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Calendar

June

4	National Trails Day
9	Leadership Fundraising Breakfast @ Westin Hotel
11-12	Dad 'N' Me Weekend @ Camp Niwana
12 ...	Peace Arch Celebration
25 ...	Camp Sealth Open House
27 ...	YVC Summer Service Projects Begin

July

5	Independence Day Holiday, Offices and Program Resource Centers Closed
16 ...	Trailsfest 2005!

August

12 ...	Camp Fire USA Day at the Mariners
26 ...	YVC Summer Service Projects End

From the Director

As many of you know by now, Camp Fire USA Central Puget Sound Council successfully completed its \$6M Capital Campaign.

It was an inspirational campaign, led by visionary leaders who were determined to fulfill the promise of the campaign to Camp Fire USA's donors, participants, and volunteers. It began on September 10, 2001, the day before 9/11. Those of lesser heart and courage would have given up, immediately. However, that was not the case with the wonderful individuals driving this campaign. Instead, even though it took longer than expected to complete, against all expectations of success, it was a resounding success!

Following are a few salient facts gathered by Kristen Stewart, Camp Fire's Capital Campaign staff liaison.

Components of the successful Capital Campaign:

- Determination and leadership of Co-Chairs, Board, Steering Committee and volunteers.
- Outstanding leadership gifts - Richard & Janet Hunter \$625,000, Allen Foundation \$500,000, Gates Foundation \$800,000, MJ Murdock Charitable Foundation \$237,000.
- Combined Board/key staff gift of over \$911,000!

What the Campaign will do for Camp Fire:

- Serve at least 2,500 more youth each year.
- Restore essential facilities at Camp Sealth to provide much needed program space and allow for year-round use.

Update on construction:

- Actual construction projects at Camp Sealth have begun and are expected to be completed by the end of the year.
- Camp Sessions and programs will not be interrupted.
- Campers' safety is a primary concern and precautionary efforts have been taken to ensure safety throughout the construction phase.

Future Opportunities for giving:

- We still plan to complete the endowment goal of an additional \$3M, which was the second piece of the Campaign. Money for the endowment will fund maintenance at Camps Sealth and Niwana; and it will help Camp Fire USA to expand our reach to youth not currently served.

All of the above is to demonstrate Camp Fire USA Central Puget Sound Council's commitment to expanding our reach to serve the youth and families in our council.

Money speaks . . . and our donors and supporters have spoken! "We believe in Camp Fire – to the tune of \$6M."

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Now it is up to all of us

- to expand our reach to communities not currently served;
- to increase our numbers in communities which *are* currently served;
- to promote the opportunities in our service learning program – Youth Volunteer Corps;
- to offer every child the amazing curriculum of our excellent camps;
- to entice youth to explore our creative and ‘hip’ day camps;
- to market the value of Camp Fire to all youth - a value which promotes social/emotional growth and skills, academic achievement, the opportunity to develop self-awareness, the wonderful opportunity to explore the out-of-doors and other new vistas.

Camp Fire USA is a skill-based program for a young person’s growth and development.

Truly, Camp Fire USA is an organization to be proud of! Let’s GROW!

Best,

Jane

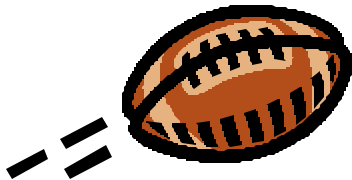
Jane White Vulliet
CEO

“Hawk” Programs at Seahawks Games, Raise Money for Camp Fire!

In 2004, over 125 Camp Fire volunteers answered the call to become a Seahawk “Hawker” and sell programs at two regular season games as well as one playoff game. As one of four Seahawk Blue Ribbon Partners, Camp Fire volunteers raised over \$59,000 for Camp Fire programs and had fun in the process.

Camp Fire again will be selling game day programs for Seahawk games in 2005. The dates for our games are: **September 25th against Arizona and November 27th against NY Giants. Both games are on Sunday afternoon.**

We are currently recruiting volunteers so if you or your son or daughter is interested in a unique way to raise money for Camp Fire, please contact us as soon as possible. Each volunteer will be given a Seahawk jersey to wear during the game and will be able to stay for the game when finished selling programs (usually after the first quarter).



Please contact Lael Ross if you are interested in volunteering or would like more information.

E-mail: lael-r@campfire-usa.org or Lael at 206 461 8550, ext. 234

Spread the Word!



There are hundreds of public schools in King, Kitsap, and north Mason counties. In addition, there are numerous private schools and academies. At each of these schools there might be families looking

for the experiences and opportunities Camp Fire has to offer. How do we find these families and tell them more about our programs? What is the best way to get the word out and encourage participation?

YOU! Our volunteers and members are the best resource we have for spreading the word about Camp Fire USA! Please share your positive Camp Fire experiences with another family and encourage involvement. Also, help publicize Camp Fire at your local school, faith community or organization.

Contact the your local branch office if you would be willing to:

- Deliver flyers to your school
- Put up Posters
- Help with a school “open house” display table
- Mentor a new volunteer
- Help entertain kids at information meetings
- Learn more about Camp Fire’s recruitment needs

With your help we can help create more caring confident youth and future leaders!

Still Room at Camp & Day Camp

Still planning your summer? There is still room in Summer Programs at Camp Sealth. Up-to-date information is on our website at www.campfire-usa.org. You can even register online.

Local Day Camps also still have openings. Your kids and their friends can still have fun in the great outdoors at either resident camp or day camp. So download an application and mail it in today, or call us so we can mail you information.

Horizon 200 Service Hour Award

Congratulations to Meaghan Luchau on completing her 200 hour Horizon Service Award.

