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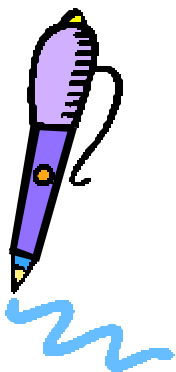
From Jane

As I sit at my desk, writing this greeting, I realize I have only been at Camp Fire for four days! However, they have been four **grand** days!

- o Retiring CEO Lee Drechsel has *gifted* me two extra weeks of her time and invaluable insights for orientation – the best of all possible scenarios. She will be leaving a truly wonderful legacy at Camp Fire; we will feel and see her footprints, often.
- o The staff has been warm in their welcome.
- o Members of the Board have called and e-mailed their welcome.
- o The procedures and policies, in place, reflect great care and intelligent forethought. I am very, very impressed!

I sense *great energy* at Camp Fire USA, Central Puget Sound Council. It is a time where staff, Board and donors are feeling euphoric over the successful completion of the Capital Campaign for Camp Sealth; it is a time of optimism as the actual construction begins. It is a time of creating expanded group programming – reaching out to underserved communities, families new to this community and country, and boys! It is a time to renew the strong collaborative partnerships which define Camp Fire and to explore new collaborative partnerships toward the end of serving more children. It is a time to celebrate Camp Fire's two child care programs at John Muir and Olympic View - and to explore the ideas of growth in the child care arena. And, of course, it is that magical time when we all anticipate the camping season and the day camp season.

I have been warmed by the *sense of community* within the Camp Fire community. A small story to illustrate the point. As we do every three months, two weeks ago, a group of my girlfriends got together for supper. When I arrived, they had converted the supper into a Camp Fire celebration on my behalf. My darling friend, Barb, whom I have known since kindergarten, wore her vest and beanie from our Bluebird/Camp Fire days growing up in Bellingham. As the eight of us gathered around the dinner table, each woman had a story to tell about Camp Fire: selling Camp Fire mints; attending summer camps in Longview, Samish Island and Camp Sealth, among others; earning merit badges, including the polar bear badge for early morning swims in Puget Sound! We laughed . . . and laughed some more. As I drove home that evening, I thought, "This is incredible. Camp Fire played a positive role in each of our lives; and created happy, meaningful memories. Who would think, all these years later, that we would be joyously reliving the days of our youth in Camp Fire – a time when we learned about responsibility, integrity, compassion and exploration? At the time, it just seemed like many groups of happy little girls."



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In ending this soliloquy, how does all of the above come together? Quite well, I think. Camp Fire USA, Central Puget Sound Council is composed of extraordinary individuals committed to helping today's kids become tomorrow's leaders. The Camp Fire programs are innovative, skill building experiences which promote the social and emotional health of the children participating. The community created by Camp Fire not only supports those in Camp Fire, but those individuals become strong community members who make a positive difference in their larger geographic communities. "From little acorns tall oak trees grow" . . . and such is the magic of Camp Fire.

Jane

Jane White Vulliet, CEO

Breakfast with the CEO of REI

Don't miss your chance to meet the CEO of REI! On Thursday, June 9th, 2005 at the Westin Hotel in downtown Seattle, Sally Jewell, CEO of REI, will be the key-note speaker at our annual Leadership Fundraising Breakfast. Sally is an active leader in the community, serving on several boards of nonprofit groups dedicated to environmental causes.

If you would like the name of a table host for any group, or would like to host a table or receive an invitation, please contact Kendra Hodson, 206 461 8550, ext. 231, or e-mail kendra-h@campfire-usa.org.



Got Magazine Currency?

Just a reminder that Magazine Currency from the 2004 Music and Magazine Fundraiser will expire on June 30th, 2005! Visit one of our Program Resource Centers to discover all the wonderful Camp Fire USA program materials and items that we have available. The Camp Fire USA catalogue also has a number of items that you may want to purchase. Your Magazine Currency can be used for these purchases at any of our Program Resource Centers.

Remember, currency is only redeemable at Central Puget Sound Council Program Resource Centers, and/or for Council events. It may **NOT** be used for special promotions such as Wild Waves, Mariners, Storm, or Husky tickets, tax, shipping or registration fees.

