

October 2004

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Groundbreaking Scheduled for November 5th

Spark the Future! The Campaign for Camp Fire

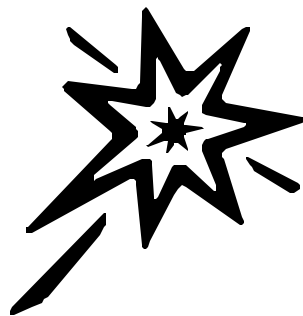
You are invited to join the Campaign for Camp Fire as we break ground for major capital improvements at Camp Sealth on Friday, November 5th! Be part of this exciting event with us from 10 - 11:30 a.m., as we celebrate the progress of our fundraising campaign and begin construction to renovate and transform Camp Sealth.

It grew out of a commitment to children; it evolved into a team effort of historic proportion; and finally it will become a reality! "Our success is the result of a broad-based team effort," noted Campaign Co-Chair Ann Hooper. "Beginning with the Board of Directors and former Board members, and extending to Camp Fire youth and the entire Puget Sound community, this is an important accomplishment!"

The Campaign for Camp Fire will enable Camp Fire to expand the Environmental Education program, and better serve nearly 20,000 youth and their families through a variety of activities.

The following improvements are scheduled at Camp Sealth:

- Rounds Hall – historic dining hall and "heart and soul" of Camp Sealth will receive major infrastructure upgrades, insulation, new roof, expansive deck facing the Puget Sound, new bathrooms, and more.
- Priscilla White Lodge – the most accessible building at Camp Sealth, originally constructed in 1948 and named in honor of first diabetes nurse; will be renovated to provide large group program area, new sleeping quarters and bathrooms.
 - Green Bird Cage – named in honor of Eleanor Bird Green and four generations of her family; will be completely rebuilt to serve as environmental education program space.
 - Village Shower House – will be expanded to double the capacity and meet ADA accessibility standards.
 - Floating Docks – will be replaced with new, environmentally friendly materials; swimming and boating will continue at the waterfront activity area.



"We can all feel proud of this historic accomplishment and the benefits to another generation of Camp Fire youth," observes Campaign Co-Chair Carolyn Kelly.

If you would like to celebrate with us at the groundbreaking, please R.S.V.P. to Kristen Stewart at kristen-s@campfire-usa.org or 206 461 8550, ext. 246

Youth Volunteers for the Auction

Youth of all ages can be a part of the excitement during Camp Fire's Annual Benefit Auction, "Camp Fire USA: The Party for Kids," October 22nd at the Seattle Sheraton Hotel and Towers.

Auction guests enjoy being greeted by Starflight and Adventure youth in uniform. Lots of Starflight, Adventure, Discovery, and Horizon youth are needed for the opening parade preceding the live auction to show our guests that Camp Fire kids need their support. Greeters should report to the auction site by 4:30 p.m.; parade youth will be at the auction site from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. Greeters are also encouraged to stay for the parade and will be served a light supper.

Youth who participate as greeters or parade participants should wear Camp Fire uniforms or ceremonial attire, if possible, and, of course, big smiles. All Starflight and Adventure youth need to be accompanied by their Camp Fire Leader or parent/guardian.

Many additional volunteer opportunities are available for Discovery and Horizon youth, such as selling raffle tickets, as auction runners, live-auction spotters, assistants for carrying purchases, and clean up crew. These older youth need to be able to stay up as late as 11 p.m. or midnight.

For additional information and to sign up your youth and/or group contact Lael Ross at 206 461 8550, ext. 234, or lael-r@campfire-usa.org.

Discount Craft Supplies Support Camp Fire



Camp Fire USA has a national partnership with S&S Worldwide, a leader in craft, therapy, physical education and early learning products. S&S Worldwide gives a portion of all designated purchases to Camp Fire USA. Customers simply mention Camp Fire USA as their organization affiliate when ordering online or by phone!

Visit www.ssw.com to see S&S Worldwide's full product line, including:

- arts and crafts materials,
- school supplies,
- sports and games equipment, and more!

Order \$99 or more from S&S Worldwide before October 15th and get 15% off your entire order! Use code A1777. Please share this information with friends and parents as they prepare for the new program and school year. Contact Pam Wirken at pam.wirken@campfireusa.org or 800 669 6884, ext. 210, with questions.



October is "Invite a Friend to Camp Fire" Month

Could your group use a few new members? Would it be more fun if you could find one or two more? Maybe it's time to have a PARTY!!!



Many groups have been very successful recruiting new members by having an "Invite a Friend" party.