Meaghan, a sophomore at Mt. Rainier High School, is a valuable volunteer for Camp Fire USA and other community organizations. A member of the Council Board of Directors, she has helped with Council Fires, the C.A.R.E. Dinner, and various other South Branch Events. In addition, she has given her time to a local tutoring program. Meaghan has served as an example to Discovery youth in the South Branch, acting as an assistant to a Highline Discovery group and helping supervise at the South Branch Discovery Laser Quest Lock-in. She also gave 186 hours of service on a mission trip to serve homeless persons in the Vancouver, B.C. area. Great work, Meaghan!

The Horizon 200 Service Hour Award is available to all registered older youth, 9th grade and older who have taken training in how to count their hours. The award may be earned an unlimited number of times, and rightfully impresses potential employers and colleges. We encourage any youth graduating from 8th grade to arrange for training with their branch staff, so that they can begin counting service hours this summer.

Taking Swimming Lessons This Summer?

Camp Fire members can earn emblems for improving their swimming skills. Lessons at camp or at the community pool count toward earning the colorful fish emblems described in the Council's swimming flyer or on page 211 of the *Adventure Trails* book. So, if your child receives a card or certificate for improving their swimming skills, then they have completed a step in the Camp Fire swimming progression! Award him or her an emblem with hearty congratulations!

Sweet Use for Candy Fundraiser Money

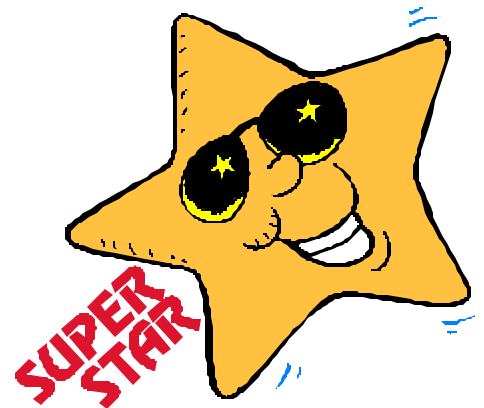
Firebolts, a Camp Fire USA Adventure group in Kirkland, came up with a sweet plan for spending their candy sales group refund money and then wrote the following story as one of their activities in a meeting:

We did candy selling and that money went to our group so we did a community project and gave back. We helped a domestic violence shelter by spending \$300 on essentials and toys.

New Beginnings is a nonprofit company in Seattle and they serve battered women and their children. They needed baby food, toothbrushes, pillows, soup, and toys. One of the favorite toys picked out, that either a girl or boy would like, was a squishy ball. Peaches baby food was chosen because peaches are good tasting.

We bought what a family would need from the Totem Lake Fred Meyer. People picked out what they wanted like coats and toys and Barbies. Also, "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" and Hotwheels cars because they weren't very expensive and we could get lots of them.

Our group Firebolts has been together for six years and we feel great because we supported the moms and children that don't have a whole family. It's good that people in our group helped because it would help people who needed stuff they couldn't buy, and we're proud because we're doing the right thing. We feel special and privileged for helping out because most people don't have \$300 that they can just go out and spend, and it makes us feel warm and fuzzy to make sure they won't be homeless. We're glad people will get Hotwheels... lots and lots of Hotwheels... because they're awesome.



Signed:

Spencer Bowen,
11 years old, Thoreau Elementary
Brian Bowers,
10 years old, AG Bell Elementary
Kevin Bowers,
10 years old, AG Bell Elementary
Syd Coan,
10 years old, AG Bell Elementary
Lilja Jonsson,
11 years old, Juanita Elementary
Max Walker,
11 years old, Woodmoor Elementary

The Inquiring Leader Asks

Q: As we finish up the school year, I'd like our group to hold a celebration. Do you have any suggestions for how to do this?

A: Great idea! This is something every group should try to undertake as the year winds down. Your goals are twofold: 1. you want to celebrate the group's accomplishments this year and recall the fun they had, and 2. you want to look ahead with the kids and their parents to the fun and value in the future. You want them to stay excited, and be looking forward to next year.

An ideal ending for the year is some activity that involves the parents and guardians. Some clubs take advantage of the improving weather to go camping with all the families. This activity involves the parents, so that while they are singing around the campfire and cooking together, memories are built and families are strengthened. Or consider going somewhere special as whole families, like Northwest Trek, the Olympic Game Farm, or ice skating or to play laser tag, using their Candy Fundraiser refund.

Some groups enjoy a potluck or barbecue or pizza party. For the program, try one or more of the following:

- Ask each member to share a favorite memory or two.
- Light candles and hold your own Council Fire.
- Ask each member to share something that was new to them or that they learned. You could have them act out charades or skits, for variety, and ask their families to guess.
- Have the group make up a rap song about what they did and learned this year, and what they want to do in the future.
- Let the families suggest activity ideas for next year.

Having the kids evaluate what they do and make plans is a key part of the Camp Fire USA program. Reflecting on the fun of this year and planning with your group for next year builds feelings of teamwork and friendship. It gets everyone excited about next year's activities, and keeps kids and parents interested in Camp Fire. If time is too short now to plan this family event, consider starting up with it next fall. Have a great summer!



Fireworks Safety

Keep the 4th of July fun by being careful about the use of fireworks. The American Academy of Pediatrics strongly urges parents not to buy fireworks. Instead, they recommend that families attend professional fireworks displays, instead of using fireworks at home.

The Academy points out that even fireworks, such as sparklers, which are thought of as being safe, can reach over 1000 degrees F and can result in severe burns for users and bystanders. Please have a safe and happy Independence Day.

Renew Your Membership Now

Renewal forms were sent to each family in early June. Enjoy major savings and earn an Early Bird emblem. All you have to do is return your forms and payment in the enclosed envelope, postmarked by June 30th. Then your group will be ready to have fun as soon as school starts.