Kathy Neubecker

Product Sales and Merchandise Coordinator

Wohelo Awards Presented at the C.A.R.E. Dinner

Ten youth will be receiving their Wohelo Award at the C.A.R.E. Dinner on May 11th, at the Seattle Marriott Hotel SeaTac. You are invited to a reception where you may view their notebooks and see a display showing the various elements of their Wohelo Award before the dinner from 6 to 6:30 p.m. If you have not made your dinner reservations yet, call Carol at 206 461 8550, ext. 222

From the North Branch:

- Catlin Henry
- Kirstin Maki

From the South Branch:

- Jennifer Johnson
- Meaghan Luchau
- Hannah Ander
- Stacy Stoddard
- Leanne Burns
- Jessica Lindeke

From the East Branch

- Lynn Spishak
- Elizabeth Andrews

From the West Branch

- Michelle Boyer
- Nicki Hall
- Jessica Hopper
- Laura Kellogg

Congratulations to each of these young women upon reaching their goal. You have much to be proud of.



"Catch The Chocolate Wave!"

A Tremendous THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the Camp Fire youth, their families, and leaders for the SUPER job you did during the Candy Fundraiser. Thanks to your efforts, the sale was a tremendous success! This year, the Council returned under 5% to Brown and Haley resulting in a 3% bonus for the Council, which in turn means more revenue for Camp Fire programs. It took the cooperation of the entire Council to accomplish this, particularly the parents and Candy Captains that went the extra mile many times over. On behalf of the staff, I want to congratulate you on a "Job Well Done." Listed below are the 500+ Sellers, and the Family 500 Sellers. It takes teamwork and lots of support to accomplish this, not to mention lots of HARD WORK. Thank you again and I look forward to the 2006 Candy Fundraiser!

500+ Sellers

West Branch

Alisha Jones	809
Hailee Pasatiempo	620
Cody Wessler	522
Alyssa Steenerson	515
Paige Parker	501

North Branch

Catlin Henry	1278
Lacey Ballard	705
Delaney Ballard	705
Trinity Fagan	700
Melinda Gallagher	630
Sarah Stolnack	518
Stephanie Cook	512
Allison Swenson	510

South Branch

Sam LaPella	966
Victoria Porter	630
Amber Gregory	573
Brendan Herold	556
Michael Young	540
Jacqueline Sherburne	533
Kristi Soranaka	525
Alysha Newton	522
Ocean Johnson	507

East Branch

Katie Scott	1155
Cassandra Anderson	510
Naressa Anderson	510
Enely Shepherd	507

Family 500

North Branch	Total Units Sold
The Ballard/Henry Family	2688
The Lindberg Family	500
East Branch	
The Anderson Family	1020
The Hendricks/Timour Family	500
West Branch	
The Steenerson Family	635
South Branch	
The Gregory Family	706
The O'Bryan Family	584
The Martinson Family	519

Catlin with 1278 units, Lacey and Delaney with 705 units each. Heather with 350 units and Elizabeth with 150 units.

Cassandra with 510 units and Naressa with 510 units. Forrest with 250 units and Sierra with 250 units.

Alyssa with 515 units and Mariah with 120 units.

Heather with 133 units and Amber with 573 units. Rose with 292 units and Lily with 292 units. Megan with 132 units and Amanda with 387 units.

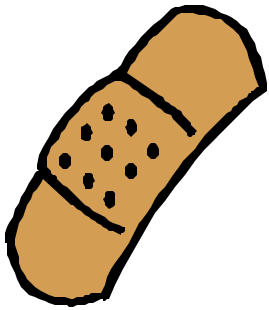
Permission Forms

Please remember to turn your yellow Special Activity Permission forms in to your Camp Fire staff or Leaders' Association Chairperson each year. Camp Fire is required by Washington State Law to archive these forms. Please help us remain in compliance by turning yours in to your branch office or Camp Fire staff member at the end of every program year.

We Love Day Camp Nurses

Day Camp Nurses, or Health Managers, hold a vital volunteer position at our day camps. While most of their duties involve putting a clean Band-Aid on where the one from home fell off, they do administer medications that come to camp, and help keep things safe.

Of course, nurses get the volunteer discount on their children's camp tuition.



If you know a nurse or EMT who would enjoy administering lots of easy TLC at a Day Camp, please let us know. About three camps are still looking for a Health Manager. We would love to have that person be part of the Day Camp team.