- ❖ Pick a date in October during one of your regular group meeting nights.
- ❖ Encourage all your current members to invite a friend to your special meeting.
- ❖ Have fun making party invitations.
- ❖ Think of a fun incentive for both the guest and the host.
- ❖ Pick out two or three party games or crafts to share with the kids.
- ❖ Have Fun!!!
- ❖ Send home an informational letter about your group to each potential member's parents.
- ❖ Earn the "I Told a Friend" emblem or segment for each new member.
- ❖ **WATCH YOUR GROUP GROW!**

Last Call for LOST & Found

LOST If your child went to day camp or Camp Sealth, please check to see if he or she brought home the pillow, sleeping bag, warm jacket, raincoat, or sneakers you sent there. If you discover something missing, please check with staff for lost and found items. This month we will donate any unclaimed usable items to a charity like Treehouse or Goodwill. So if you've lost something, call us right away to see if we've found it! We would love to see it and you reunited.

2004 Magazine and Music Fundraiser “Catch the Reading Bug!”

The 2004 Magazine and Music Fundraiser has begun! All groups are encouraged to participate by securing orders from family, friends, and neighbors. If you are a Group Leader and have not received your Magazine Fundraising Packet, please contact Kathy Neubecker at the Camp Fire Council office. (Contact information listed below).

This year, the Magazine Committee voted to add the QSP T-shirt as an incentive! It is really cute and the color - red - is really fun. By securing 10 subscriptions, you will be able to choose from the Book Certificate or the T-shirt or \$5 in Camp Fire Currency, plus you will receive all the other animals! I know you will enjoy wearing this fun shirt!

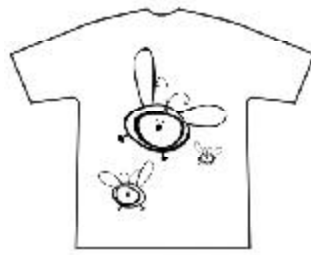
This is the perfect opportunity to offer the ease of ordering favorite magazines through Camp Fire USA. Take the order forms to your place of worship; parents take them to your workplace, and to shops or stores that you frequent. If every Camp Fire member sold just one magazine subscription the revenue from the fundraiser would contribute **an additional \$32,000** to Camp Fire's Group Program.

Individual Camp Fire groups also benefit from this fundraiser. Depending on the total number of subscriptions sold by the group, each subscription is worth \$1 or \$1.25 in a refund to the group. Your Group Refund can be used in so many ways with the many events offered within the Group Program. Consider attending the North/East/West Branch Older Youth Weekend at Camp Sealth, Dad-Kid Weekend, South Branch Discovery/Adventure Weekend, Group Camping, the Pacific Science Center Camp-In or one of the day camps.

The Magazine Fundraising Event runs September 1st thru October 31st; however, we encourage renewal of subscriptions through Camp Fire USA **ALL YEAR LONG**. Remember, magazine subscriptions renewed at other times of the year are “Off Season Sales” and will be counted toward your sales goal for the following year.

Let's make this a successful fundraiser by all putting our energy into getting subscriptions! Thank you for supporting Camp Fire USA.

Kathy Neubecker,
Product Sales Coordinator
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Phone: 206 461 8550, ext. 312



November Special Orders – No Shipping Charge

If you place your order by November 15th with your branch office Program Resource Center, you can get special orders from the National Camp Fire USA Catalog with no shipping charges. If you have been thinking about getting a Camp Fire USA sweatshirt, t-shirt or hat, now is the time. Older youth may want one for the Candy Fundraiser or for their informal uniform to do service projects together! Holiday stocking stuffers could include a Camp Fire USA pen, eraser, water bottle, or mug. How about a thank-you gift for your leader or a special volunteer?

Catalogs are available in each Program Resource Center. Orders **must be paid for in advance**. Deadline to give your order to your branch office will be Monday, November 15th - no exceptions. Usually we have the orders back in 2 - 3 weeks, unless the item is backordered.

Feed Hungry People – Organize a “Kids for Cans™” Food Drive

Camp Fire groups can help Northwest Harvest's ninth annual “Kids for Cans™” food drive from November 1st -12th, 2004. Hold a food drive in your school or faith community for non-perishable food items to feed people who face a daily struggle for survival.

Register with Darla Weideman or Brenda Vlado at 206 625 0755 or 800 722 6924 or events@northwestharvest.org to receive a packet with posters, a sample letter to parents, ideas for making your collection a success, food pick-up instructions, stickers, and interesting information about hunger and Northwest Harvest.

A representative from Northwest Harvest will come and pick up your food donations on November 15th or 16th after your drive, so you don't need to worry about transporting it. Help bring holiday cheer to people in need. Remember to have fun and take pictures for the school or community newspaper, and your group's scrapbook!