SCT Plans Exciting Season

Recently listed in the top five children's theatres in the nation by *Time* magazine, the Seattle Children's Theatre (SCT) celebrates its 31st season with these exciting plays:

Seussical,
September 16 – November 18, 2005
(for ages 5 and older)

Nothing is the Same,
October 7 – November 20, 2005
(for ages 8 and older)

Sleeping Beauty,
December 2 – February 4, 2006
(for ages 5 and older)

Peter and the Wolf,
January 6 – March 18, 2006
(for ages 4 and older)

The Devil and Daniel Webster,
February 17 – April 1,
(for ages 11 and older)

Honus and Me,
March 31 – May 13, 2006
(for ages 8 and older)

Junie B. Jones and a Little Monkey Business,
April 14-June 18, 2006
(for ages 6 and older)

Attending a live theatre performance with your family or Camp Fire club makes an enjoyable activity when the winter rains keep us inside. For more information call 206 441 4488 or visit www.sct.org.

Mom/Kid Weekend

Sept. 17th and 18th, 2005

Camp Niwana (South of Port Orchard)

Boys and girls, ages 5 and up, invite your favorite gal (Mom, Grandma, favorite Aunt, or...) 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.

This is open to co-workers, friends, and family. You may make copies of this information to hand out.

When: Sept. 17th 10:30 a.m. to 18th 2:00 p.m.
Where: Camp Niwana near Port Orchard.
Fee: \$27 per person.
 This covers: dinner, breakfast, snacks, overnight, lifeguard and craft costs.



Registration: Send the form below with:
 1. A check made payable to Camp Fire USA
 2. A self-addressed, stamped, legal sized envelope to:
 Mom/Kid Weekend at Camp Niwana
 c/o Penny Renwick
 26825 17th Pl. S.
 Des Moines, WA 98198

Deadline for postmark is September 6th. A confirmation letter and map will be mailed to you.

Cancelled reservations will not be refunded.

Questions: Call Penny at 206 354 5817, e-mail copper1@msn.com OR e-mail Cortina Baxter at cortina_b@yahoo.com

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

Adult(s) _____ , _____

Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

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

E-mail _____

Child(ren) Names(s) _____ (Age) _____ (Grade) _____ (Sex) _____
 _____ (Age) _____ (Grade) _____ (Sex) _____
 _____ (Age) _____ (Grade) _____ (Sex) _____

Cabin(mate) Request : _____ or _____

Are you a doctor , nurse , EMT ?
 Any medical or dietary concerns we should be aware of? Yes , No If yes, please list: _____

Fees: Number of Adults _____ X \$27 = \$ _____
 Number of Youth _____ X \$27 = \$ _____
 Total fees enclosed \$ _____

Office Use Only:	
Date Rec.: _____	
Confirmation Sent: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check	<input type="checkbox"/> Money Order Rec. # _____

Congratulations 2005 Wohelo Award Recipients!

The highest award a youth member of Camp Fire USA can earn, the Wohelo Award exemplifies youth leadership and achievement. The award usually takes 2 to 3 years to complete, and youth are required to demonstrate not only leadership, but self-confidence, respect for others, organizational skills, and a desire and ability to make a difference in the world. Only about 200 youth per year nationwide earn the Wohelo Award, and we are proud to have thirteen of them in our Council!

Hannah Ander

Planning and organization were central to the success of Hannah's service to Camp Fire as well as the greater community. Hannah chaired the committees responsible for Starflight Weekend and the South Branch's Outdoor Skills Day. In addition to the hard work and focus in preparation for these events, she still found time to interact with the young participants especially during her secret code workshop at Starflight Weekend. Hannah was not only interested in serving Camp Fire youth, but in making a difference for others in her community. Her service extended to the elderly and underprivileged as she helped organize Caroling for Cans and Shoeboxes of Joy service projects. Hannah made a real difference. She also created opportunities for other Horizon youth to get involved and help their communities.

Elizabeth Andrews

Elizabeth believes strongly in youth involvement and empowerment. A junior at Bellevue High School, she increased participation in the East Branch Council Fire and the Candy Fundraiser. Elizabeth initiated an Alumni invitation project, in which she encouraged Camp Fire Alumni to attend the East Branch Grand Council Fire. Elizabeth's desire to engage a greater portion of the community with Camp Fire also extended to her role as Candy Distributor. She wrote an article for the King County Journal to stir up support, as well as an article for the *Wohelo* newsletter about how you could take a more responsible role in the Candy Fundraiser. Elizabeth has worked to promote youth fitness through teaching at ski school and creating a website explaining the value of youth exercise.

Michelle Ann Boyer

Michelle has been accepted to the Honors College at Washington State University where she plans to pursue a degree in engineering. She feels that she has gained significant leadership experience by working with children, peers, and adults to accomplish projects. She co-chaired the 2003 West Branch Council Fire and volunteered at Niwana and Bainbridge Island Day Camps as the Outdoor Specialist. Increasing people's awareness of the environment by spreading the principles of Leave No Trace was one of her issues. She recruited fellow high school students and trained them to teach these concepts at the local elementary schools. Michelle believes that if you take it one step at a time, you will be surprised at how fast your finish and how much knowledge you gain.

Leanne Burns

Leanne is a fourth generation Camp Fire member. Her service exhibits her belief in community involvement and the need for good role models for kids. Leanne arranged for deaf and hearing-impaired children to receive Santa gifts at the annual DAHRT Christmas party. As a senior at Mt. Rainier High School, she led forty-five third graders in painting a massive orca mural, as a way of sharing art with the community. It was important to her to show youth the myriad of ways older teens can lead and be role models. Leanne was a counselor at Tall Timbers Day Camp, helped plan Camp Fire birthday parties, and taught workshops at Camp Sealth weekends. Leanne has made an impact in her twelve years as a Camp Fire member.