The Top Five Reasons to Attend Special Family Weekend

1. Three relaxing and fun-filled days on the shores of Vashon Island for your whole family.
2. Yummy, nutritious meals cooked for you by the Camp Sealth staff.
3. Heated, private cabins with bathrooms located nearby.
4. All of your favorite camp activities: archery, boating, fishing, marine touch tanks, biking, hiking, playing on the beach, arts & crafts, and spending time with friends.
5. The rare opportunity for a child with disabilities to play in the outdoors in a nurturing, supportive, environment.

Special Family Weekend has been providing a unique camp experience for kids with disabilities and their families for the past 10 years. Join us May 28th - 30th for an unforgettable experience!

Registration information and financial aid forms are available by calling Carrie at 206 463 3174, ext. 35.



Group/Parent Surveys

Have you returned your group or parent survey to the Council Office? As we are in the process of doing a program assessment and later this year will be preparing the 2005-2009 Strategic Plan for our Council your input is greatly appreciated.

If you did not receive a survey but would like to participate by sharing how Camp Fire has enriched your youth or what you feel would enhance our programs, please contact me. Thanks for your part in helping Camp Fire continue to build caring, confident youth and future leaders.

Carol Sorvig,
206 461 8550, ext. 222 or
carol-s@campfire-usa.org

Borrow Our Parade Float

For extra fun and visibility when your group marches in a community parade, borrow and decorate the Camp Fire float. Call or e-mail Karen Aoyama in the Council office at least two weeks ahead of the parade to sign up. Then just use your imagination, decorate, and have a terrific experience.

Here are a few details:

- The float measures 18 feet by 8 feet and is approximately 32 inches high.
- When you come to the Council office in north Seattle to pick up the float, you will sign an agreement saying that you will follow the safety procedures outlined. Council insurance covers the use of the float if safety policies are followed.
- You need a pickup or SUV or station wagon with a permanently installed trailer hitch, not bumper mounted, with a wire to hook up the taillights to pull the float. It takes a 1 7/8 inch ball.
- Decorations should be neat in appearance and present a positive image of Camp Fire USA. Recommended colors are red, white and blue. All decorating material must be fire retardant.
- When occupied, driving speed is limited to 5 m.p.h. No getting on/off while the float is in motion.

See you in the parade!

Discounted Tickets to SICF “Global Dance Party”

As a special offer, Camp Fire members, their friends and families can receive discounted tickets of \$6.50 each for a choice of Seattle International Children's Festival shows, all on Thursday, May 12th at 4 p.m.

Choose from among:

“Turkey: Mercan Dede & Secret Tribe,” features Turkish-born multi-instrumentalist Mercan Dede, virtuoso percussionists, and whirling dervishes, bringing the world of the 13th Century Muslim poet, Rumi onto the contemporary dance floor.

“First Nations: Kevin Locke & Edmond Nevaquaya,” presenting a profound and lively celebration of traditional Native American music, dance and storytelling with spectacular Lakota Sioux hoop dancing and award-winning flute playing.

“Africa/France: Frederic Galliano and the African Divas,” four of the most beautiful voices from Senegal, Guinea, Chad, and Ethiopia with authentic African percussion (djembe, balafon and others) and kora (an African harp). This performance will have audiences dancing in the aisles.

If you would like to take advantage of this discount offer, send your check payable to the Seattle International Children's Festival with the number of tickets wanted and your contact information to Seattle International Children's Festival, 305 Harrison St., Seattle, WA, 98109. Tickets will be mailed to you.



Seattle International Children's Festival, May 9th – 14th

We are excited to announce that this year Camp Fire USA will be leading activities for students of all ages at one of the Discovery Centers at the Seattle International Children's Festival May 9th – 14th at Seattle Center.

These hands-on activities, which focus on the arts, international cultures and/or cross-cultural education, run concurrent with performances at the festival from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. daily. On Saturday, the activities are open from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The Discovery Centers are free to all ticket holders.

Friendly and energetic volunteers can have fun helping with the craft projects or talking to parents about our programs that meet the needs of today's busy families. Please contact Karen Aoyama at the Council office 206 461 8550 or karen-a@campfire-usa to schedule your time to assist. This event is sure to let lots of kids and parents know just how much fun Camp Fire is. Come see us at the Festival!

Use the Trip and Outdoor Activity Form

Remember to send us a Trip and Outdoor Activity Form, if your group is:

- going away from your meeting place into the outdoors for more than five hours, or
- doing an activity that requires outdoor skills training. All groups planning an extended-day activity, such as an overnight, back-packing, boating, all-day biking, cross-country skiing, or any activity that requires more preparation or physical endurance, must complete one.