Participate in *Lights On Afterschool!* 2004



On October 14th, more than 6,000 communities will rally for afterschool programs by participating in the fifth anniversary of *Lights On Afterschool!* This nationwide event calls attention to

afterschool programs and the resources required to keep the lights on and the doors open.

Camp Fire USA is proud to be a National Supporting Organization for this year's *Lights On Afterschool!* celebration. *Lights On Afterschool!* is a project of the Afterschool Alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring that all children have access to afterschool programs by 2010.



To learn more about *Lights On Afterschool!*, register an event, access event planning tools, or to find out what is going on in your area on October 14th, visit www.afterschoolalliance.org.

Plan to come visit one of our two child care sites on October 14th for an evening of introduction to our Preschool-Afterschool Program and Group programming in your neighborhood. Join us for an evening of activities and camaraderie.

Olympic View Kids' Club
Olympic View Elementary School
504 NE 95th St
Seattle, WA 98115
206 524 7930

John Muir Kids' Corner
John Muir Elementary School
3301 S Horton St
Seattle, WA 98144
206 313 9603



President's Volunteer Service Awards

Youth of all ages, adults, families, and groups can receive recognition from President Bush for giving service. The President's Volunteer Service Award was created to encourage more community voluntarism.

To earn this award, keep a record of your volunteer activities and hours served. These service activities must all take place within a year's time from April 1, 2004 – March 31, 2005. Your Record of Service may be kept as a diary or calendar or tracked online using the USA Freedom Corps Record of Service at www.presidentialserviceawards.gov.

Camp Fire record sheets are available on our website under "Forms" and from your nearest Camp Fire branch office, if you do not wish to record online. Send your record to the Council office to the attention of the Group Program Assistant to be certified by March 31st, 2005, and indicate which award you are applying for. Awards will be ordered and paid for by Camp Fire and sent to you when they arrive. For more information, consult your Group Program Coordinator. We hope everyone will participate!

Congratulations to these additional 2003 – 2004 President's Volunteer Service Award Recipients! (Another group was listed in the Summer 2004 issue).

West Branch Bronze:

Karla Rivers
Melissa Boyer

East Branch: Bronze:

Benna Lawrence
Chelsea Fennell
Keri Pelton
Pelton Family
Sarah Taylor

Gold:

Rachel Mickey
Madelyn Hayes
Danielle Leitzke
Lisa Lange

North Branch

Gold:
Raelene Reymore

South Branch Bronze:

Ashley Carpenter
Calise Jewett
Caylean Jewett
Emma Miller
Hannah Agostino
Kristi Sigafos
Melissa Hickel
Rachel Hickel

Silver:

Gwen Jewett
Jewett Family

Gold:

Alexis Bartlow
Allie Crowe
Amanda Wilson
Cassie Vandel
Christine Peck
Emily Mills
Jill Mayer
Kristen Lunde
Sarah Amato

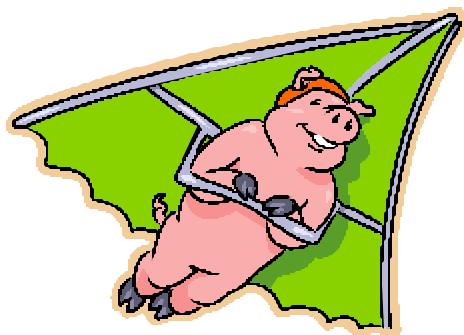
Adult Weekend: When Pigs Fly

February 25th – 27th, 2005 at Camp Sealth

Soon the warmth of summer will be but a memory, and the chill of winter will have you wanting the opportunity to get away from it all. Hawaii is too expensive, and it is hard to be away from home for long periods of time.

So what is a person to do?

*This little piggy went to market,
This little piggy stayed home,
This little piggy had roast beef,
This little piggy had none,
And this little piggy went wee, wee, wee,
All the way to Camp Sealth!*



ADULT WEEKEND is the answer. Sleep in if you want, stay up all night, or pig out. Peaceful long walks on the beach will refresh your soul. Silly games at night will revive your inner child. And what could be better than not having to cook for an entire weekend?

"Some Pig!" said Charlotte to

Wilbur when she learned about Adult Weekend.

Each workshop has been hand picked with you in mind. Take time to scrapbook and learn specialty gift recipes, teas and coffees, nostalgic s'more crafts, toile painting, custom-made earrings, counted cross stitched heirloom crafts. You can also take an encore class of the Star Book, an advanced class in basketry, candle making with specialty candle holders, an island tour, and so much more.

"Pigs in Space" and at dinner, too. Pigtastic committee members have challenged themselves to host a table for Saturday night dinner with décor honoring the Humble Pig. Hmmm, I wonder if that means Tux and Tails? (Pig Tails?)