Nicki J. Hall

Nicki's advocacies revolved around both preserving tradition and teaching new skills. She has been an active member of her church's youth group. She was instrumental in her church's production of the play "Godspell," which she directed and taught the children sign language to one of its songs. Nicki has been a Day Camp staff member at both Bainbridge Island and Niwana Day Camps. In addition to teaching Camp Fire youth new skills, she has also sought to preserve Camp Fire traditions. She co-chaired and co-MC-ed the West Branch Council Fire of 2004, which involved organizing leaders, making brochures, and teaching Discovery youth, "Burn Fire Burn." Nicki's work simultaneously embodies and sustains the enduring spirit of Camp Fire.

Catlin L. Henry

For four years, Catlin has been in charge of the West Seattle Ice Cream Social. As the top Candy seller in Washington State for the last nine years, she has been an example for all Camp Fire members and shown her extreme support by using traditional methods at a radical level. She undertook the project of restoring the Camp Fire brick fire ring in West Seattle's Lincoln Park. Catlin collaborated in bringing the monument back to its original glory. She has been an educator about Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and has worked to lower the staggering percentage of women who are unfamiliar with the disease. She "lettered" in three sports for four years at West Seattle High School, but she feels that it is her involvement in Camp Fire that has completed her as a person.

Jessica Lynn Hopper

Jessica will be graduating from North Kitsap High School as well as earning an Associates Degree from Olympic College through the Running Start program. She will transfer to Western Washington University in the fall. Jessica has worked to involve youth in Washington Explorer Search and Rescue. To improve self-esteem in younger children, she led Camp Fire USA groups from kindergarteners to third graders for three years. Jessica has been a counselor at Camp Niwana leading crafts, songs, games, swimming, outdoor cooking, outdoor skills, working with the Counselors-in-Training, and a third grade boys group. "To accomplish your Wohelo [Award] may be difficult at times, but all great things take work. Just stay at it and enjoy the outcome," are Jessica's words of encouragement.

Jennifer M. Johnson

Jennifer's work: chairing Horizon Cabinet meetings, teaching workshops at Starflight Weekend, serving on the Board of Directors, working at day camp, planning the program at Discovery/Horizon Weekend, and teaching workshops at the South Branch's Outdoor Skills Day, have instilled important knowledge and qualities in others. As a senior at Hazen High School, Jennifer has informed her peers about the existence of youth suicide and self-mutilation and the ways in which it can be prevented. She also served as a volunteer with the Youth Suicide Prevention Program (YSP). Jennifer's desire to nurture positive growth in youth and prevent destructive outcomes demonstrates her insight into and compassion for the complex problems that face kids. Jennifer will be attending Johnson and Wales University in Providence, RI, majoring in business.

Laura E. Kellogg

Science will keep Laura busy at Central Washington University after graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School. As a day camp counselor, she taught campers to make lanyards, sing songs and improve their outdoor skills. She has sold Camp Fire candy for thirteen years. Laura raised money for Mary Bridge Children's Hospital to purchase medical equipment by creating baskets for the Jingle Bell Jam Auction. She taught crafts, sang, loaded/unloaded auction items, and set up for the Festival of Trees. To increase awareness of the needs in other parts of the world, she helped Lutheran World Relief by making twenty-five school bags, health, sewing, layette, and birthing kits. Laura feels that working on this award has built character and has given her knowledge that she will use in the future.

Jessica Myriah Lindeke

Jessica has learned to appreciate community service and enjoyed working with and teaching younger children while giving service to Camp Fire, her church community, and caring for pets of low-income families. Through organizing the Winter Ceremonial in Highline, she collected over 200 pounds of pet food and supplies for pets. Jessica has been a co-leader for Lynne Sitarsky's Adventure group. She taught crafts, Camp Fire USA history, and weather wise information. Jessica's group has gone on field trips, and an overnight at the Pacific Science Center. Jessica also helped plan and set up for many church celebrations. She participated in reading scripture at services, and babysat in the nursery at Resurrection Lutheran and John Knox Presbyterian churches. For Camp Fire's birthday, Jessica distributed flyers for parents to write Absolutely Incredible Kid letters.

Meaghan Luchau

After watching many Camp Fire groups dissolve as the youth grew older, Meaghan decided to encourage older youth to stay in Camp Fire. She not only became an assistant leader and role model to a group of teenagers, but Meaghan actively participated in the South Branch Horizon Cabinet and planned many events. Recognizing that all Camp Fire day camps are run by volunteers, she encouraged adult participation at Leader's Association Meetings, Branch Group Program Committee Meetings, and other Camp Fire events. Meaghan has tirelessly devoted herself to homelessness. She cooked lunch at a camp for underprivileged youth and addressed the topic to the youth and congregation at her church. She seized every opportunity to serve the homeless community and speak out for the cause.

Kirstin Maki

Endorsing safe and healthy outdoor activities through volunteering at Carkeek II Day Camp has been Kirstin's role for four years. By teaching fire safety to both the campers and the staff, she focused on the importance of abiding by fire safety rules. She led her group in the planning processes of Council Fire, serving as contact and delegating duties such as finding locations, contacting groups, and creating programs and themes. Kirstin mentored a younger group about the Council Fire process and taught the groups about Council Fire traditions. As an officer of the National Honor Society at Nathan Hale High School, she demonstrated to other students and community members how to get involved in local projects as well as teaching students about the importance of both academic excellence and school support.