You do NOT need to send in a Trip and Outdoor Activity Form for Council or Branch sponsored activities, such as the Pacific Science Center Camp-In.

Download a Trip and Outdoor Activity Form from the Camp Fire website (found under Forms) or pick one up from your branch office or Group Program Coordinator. Please bring, mail, or fax the form to Karen Aoyama in the Council office *at least* two weeks before the activity. Karen will call you when she receives it. Your activity will be recorded for the manager on 24 hour call duty, so that he or she will be familiar with where you are and what your group is doing.

If you are planning a high risk activity like horse-back riding or rock climbing, please contact Karen several weeks in advance. She will help guide you through the required procedure.



Do the Puyallup – FREE!

New in 2005! The Camp Fire USA exhibit will now be located on the lower level of the Pavilion during the Puyallup Fair, September 9th – 25th, 2005. Our location is now 100% accessible and far superior to our past site.

Clubs that would like to earn free admission to the Fair may sign up to do demonstrations at the Camp Fire site there. You can sign up for 1-hour time slots, usually between 4 – 6 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. on weekends. All those actually doing the demonstration get free tickets. Unfortunately we are unable to get tickets for siblings. The Fair also provides two adult tickets per 10 youth, then one adult ticket for every 5 additional youth thereafter.

Any activity that welcomes the public to participate or observe and walk away with a small souvenir or a good feeling makes a suitable demonstration; no fee, however, may be charged. Face painting, Lummi sticks, Tininkling, knot tying, and other simple crafts work well. Your entrance tickets will be mailed to you ahead of time. Admission normally costs \$10 for adults and \$7 for youth (6-18), so this is a super way to save money and have fun. Sign up with Lorrie Scott, lorrieann123@hotmail.com or 253 839 2555, e-mail preferred, no calls before 9 a.m. Please provide your name, address, e-mail, phone number and the number attending. Lorrie can advise clubs on demonstration ideas.

Another way to participate – enter and win a ribbon! Remember that the Camp Fire members in your family or the members of your Camp Fire group can earn ribbons for projects entered into the Puyallup Fair. National Art projects, special projects done throughout the school year, and Day Camp projects make excellent entries, so lay a few aside in a special place to be ready to go at the end of August.

Every Camp Fire entry will receive either a first, second, third, or fourth place ribbon after judging. Complete details of entry categories and rules are available at your local Branch office and online at www.thefair.com/InfoServices/EntryInfo/pdf/05_Campfire.pdf, although this year there will be no catalogs from the Fair, just an online version only.

Renew Your Membership Now

Remember to renew your membership now for savings and convenience. Renewal forms will be sent to each family in early May. Return your forms and payment in the enclosed envelope, postmarked by June 30th to enjoy major savings and an Early Bird emblem! Then your group will be ready to have fun as soon as school starts.

Membership Tip:

When you sign your child up for Camp Sealth and day camp fun, please do not pay a membership fee, if your child is already participating in a Camp Fire group. You have already paid your membership fee for this year. Please save renewing your membership for your discounted spring renewal form!

For now, enjoy your membership, and please don't renew on your camp application – it costs you more that way.

Spend Time with Your Child

Have you ever wished you had more time with the children in your life? Some time set aside to have fun together? To improve communication? And to get better connected?

Mark these dates on your calendar and make it a priority:

Dad/Kid Weekend at Camp Niwana
June 11th and 12th, 2005

Mom and Me Weekend at Camp Niwana
September 17th and 18th, 2005

Camp Niwana is located just south of Port Orchard. Enjoy two days in the great outdoors, sleeping in open-air cabins and joining other parents and kids 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.

Registration form for Dad/Kid Weekend is in this newsletter. Watch for the summer edition of this newsletter for the Mom and Me Registration form.

Questions? Call volunteer chair, Cortina Baxter 253 735 5281 or e-mail cortina_b@yahoo.com.



Camp Fire USA: Building Our Future Together

**20th Annual Benefit Auction Party
October 28th, 2005, 5:30 p.m.**

Washington State Convention Center, Seattle

Fall might seem far away, but we want to remind everyone to mark October 28th on their calendars. You will definitely want to be involved in this fun event. There are many ways to get involved with the auction. Volunteer committees to help plan the event will begin meeting in May. These committees include decoration, silent and live Auction displays, youth participation, procurement and a variety of other tasks. You may wish to attend the Auction as a guest or join other volunteers in helping during the evening.

