

## THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEST BRANCH

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### Welcome Back!

Where did the summer go? Here at the West Branch Office, we are ready for another school year to begin.

The West Branch staff is geared up and ready to start the fun of a new recruitment season. We will continue building our numbers and look forward to another great year. Having fun, helping and serving others, making new friends, building new or expanding existing skills, sharing ideas, and participating in special events are just part of what it means to belong to Camp Fire USA. It's even better for the kids!

We hope you all had a happy and relaxing summer and are renewed and anxious to start the new year of activities. Maybe you have a new idea or another way you might be able to assist during this recruitment season. Think about someone or even several friends or acquaintances who might like to share in the Camp Fire USA experience. Stop by the office, e-mail, or call 360 377 5513. We are here to serve and look forward to another year with you.



### Calendar

#### September

- 1 ..... Magazine Fundraiser Begins
- 6 ..... Labor Day (office closed)
- 9 ..... Leaders' Association Meeting
- 10-26 Puyallup Fair
- 18-19 Mom/Kid Weekend at Camp  
..... Niwana
- 26 ... Camp Fire's Seahawk Blue  
..... Ribbon Partnership  
..... Fundraiser Game
- 30 ... Group Early Bird Registration  
..... Deadline

#### October

- 2-3.. Service Weekend @ Camp  
..... Sealth
- 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

### September Leaders' Association Meeting

In order not to conflict with the beginning of a new school year, the September Leaders' Association Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004, at the regular times of 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

This is a change only for the month of September. As of October, meetings will return to the standard first Tuesday of the month. See you on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Clip and Save!

#### Upcoming West Branch Events



#### September

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| Labor Day, office closed  | September 6 <sup>th</sup>                          |
| Leaders' Association Meeting  | September 9 <sup>th</sup> , 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. |
| <i>(note: changed from Tuesday to Thursday due to back to school)</i> |  |
| Mom and Me at Niwana  | September 18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>      |

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# Niwana Day Camp

The summer of 2004 will hold happy memories for the campers and staff who made "Around the World in 5 Days" (Niwana Day Camp) another great success.

CAT Weekend was held earlier than usual, but even with graduations to attend and other special events, it was well attended. Lots of sharing and fun made for a great learning environment.

Site Director Alex Peterson and her Assistant Director Donna Kennedy brought in some new ideas that kept with the traditions of Camp Niwana. Wonderful arts and crafts projects were in abundance. The waterfront was way too much fun! Outdoor Cooking, Archery, Outdoor Skills and many other activities filled the campers' days. Wednesday was highlighted by the arrival of Reptile Man who put on a terrific interactive show with snakes, turtles and lizards. What a fantastic week!

Thank you to the caring teen and adult volunteers who gave of themselves, gave a week of their summer, cared enough to be there, and who made Day Camp happen.



# Fay Bainbridge Day Camp

New friends, new crafts, new skills, and just plain fun highlighted day camp at Fay Bainbridge State Park the last week of July. The group of campers and staff celebrated their theme of "Around the World" with enthusiasm and delight along with Site Director Debra Langley-Boyer. Many thanks go to all who created a week of great memories for the campers.

Training was held the weekend prior to camp with obvious fine results. During day camp small groups of singing, giggling children could be seen and heard everywhere. Adult and junior staff did a terrific job keeping the activities fun, interesting and age appropriate for their campers.

Thank you to the caring teen and adult volunteers who gave of themselves, gave a week of their summer, cared enough to be there, and who made Day Camp happen.

### Save the Date November 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004

Come spend the weekend at Camp Sealth!  
All Discovery and Horizon youth and their advisors are invited to relax on a Caribbean island for Older Youth Weekend. Choose from activities you want to do or just hang out.

Look for a registration form in the October *Wohelo*.



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