Lynn A. Spishak

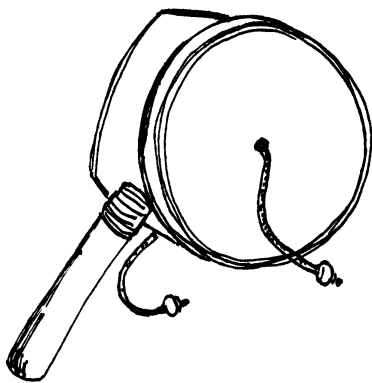
"I've seen how my actions really do make a difference in the community," says Lynn about her experience earning the Wohelo Award. As a member of the Bellevue High School Link Crew, Lynn helped guide freshmen through their first year of high school by planning events and building relationships. As the president of her school's Environmental Club, she spearheaded a used cell phone recycling drive, and educated students and faculty about the harmful effects old technology has on the environment. Lynn also used her background in environmental education to teach Camp Fire youth about the impact they have on the Earth. Her environmental education lesson plans are available on the web to help other Camp Fire Leaders teach their youth about how their actions can make a difference in their world.

Amazing Event!

A big "thank you" to our terrific volunteer and Horizon Advisor, Karlyn Byham ("Hoot" from Carkeek II Day Camp), who is on the Board of the annual Seattle International Children's Festival. This year, she arranged for Camp Fire USA to host a "Discovery Center," a kids' activity booth for youth who attend the festival with their schools or families.

For six days, from Monday, May 9th - Saturday, May 14th, Camp Fire USA staff and volunteers had fun making drums similar to those indigenous to Nepal with the kids who stopped by our booth.

By the end, we helped over 2,200 (!) kids create and decorate drums, while bringing the Camp Fire message to 200 - 500 parents and teachers in person. We also provided a teacher's information sheet and Family Take Home Activity Page with additional educational craft, history, and language activities, to be clear that we are providing high quality youth development and that Camp Fire is hip 'n' happenin'!



Of course many staff and volunteers made this event possible, but special mention is due to Mary Olsen of the South Branch, who wonderfully coordinated all staffing, designed the drum construction method, and purchased all supplies. Janelle Kitson, Council Program Assistant, also created beautiful displays about Nepal to make our Discovery Center even more educational, and helped staff the booth all week.

What a great opportunity to showcase Camp Fire USA – we hope to do it again next year!

Calling all Camp Fire Groups to Trailsfest 2005!

Camp Fire is leading the sing-along at this year's *Trailsfest*, thanks to a connection Amy Hendricks (Issaquah Family Club leader) made with Robin Smith of the Washington Trails Association.

In addition to singing, here are some other awesome events that are in the planning – great hikes all day: packing and hiking with llamas, hiking with goats, hiking with German Shepherd search dogs; native plants, map & compass, animal tracking, and mountain weather forecasting. You can try kayaking, riding horses and the rock climbing. Experts will demonstrate fly tying, first aid and outdoor cooking. That last demo is especially good if your group wants to add to the pie-iron pizza and chili-in-a-bag recipes! REI will have a treasure hunt; *Backpacker Magazine* will be on site and more. Looking at the above list: there are at least one or two emblems you could probably earn at *Trailsfest 2005*, too.

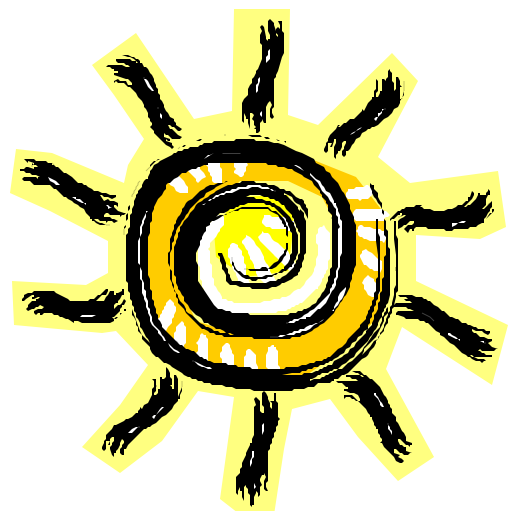
***Trailsfest 2005* will be held Saturday, July 16th, 9 a.m. – 4p.m. The official sing-along will be from noon – 1 p.m. at the covered Outdoor Classroom at Rattlesnake Lake.** Let's have a HUGE turnout with as many groups as possible coming to sing. Wear something Camp Fire—your vest, a candy fundraising shirt, anything with the Camp Fire logo. Plan to bring the whole family and make a day of it. Check out the website at www.wta.org.

Boating Camp on Lake Washington

Queen City Yacht Club, 2608 Boyer Avenue East on Portage Bay invites swimmers 8-17 years old to join one of 9 one-week sessions, beginning the week of June 27th – ending the week of August 22nd.

Join others in your age group with similar experience and learn rowing, sailing fundamentals, small boat handling and water safety from U.S. Sailing certified instructors.

Bring your enthusiasm — and your lunch — and we'll provide life jackets, course materials and a diploma. Sessions run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and cost \$250 per week. For additional information, contact Candace at QCYC at 206 709 2000 or www.queencity.org.



Celebrating our Volunteers

Starting at the C.A.R.E. Dinner on May 11th, the season of thanking and honoring our volunteers and youth began. Nearly 200 people had the opportunity to meet the 13 Wohelo Recipients and learn about them and their advocacies, as well as honor those with 20 +5 years as adult members and the presentation of the Council Awards.