Camp Fire youth are also included in the evening's festivities. Starflight and Adventure youth are needed to greet auction guests as they arrive as well as, help kick-off the program preceding the live auction. Discovery and Horizon youth are also needed for the live auction kick-off in helping sell raffle tickets, participating as auction runners and live auction presenters.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, auction item procurement or to sign up your youth and/or group for volunteering during the evening, contact Lael Ross at Camp Fire USA, 206 461 8550, ext. 234 or e-mail lael-r@campfire-usa.org.



2006 National Art Project Medium

Announcing the 2006 National Art Project medium: Printmaking. Printmaking is the process of transferring a design from one surface to another. The process includes the artist designing an original shaped surface of a solid or somewhat resistant material, then coating that surface with pigment, and transferring that image of the designed surface onto a softer surface material that can receive the pigment. Watch future issues to get tips on how to be creative with textures, designs, and colors.

Fun in the Future

International Children's Festival – May 9th – 14th, Global Dance Party on May 12th at 4 p.m. – discount tickets available for Camp Fire members or groups.

C.A.R.E. Dinner – May 11th. Come honor our Wohelo Award youth and adult volunteers.

Special Family Weekend – May 28th – 30th, Camp Sealth. Whole family camping experience for families with kids with disabilities. Lots of fun!

National Trails Day – Earn an emblem by taking a two mile or more hike on the weekend of June 4th – 5th.

Peace Arch Celebration – Sunday, June 12th, Blaine, WA. Be part of a Camp Fire tradition by celebrating our long peaceful relationship with Canada at the "Hands Across the Border" festivities.

Camp Fire Night at the Mariners – Friday, August 12th, 7:05 p.m. Go M's!

Puyallup Fair – September 9th – 25th. Do the Puyallup! Get in free and earn an emblem by working at the Camp Fire booth for a few hours. Enter your project and win a ribbon.

Camp Fire USA Zoo Overnight Adventures – Zoo Overnight Adventures on October 15th – 16th. Learn your Wildlife Survival Strategies, and have a ton of fun!

National Art Project 2006 – Get out your ink, brayers, and silk screens. Next year's artists' medium will be printmaking.

FREE Emblem for Tenure!

All Camp Fire members are eligible to receive a free tenure emblem. The first year emblem is a white triangle edged in blue with the words "First Year Award" embroidered in red on it. In subsequent years, add small white triangles around the edge of the First Year Award. All of these emblems may be obtained from the Camp Fire Program Resource Center in your branch office. They are nice to present at Council Fire or at your end of the year celebration, so ask your Group Leader/Coordinator to pick these up for your group.



Dad/Kid Weekend



June 11th & 12th, 2005

At Camp Niwana

(South of Port Orchard)

Boys and girls, ages 5 and up, invite your favorite guy (Dad, Grandpa, Uncle) to a weekend of fun at Camp Niwana near Port Orchard. Enjoy two days in 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 brunch will be provided with a little set-up and clean-up help from you. Bring a friend and make this an annual outing.

- When:** June 11th, 10:30 a.m. to June 12th, 2 p.m.
- Where:** Camp Niwana near Port Orchard.
- Fee:** \$27 per person. This covers: dinner, breakfast, snacks, overnight fee, lifeguard and craft costs.

To Register: Send the form below, with check made payable to Camp Fire USA, and a self-addressed stamped legal sized envelope, to:
Dad/Kid Weekend at Camp Niwana
C/O Cortina Baxter
630 Algona Blvd. N.
Algona, WA 98001

Deadline for postmark is June 1st. Don't delay, event may fill before deadline.
A confirmation letter and map will be mailed to you.
Cancelled reservations will not be refunded.

Questions: Call Cortina at 253 735 5281, OR e-mail cortina_b@yahoo.com

Dad/Kid Weekend at Camp Niwana, June 11th and 12th, 2005

Adult Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____

E-mail _____

Child Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____ Sex _____

Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____ Sex _____

Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____ Sex _____

Cabin(mate) Request _____ OR _____

Are you a doctor nurse EMT ? Any medical or dietary concerns we should be made aware of? Yes , No

If yes, please list _____

Number of Adults \$27 x _____ = \$ _____

Number of Youth \$27 x _____ = \$ _____

Total Fees Enclosed = \$ _____

Check Money Order

Office Use Only
Date Received: _____
Confirmation Sent: _____
Receipt #: _____

The Mariners vs. The Angels: A Night Out with Camp Fire USA.