Even the Big Bad Wolf will not blow down our fun!

Come by yourself, or bring a friend; just come! For the first time, we will have activities available for Friday night for those wishing to attend the entire weekend! Now that's pigtastic!

Get an early peek at the crafts by visiting my *When Pig's Fly* photo album. Check out:
<http://LScott3.photosite.com>.



See you soon!
Miss Piggy

Future Fun

Camp Fire USA Zoo Overnight Adventures – Zoo Overnight Adventures on October 8th – 9th and October 16th – 17th. New theme this year: Wildlife Survival Strategies. See the flyer in the September issue of the *Wohelo*.

Dental Health Bookmark Contest - Each year the Alliance of the Washington State Dental Association holds the annual Dental Health Bookmark Contest. Winning designs will be printed on 40,000 bookmarks, which are distributed to schools, dental offices, libraries and health fairs in Washington. Information is available at your branch to share with your families on contest rules and themes. Please encourage their participation in this program, as our Council almost always has a winner! Entries for the contest are due to your branch by Friday, December 10th, 2005.

Salute to Hospitalized Veterans – Show those who have served in the Armed Forces that you care. Make cards for any holiday and Camp Fire will make sure they are delivered to the VA Hospital for patients to enjoy. Salute to Hospitalized Veterans cards are due to branch offices by January 14th, 2005.

Colgate Youth for America – Colgate-Palmolive annually awards \$1000, \$500, and \$300 to the Camp Fire groups that do a service project and enter their group projects in the contest. So the next time your club plans a service project, take plenty of photos and be sure to enter this contest in March. Applications will be available on the Colgate Youth for America website at http://www.colgate.com/cp/corp.class/colgate_cares/youthform2.jsp.

Pacific Science Center Camp-In and Simple Science – Spend the night camping out in the exhibits at the Pacific Science Center. A laser show, the planetarium, the butterfly house, science workshops, and science demonstrations are all yours March 19th – 20th, 2005. An evening only program, Simple Science, with much of the same content will be on April 29th. Brochures will be available soon.

National Art Project 2005 – This year's artists' medium is fiber, so get out your fabric, yarn, string, and felt. Bring your creative artworks to your branch office by April 15th, 2005. Get fuzzy!

Highlights from Camp Sealth 2004

In addition to the "general" summer camp sessions, Camp Sealth offers a wide selection of specialty camps, where kids can learn new skills while still participating in the regular camp activities. Kids focus on one specialty activity, such as horses, archery, or crafts for two to four hours each day, developing their skills in that area.

Camp Sealth introduced several new specialty sessions in summer 2004. Check out what parents and campers had to say about these programs:

Fine Arts

"It was fun learning new ways to express yourself through art."
Camper, Fine Arts

Intro to Photography

"I loved developing my black & white photos because it was something fun and new to try."
Camper, Intro to Photo

Culinary Arts

"A wonderful learning experience in cooking foods from a different country, and she even liked the food. She will do more cooking at home, and probably try different foods. Was a wonderful experience."
Parent of Culinary Arts camper

Additional new sessions included Canoe Excursion, Cooking (for younger kids), and Outback Frontiers, all popular programs. Look for these and other great camp opportunities coming up in 2005!

For more information about Camp Sealth, check out our website at www.campfire-usa.org or call the registration office at 206 461 8550.



Spool Knitting

Spool knitting has been a favorite pastime of kids, both boys and girls, for generations. Known as corking in England, you may have called it French knitting, your Bizzy Lizzy, knitting mushroom, or knitting Nancy, or just spool knitting, when you were young.

Made from a large wooden spool and 4 finishing nails, spool knitting produces a long tubular knitted rope that is quite dramatic when the knitter uses colorful variegated yarn. Consider experimenting with this method of binding fibers for your National Art Project entries in April.

Abundant information about spool knitting can be found on the Internet, with sites providing detailed diagrams of how to cast on stitches. See www.pellatulptime.com/lessons/straw/strwcork.html, for example.

Commercially produced spools are also available. The site www.cedarhollow.net shows a larger spool with 6 pegs, for producing a larger tube. Large gauge knitting looms with 50 or more pegs and knitting boards are also available, or could be made from stretcher bars and nails. See decoraccentsinc.com/knittingloomsboards.html for photos of what these would look like.

Corking by Judy Ann Sadler and Linda Hendry from Kids Can Press, 1998, available on Amazon.com, has won praise for showing how the long knitted ropes can be turned into bendable animals, finger puppets, socks and hats, accessories, toys, and doll clothes. Enjoy watching your rope grow yard by yard, and enjoy creating all the items and designs you can make from it.

Then, enter your creation in the National Art Project!



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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.