TENURE AWARDS

20 Years

Marilyn Bernahl, Susan Finneran, Pat Henderson, Diana McGaw, Laurie Meade, M. Lynn Ryder

25 Years

Bill Bannecker, Rosaline Bird, Virginia Ferguson
Kit Green, Charisse Gregory, Gary Neumann,
Christie Ridgeway, Mason Sizemore

30 Years

Ron Adkins, Jean Cerar, Sue Florence-O'Brien

35 Years

Frances Carr, Mary McKay, Kathleen Murray,
Helen Walsh

40 Years

Earl & Mignhon Dusenbery, Carolyn Kruse,
Jan Louchney, Margaret Pryne, Reah Wesson,
Mary Ann Wiley

45 Years

Barbara Kaiser, Ruthie Kallander, Lucile Teller

COUNCIL RECOGNITION

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Glenn Briskin

Windsurfing Program, Camp Sealth

Jennifer Brown

Volunteer at Camp Sealth

Suzie Failla

Camp Niwana

BLUE RIBBON AWARD

Awarded for widespread and extraordinary direct service to youth over an extended period of time.

Martha Mercer from the North Branch

Cindy Scott from the East Branch

JOHN COLLIER AWARD

Awarded for outstanding and extraordinary service to Camp Fire USA over an extended period of time.

Harvey Locke

Pamela Myers

ERNEST THOMPSON SETON AWARD

Awarded for outstanding contributions in the area of leadership to the Council as a whole.

Coleen Anderson

COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD

Recognizes outstanding commitment to the youth of Camp Fire USA and our community.

Seattle Seahawks

Paul G. Allen Family Foundation

CAMP FIRE SPIRIT AWARD

Awarded for outstanding contributions to the Council over an extended period of time.

Susan Finneran

During May and June Council Fires will be held throughout the Council. Following are the Awards being presented.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Awarded for special service to Camp Fire.

East Branch

Beth Peterson, Pam Zackula, Karen Zupke

North Branch

Debbie Casselman, Kathleen Connor, Asmeret Haile, Elena Paterson, Anne Rosenfeld

South Branch

Terry Beckler/M.V. Grange, Covington Fred Meyer, Laura Hiber, Maple Valley Safeway, Frank Walker, Shelley Walker, Helen Zimmerman

West Branch

Shannon Thompson

SHU TA WA

Awarded for exceptional and imaginative leadership and service to a Camp Fire group. Registered at least one year.

East Branch

Michell Spring

North Branch

Karen Brooks, Lisa Butler, Lani Carpenter, June Eisenman, Tari Gordon, Sheila Friend Gray, Nyra Gray, Lauri Hennessey, Sissi Horton, Christine Jones, Lynn Livesley, Karen Montes, Kelly Overly, Sandy Revesz, Shering Reeves, Vida Sneed, Paige Tangney, Susie Yamane

South Branch

Theresa Beauchene, Richard Dunn, Katy Erickson, Kelli Gaston, Becky Haver, Judy Mannard, Deanna Mathews, Stacy Sherburne, Meesa Taylor, Laura Widdice

West Branch

Ivaly Alexander and Amy Hutchison

WAKAN

Awarded for exceptional and imaginative leadership and service to a Camp Fire group. Registered at least four years.

North Branch

Lisa Bruce, Stacy Carlson, Freda Cook, Karen Crosby, Betsy Hubbard, Cheryl Lindberg,

South Branch

Marci Coen, Cheri MacKinnon

HIITENI

Awarded for extensive and on-going leadership and service

South Branch

Chris Eddy, Elethea Steward, Mary Zaches

JEANNE ENGELHARDT

Awarded for continued, outstanding and enduring

leadership and service to a Camp Fire group.

Registered for at least ten years.

East Branch

Andi Davis, Korina Meyers

South Branch

Amy DeVore, Charisse Gregory, Shena Rodgers

A YA

Awarded for exemplary cooperative leadership by a team to a Camp Fire group at any program level.

North Branch

Jane Davis group, Patti Olsen, Leslie Vietmeier, Cathie Wescott

South Branch

Susan Bailey, Jennifer DeSmul, Sheila Fairchild, Alise Fors, Melissa Hill-Gore, Lory Malloy, Teresa Quinlan, Kristen Taylor

I DA KA

Awarded for exceptional leadership and service by a youth member, 8th grade and up, to an individual group, service or program.

East Branch

Samantha Stevens

TANDA NU WI

Awarded for exceptional and imaginative contributions to the growth and retention of membership within a Branch.

East Branch

Amy Hendricks

I TAN A

Awarded for outstanding contributions during product and magazine sales by coordinators and distributors.

East Branch

Jeanette Borges, Theresa Fancher, Patti Marazano, Sara Skulec

North Branch

Dawn Lemoi, Pam Love, Mary Gallagher

West Branch

Teresa Hooper, Judy Jones

CHARLOTTE JOY FARSWORTH

Awarded for outstanding administration and coordination in a Branch/Department over an extended period of time.

South Branch

Sam Cofer

COPAYA

Awarded for Continuing Participation in Camp Fire by a Young Adult

South Branch

Michelle Dollinger, Crystal Renwick

TIMANOUS

Awarded for outstanding contributions of support in program areas.

East Branch

Julie Bawden

North Branch

Catha Cowgill, Mary White

South Branch

Kathi Middlekauff

RED FEATHER

Presented to leaders of graduating groups

North Branch

Gail Ballard, Dawn Lemoi

South Branch

Kathy Ander, Vickie Burns, Terri Butler-Stoddard

West Branch

Marjorie Kellogg, Debra Langley-Boyer

Congratulations to all our volunteers who are listed above and a special thank you to all our volunteers who truly do make a difference. You are all greatly appreciated.

Turn in Permission Forms

Leaders or Leader Team Coordinators, please remember to turn your Special Activity Permission forms in to your Branch office, Group Program Coordinator, or Leaders' Association Chairperson. Camp Fire is required by Washington State Law to archive these forms. Please help us remain in compliance by turning yours in at the end of every program year. Thank you!