Join Camp Fire for a fun night of at Safeco Field. We'll be there to cheer the Mariners to victory as they take on the Angels on Friday, August 12th at 7:05 p.m. The registration deadline is June 4th. Don't delay!
Viva la Mojo!

Tickets are limited and will be allotted on a first come/first served basis.

Registration Deadline July 15th, 2005. No refunds possible. Make check payable to **Camp Fire USA** and mail it, your form, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope (**60 cent stamp**) to:

Penny Renwick
26825 17th PI S
Des Moines, WA 98198

For more information contact Penny Renwick at 253 839 5817 or 206 354 5817

Name: _____ Day Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Number of People _____ X \$10 each = \$ _____



National Trails Day

Saturday, June 4th marks the ninth annual National Trails Day and June is Washington Trails Month. Enjoy the natural beauty of our area, the wonders of old growth forests, and possibly a vista from a ridge, by taking your group on a hike. Your group or family can earn the National Trails Day emblem by taking a hike of two miles or more.

Best Hikes With Children: Western Washington & the Cascades (Best Hikes with Children), Vol. 1 & 2, by Joan Burton, published by The Mountaineers can guide you in your choice of a trail. With photos by Bob and Ira Spring, Burton's books include a wealth of details about suitable trails for youth hikes, directions on how to find the trailhead, and warnings of dangers, so that you can make an informed decision about where to go or where to turn around. Be sure to choose a hike designated as being available in spring – snow still blocks trails in the higher elevation hikes at this time of year.

One of the best aspects of Burton's books is that she identifies with the child's perspective. Remembering the fun she had as a young hiker, she tells you where you will find frogs, marvel at house-sized boulders, or see a dazzling waterfall or interesting bridge. If you are looking for a way to get outside, *Best Hikes with Children* will help you find the easy, fun way to do it.



Alumni Reunion 2005

If you have fond memories of attending camp, sitting around a campfire, taking long hikes in the woods, or singing, singing, and more singing, then you will want to attend this year's Alumni Reunion at Camp Sealth, September 17th – 18th, 2005.

The reunion, an event only held every other year, is for any Camp Fire alumna/alumnus from any Camp Fire USA Council. Activities during the weekend include hiking, canoeing, beach walks, singing, crafts and a service project. Alumni can choose to participate in all activities or just select those of interest. Many attendees use this event to hold their own mini group reunion and contact former group members to share the weekend with them.

The \$50 registration fee includes: a gourmet dinner and accommodations for Saturday night, and brunch on Sunday, as well as all craft supplies. This year, for an additional fee, a Friday night option is also available.

Registration and information packets will be mailed in June. To add your name to the mailing list or for more information contact Lael Ross, e-mail lael-r@campfire-usa.org, or phone 206 461 8550, ext. 234.

Berry Picking

Strawberries in June, raspberries in July, and blueberries from July through September. The Pacific Northwest is one of the most prolific berry growing regions on earth.

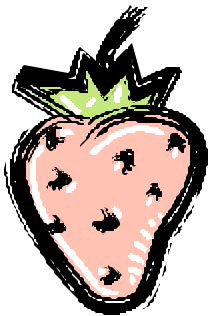
Have fun taking your group for to a U-Pick farm for some old-fashioned berry picking. You'll probably eat quite a few berries before they make it to your baskets, and you'll all get a bit sweaty and dirty, but the kids will experience something special. Check out www.pugetsoundfresh.org/ for a listing of farms nearby, such as:

Remlinger Farms - 32610 NE 32nd Street in Carnation. 425 333 4135 or 425 451 8740 or info@remlingerfarms.com. Entertainment, petting zoo, picnic grounds; store includes processed fruit, berry and vegetable items.

Serres Farm - 20306 NE 50th St., Redmond. Strawberries, also U-pick. 425 868 3017.

T & M Berry Farm - south of Kent on 3rd about 1.5 miles. Or North of 277th on 78th about 1/2 mile. Raspberries, also U-pick 253 9411435 or 253 859 4193.

Family Trees Gardens/Peter's Pumpkin Patch - 23724 Dockton Road SW., from Vashon highway follow signs to Dockton on Maury Island. Apples, cherries (sweet & pie), Kiwi, pears, Asian pears, plums, raspberries, strawberries, also U-pick. 206 463 3256.



