- Safe and responsive play with children
- Simple First Aid
- How to prevent and handle emergencies

### Participants Receive:

- A Workbook (which serves as a job reference guide)
- Certificate of Completion

### Upcoming Classes:

- Bainbridge Island: Strawberry Hill Center  
November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>
- Poulsbo Parks and Recreation  
December 4<sup>th</sup>

If you have a Camp Fire group, or church, school or neighborhood group that would like to take the class, we can bring the class to you!

For more information and/or to register, call Dianne Rivers at 360 377 5513.

## Camp Niwana Needs YOU!

What: Work Party to prepare Camp Niwana for winter

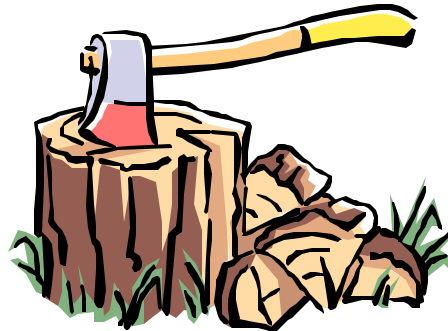
When: October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Who: Men and women, boys and girls

Have you ever heard the saying, "Many hands make light work?" The person who wrote that saying must have been thinking of all the work it takes to get a camp ready for winter.

There are mattresses to move, shingles to strip, roofs to shingle, porches and stairs to build, downed trees to cut up and split, a woodshed to build, docks to repair, and trails to trim! When we know who is coming, the work list will be designed to have something for all skill levels and ages!

You may be saying, "I don't know how to shingle or build or repair." YOU don't need to know, now, but you will know, after some time with an experienced work guide. And just think of the new work skills you'll be able to add to your resume.



Dinner will be provided for people who help on Saturday, and families are invited to spend the night, free of charge. You may even come on Friday evening. Just remember to bring your own breakfast and lunch for Saturday.

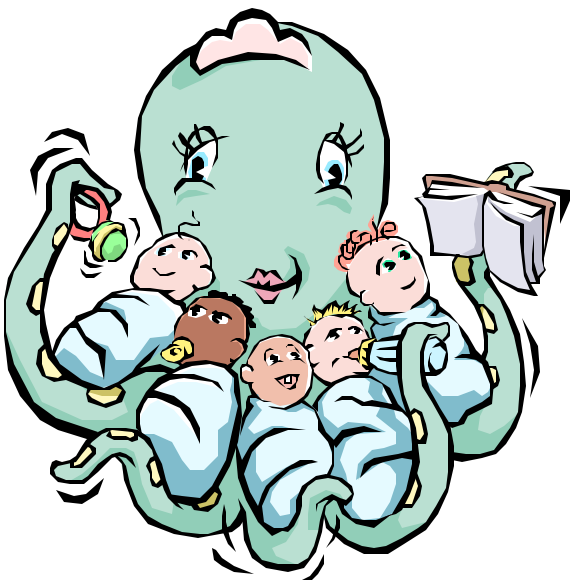
To sign up, please call Dianne Rivers at the West Branch Office at 360 377 5513.

## A Different Kind of Birthday Gift

Do you sometimes think your house has turned into a toy box? Is there a point when buying one more toy seems like just too much? Well, you are not alone. A couple of mothers have shared that they have started new birthday traditions in their families.

While parents want their children to enjoy birthday parties with their friends and classmates, they also would like those parties and memories to have special meaning. So, rather than bring a personal gift for the birthday child, the guests are asked to bring non-perishable food or hygiene items instead. Those items are collected and later taken to the local food bank or a charity chosen by the child.

What a great way to assist your child in learning the gift of "service to others," while creating a terrific tradition in childhood that may last a life time. Way to go Camp Fire kids!





# Pirates of the Caribbean

## Discovery/Horizon Weekend

### @ Camp Sealth — November 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>



- Where:** Camp Sealth on Vashon Island.
- Who:** Discovery and Horizon youth & advisors.
- What:** Escape from the dreary winter weather, rest and relaxation, BUNCO, and a variety of other activities!

Registration deadline is **November 5<sup>th</sup>**, so sign up soon! With registration please attach a **list of all participants**. Please also enclose a **SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE** with the registration, so that you can receive your confirmation and learn more information about the weekend's events.

**Questions? Contact** Carrie Cornforth 206 461 8550, ext. 232 or *carrie-c@campfire-usa.org*.

### Registration for Older Youth Weekend

(one for every group of youth with an adult)

Advisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Branch/Leader Association: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult with Field Trip Training: \_\_\_\_\_

# Boys \_\_\_\_\_ # Girls \_\_\_\_\_ # Men \_\_\_\_\_ # Women \_\_\_\_\_ Grades of Youth: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*PLEASE ATTACH A LIST OF THE NAMES OF YOUTH AND ADULTS PARTICIPATING!\*\***

\_\_\_\_\_ # of adult participants @ \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ # of youth participants @ \$37.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

In addition, we are offering discounted ferry tickets for groups. Please tell us how many you need and include it with the registration cost. \_\_\_\_\_ # Vehicle/Driver Ticket(s) @ \$9.80 \_\_\_\_\_ # Passenger Tickets @ \$2.80 \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Cost:** \_\_\_\_\_

What special needs, medical concerns, dietary needs, etc. should we be aware of? \_\_\_\_\_

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