Fun in the Future

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 – Printmaking!

For the **FUN** of it

Do the Puyallup and Get in Free!

Would you like to attend the Puyallup Fair for free? Sign up with Lorrie Scott to give a demonstration or presentation at the Camp Fire Booth for a few hours at the Puyallup Fair, September 9th – 25th. In exchange, your group can receive free admission, and be eligible to purchase the Fair emblem for your ceremonial attire.

Show everyone how much fun Camp Fire is by face painting, demonstrating lummi sticks or outdoor skills, or a doing a craft with the youth and parents who come to the Camp Fire USA area of the Fair. Openings for demonstrations are available all three weekends. Participants need to wear their Camp Fire uniform for the time of their demonstration and then can change clothes for the rest of the day. Contact Lorrie at lorriann123@hotmail.com or call her at 253 839 2555.

2005 Candy Fundraiser 500 Seller Day

May 7th was an exciting day for 23 Central Puget Sound Council Camp Fire youth, as the long awaited 500 Seller Day had arrived! It was a great day and the weather fully cooperated with the planned events.

All gathered in the parking lot of the Council office to begin the “mystery tour.” The four stretch limos arrived at 8:45 a.m. and the fun began.

Each group selected 2 envelopes from the 8 offered as “possible” destinations for their limos. They were also free to choose other areas to visit but had to be sure to meet at Chuck E. Cheese in Lynnwood for lunch of pizza and soda. All the youth were given game tokens and some time to use them on the various games/rides offered at Chuck E. Cheese.

At 12:45 p.m. we boarded the bus for the trip to our “surprise” destination. We traveled north to the Naval Station in Everett for a private tour of the *USS Abraham Lincoln*! This was really special as it had helped with tsunami relief and seen action in the Gulf War. Many groups donated some or their entire group proceeds from the Candy Fundraiser to tsunami relief and a few worked to send items to troops in the Gulf area.

Our official escort, George, who accompanied us to the ship and throughout our tour, met the bus at the base front gate. We boarded the ship and were met by two more tour escorts. The tour included the command center, the main flight deck, and the galley and mess area.

At the ship's store, each youth was given \$10 to buy a “souvenir” of their tour of the ship. They could select from hats, patches, sweatshirts, coffee mugs, water jugs and a various assortment of snack items. Many got hats and patches as well as other goodies.

As a footnote, a little bird told me that two of the moms that brought members quite a distance for their day of fun also had a special day. My little birdie said that the moms got their own limo and went for a little pampering – manicure/pedicure etc. What a great idea for those moms that must spend the day in Seattle while their offspring participate in the 500 Seller Day events.



Be sure to check out the Central Puget Sound Council website - www.campfire-usa.org as we have posted pictures from the event. I hope all who attended had a wonderful time and that many great memories of the day were made.

Kathy Neubecker
Product Sales and Merchandise Coordinator

Carnival of Beads Thank You!

Thank you to all of the amazing volunteers who helped make this year's Carnival of Beads a fun-filled day for 160 Camp Fire youth and 75 adults! Under the guidance of the Rhythm, Shi I Ga Ti, and TaKiMa groups, 21 teens put in over 346 hours of service planning, organizing, and running the all-day event at Camp Sealth on April 2nd.

Carnival of Beads is a great event for Adventure-level Camp Fire youth. This year, the youth earned at least 20 beads while learning crafts, singing songs, exploring nature, and making new friends.

If your group came this year, thank you for coming! If you couldn't attend and will still be in Adventure next year, mark your calendar for next spring's event. It will be tons of fun! Remember, if your group has "outgrown" Carnival of Beads, (6th grade and above), consider signing up for Older Youth Weekend this fall!

Leslie Vietmeier,
Leader of the Rhythm and TaKiMa Groups



2006 National Art Project: Printmaking

Get ready to learn about printmaking and have fun working on the 2006 National Art Project. In printmaking, the artist chooses a surface (cardboard, foam, linoleum, or wood, to name just a few examples), to be the printing plate. Then the artist prepares the plate by carving parts away from it or applying raised items to it or drawing on the plate, so that ink or paint can be applied and pressed onto paper from the plate.

There are a few basic types of fine art printing:

1. Monotypes or monoprints are transferred only once. The artist creates a design on a surface, using paint or ink. Then by pressing the surface with a piece of paper, the design is transferred in mirror image to the paper.
2. Relief printing is printing from a raised surface. Rubber stamp printing is relief printing.
3. Intaglio prints are made by cutting the design into a surface, applying ink, and wiping it off, so that the ink is left only in the grooves.
4. Lithography or planography is printing from a flat surface. The artist draws the design on the plate with a crayon or grease pen. The surface of the plate is covered in water, which remains on the non-oily surface and avoids the oily parts. An oil-based ink is then applied that adheres only to the oily portion of the surface.
5. Serigraphy uses stencils to create a design. Screen printing is a type of serigraphy.

Watch future issues of this newsletter for more tips and methods for exploring the creativity of printmaking with your members.

Fall Service Weekends

Bring your family or Camp Fire group to camp for a day or the whole weekend. Projects are available for adults and youth 10 and older. Meals and free overnight stay are provided at both Service Weekends.

Camp Sealth

October 15th – 16th

Dune grass planting along the bulkhead, trail work & firewood splitting

Camp Niwana

October 1st – 2nd

Painting, firewood splitting, and putting camp to bed for the winter

For more information contact Jan Milligan at
206 463 3174, ext. 22 or
jan-m@campfire-usa.org.



FREE Summer Fun with YVC!

Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) has some exciting service projects happening this summer. If you know a youth interested in having fun while helping the community—have them check out YVC's summer service projects. YVC projects are for any youth age 11-18 in King County interested in gaining job and leadership skills, meeting new friends, and learning about issues facing their community. All YVC projects are FREE and generally last one to two weeks in length.

On a YVC project youth might be: restoring mountain trails or hillsides, helping promote a teen theatre production, painting a bus shelter mural, working at a day camp for kids who have been affected by cancer, doing outreach at farmer's markets for cool organizations like Bike Works, or organizing school supplies. The list goes on!

See all YVC Summer projects at: www.campfire-usa.org/YVC/opportunities.htm.

To participate on a YVC project, youth must register in advance. Have the youth identify the projects they are interested in and fill out the registration form which you can download from www.campfire-usa.org/YVC/YVCRegForm.pdf.

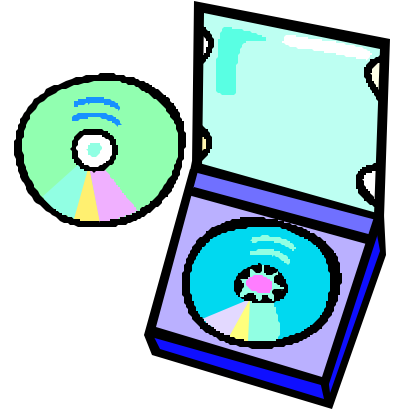
Send the completed registration form to YVC, 8511 15th Ave NE, Seattle 98115.

For more information contact YVC:
Krista Hoffman, YVC Program Coordinator
206 461 8550, ext. 230
krista-h@campfire-usa.org



2005 Magazine and Music Fundraiser

Preparations are underway for the 2005 Magazine and Music Fundraiser. The theme is "Ride the Reading Wave!" and the incentives are really great. Packets will be available in late August as well as training for Captains and other key volunteers. The Magazine Fundraising runs September 1st through October 31st; if you are able to be a Coordinator or Distributor, please contact me at kathyn@campfire-usa.org or 206 461 8550, ext. 312 for more information.



This summer is a great time to secure those "off season" subscriptions and renewals - remember, they will count as 2005 sales. Let's make the 2005 Magazine and Music Fundraiser a big success by everyone participating.

Kathy Neubecker
Product Sales and Merchandise Coordinator

National YAC Accepting Applications

The National Youth Advisory Cabinet (YAC) serves in an advisory capacity to National Camp Fire USA by making sure that the opinions of youth members are heard at the national level. Responsibilities include discussing matters of mutual concern related to youth, reviewing national level teen programs, and helping plan for Camp Fire USA events.

The YAC is composed of eight (8) youth from the general Camp Fire USA population and four (4) national youth board members, including the Vice President of Youth Leadership. YAC members have reached the age of 16 and may not have attained the age of 21 in the year of appointment; must be active in Camp Fire programs, be articulate and open-minded, and evidence a passion for Camp Fire.

New representatives are currently being selected for a two-year term, from January 1, 2006, to December 31, 2007. Completed application forms must be postmarked by August 19, 2005; interviews will be conducted at the end of August 2005 with notification of appointment will take place in early September 2005. Those interested in applying should contact Karen Aoyama, karen-a@campfire-usa.org or 206 461 8550, ext. 319 for an application and more information about the application process.

Take the Online Teen Survey

Visit the Camp Fire USA Teen Web site to participate in an online survey designed to determine areas of interest for the 2005-2007 Camp Fire National Youth Campaign topic. At the National Leadership Conference in October, youth will attend presentations on possible topics, and then select the topic they feel is most important. (The topic for 2003 – 2005 has been Addressing Hunger and Homelessness.)

The online survey will allow the National Youth Advisory Cabinet (YAC) to identify older youth service interest areas before finalizing the three campaign possibilities. Advisors, please encourage your older youth to take the survey at www.campfireusa.org/teens/online_survey/. Contact teens@campfireusa.org with questions.

Guidance for Wohelo Award Advocacies

Do you know a youth working on earning their Wohelo Award and looking for some direction on how to choose or develop an advocacy? YVC Program Coordinator, Krista Hoffman, would love to advise them about organizations that focus on their area of interest. YVC has partnered with hundreds of organizations throughout the Puget Sound working to alleviate

social problems. Find out how your youth can lead, teach, and speak out about an advocacy that is important to them while collaborating with local non profits. Contact YVC Program Coordinator, Krista Hoffman, at 206 461 8550, ext. 230 or krista-h@campfire-usa.org.



Camp Fire USA National Leadership Conference

Horizon and Teens in Action members can meet Camp Fire USA teens from all over the country and hone their leadership skills at the Camp Fire USA National Leadership Conference, October 28 – 30, 2005, at the Westin Crown Center Hotel in Kansas City, MO.

Every two years, teens in Camp Fire USA gather to choose an important national topic to focus teen community service efforts for the next biennium. Horizon and Teens in Action members will hear presentations and then vote. There will also be workshops and social events specifically for high school aged members.

Our Council will provide adult chaperones to travel with and supervise any teens who want to go. As we hear more from the national office, we will pass along more information about costs and workshops, but about \$250 usually covers all activities, food, and lodging. Plane fare and incidentals are extra. We have been guaranteed that hotel room rates will be only \$119 for a triple or quad, so whole Horizon groups are welcome to attend.

Advisors are welcome, too, but also may send the youth with the staff chaperones instead, if they prefer. Attendance meets certain Reflection requirements when working towards a Wohelo Award.

So start saving your money for this exciting leadership and learning opportunity. Any youth who ever attends always wants to go the next one! Contact Karen Aoyama, karena@campfire-usa.org or 206 461 8550, if you might like to attend or have questions.



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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.