Seven AmeriCorps Positions With Camp Fire USA

Do you know an individual over 18 who is passionate about youth development and searching for a job? Send them our way. The Central Puget Sound Council and the Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) are gearing up to hire seven people to serve as AmeriCorps Service Coordinators for YVC. The positions begin in September and run for approximately one year. The Service Coordinators work as extensions of Camp Fire and YVC throughout King County leading weekly service clubs and developing community service learning projects for youth ages 11-18.

AmeriCorps is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service and provides educational awards of \$4,750 for individuals who give one year of service to the community. Each AmeriCorps member also receives a monthly living stipend, health and childcare benefits, extensive training in service learning, youth work, risk management and many other topics, as well as an incredible opportunity to experience working with a great organization like Camp Fire USA.

This past school year, our AmeriCorps Service Coordinators served as extensions of Camp Fire USA with the City of Bellevue's Club Bellevue after school program, Atlantic Street Center in New Holly, the Kirkland Teen Union Building, Alki Community Center, and United Way of King County's service learning initiative in Highline School District. Next year, we look forward to continuing to run YVC service clubs out of several of these sites, as well as partnering with a few new community organizations.



To find out more about these positions contact Krista Hoffman, YVC Program Coordinator, at 206 461 8550, ext. 230 or krista-h@campfire-usa.org. Find out more about AmeriCorps at www.americorps.com.



Cooking and Cabins Training

May 28th - 29th, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., \$20

Camp Niwana

Adults Only - No child care



Why take Cooking and Cabins Training?

1. It is recommended for Starflight and Adventure leaders.
2. Cooking and Cabins Training teaches Outdoor Progressions Fire Tender and High Adventure. Both progressions are needed before moving on to the next.
3. Learn more about the outdoors.
4. Prepare to work with kids.
5. Have fun!

Activities: Learn/refresh/share about hiking, knives, pacing, compass, fires, cooking, (stick, pie iron, and stoves), knots, tarps, and general camping information. We sleep in open-air cabins with no electricity.

Fee includes: Program materials, Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast and lunch

Bring: Personal items, sleeping bag, outdoor clothing, flashlight. Optional, but recommended: a chair. All training is outdoors, so please prepare accordingly.

Requirements: You must have already completed the Field Trip Training to participate.

Registration deadline: May 23rd

Please mail your completed registration form and \$20 to:

Debra Langley-Boyer
13910 126th St KPN
Gig Harbor, WA 98329



Questions? Please contact Debra Langley-Boyer at 253 884 4235, 253 691 5943, or e-mail DDBoyerMM@msn.com



Cooking and Cabins Training Registration

Name: _____

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Summer Adventures at Camp Sealth

Summer's almost here, and that means warm days at the beach, backyard barbeques, and trips to Grandma's house. The start of summer also means that it's time for camp at Camp Sealth. If you haven't registered yet, it's not too late! Spaces are still available for most programs. Here are a few of the cool new programs at Sealth:

Marine Science Kayak, Grades 8-10

Spend six exciting days exploring the waters of the Puget Sound by kayak, and study the fascinating world of marine invertebrates.

Challenge & Whitewater, Grades 7-9

Push your own limits on a high ropes challenge course, then take a thrilling whitewater rafting trip with your new friends.

High Divide Exploration, Grades 8-11

Travel the High Divide around the peaks of the Olympic Mountains, see wildlife and ancient forests up close, and sleep under the stars.

Mountain & Rock Ascend, Grades 7-9

A beginning rock climbing and mountaineering program that will teach you new skills and help build your confidence while you explore Snoqualmie Pass summits.

For a camp brochure or session availability, call the Camp Sealth registrar at 206 461 8550 or 800 451 CAMP, or check the website at www.campfire-usa.org. **Online registration is now available**, so register now!



YVC Summer Preview

Encourage your child to participate on a Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) summer project. YVC service projects make your child's summer fun and meaningful. This summer we've got a project for everyone! Check out project descriptions online at www.campfire-usa.org/YVC/opportunities.htm.



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Accommodations for special needs will be provided upon request whenever possible. Make arrangements at least two (2) weeks prior to the activity by calling the event coordinator listed or Karen Aoyama at 206 461 8550 or 800 451 CAMP ext. 319. TDD/TTY users may reach us through the Washington State Relay Service at 800 833 6388; TeleBraille users call 800 833 6385.

