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CALENDAR

January

- 1 New Year's Holiday –
Offices Closed
8 Salute to Hospitalized
Veterans Cards Due
18 MLK Jr. Day – Offices
Closed
22 Candy Fundraiser Begins
27 C.G.P.C. Meeting

February

- 15 President's Day – Offices
Closed
15 Candy Fundraiser Ends
15-19 YVC MidWinter Break
Service Projects
19 Wohelo Award Materials
Due
24 C.G.P.C. Meeting
26-28 Adult Weekend

Receive This Newsletter Electronically

Did you know that the *Wohelo* newsletter is available electronically? If you'd prefer an electronic copy of this newsletter sent to your e-mail rather than paper, please contact Elaine Bacon, Director of Member Services, at elaineb@campfire-usa.org. Please tell her who you are and what e-mail address to use and we'll make the switch for you!

The Inquiring Leader Asks

Q: What is a Candy Rally and should my group go to one?

A: You should definitely sign your group up and go to the Candy Rally in your area! Candy Rallies are fun events where groups get together and get excited about the Candy Fundraiser.

Candy Rallies give your group the chance to

- ★ learn safety tips,
- ★ share selling suggestions,
- ★ see the awards, and
- ★ sample the candy (yum!).

Bring as many parents from your group as possible, so that they can sample the candy, help their child set goals, understand Camp Fire's safety standards, learn about site sales, and better understand the important skills youth learn from this program. When I was a new parent in Camp Fire, I didn't immediately realize all the benefits my child would eventually receive from candy fundraising. Because I didn't like to sell things myself, I imagined others felt the same.

Imagine my surprise when people walked up to my child at a site sale, and announced, "I've been waiting for you all year so I could buy mints!" Further, my child (and later my two other children) actually liked selling candy, because it is a real job: it's something grown-ups do. Normally shy, my daughter became able to ask people to buy candy and "help me raise money so our group can go camping." She became more resilient, accepting "no" for an answer and the occasional brush off with a polite and warm, "Thank you, anyway." She learned to set goals, work to achieve those goals, handle money and make change, provide customer service, think on her feet, speak loudly and clearly enough to be heard, bounce back from disappointment, and feel pride in her accomplishments.

Imagine my surprise, too, when our group didn't have to collect dues at all. The youth had earned all the money we needed to do all our activities and purchase all our emblems, about \$300 every year.

A candy rally could serve as one of the meetings your group holds in mid-January. And attending will also help your members fulfill many of the requirements for the Sales and Sense emblem. So come have fun and get ready to use what your members learn to earn lots of money and prizes for your group.

Karen Aoyama, Chief Program Officer

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Rally dates and locations!

2010 Candy Rallies

NORTH

- Tuesday, January 19, 6:30 p.m., Olympic View Elementary School, 504 NE 95th St, Seattle. RSVP to Janelle Kitson at janellek@campfire-usa.org or 206 826 8910.
- Wednesday, January 20, 6:30 p.m., Olympic View Elementary School, 504 NE 95th St, Seattle. RSVP to Janelle Kitson at janellek@campfire-usa.org or 206 826 8910.

EAST

- Thursday, January 21, 6:30 p.m., Redmond Jr. High School Auditorium, 10055 166th Ave NE, Redmond. RSVP and Questions to Janelle Kitson at janellek@campfire-usa.org or 206 826 8910.

SOUTH

- Thursday, January 14, 7 p.m., Benson Hill Elementary, 18865 116th Ave SE in Renton , RSVP to pattiford56@hotmail.com.

WEST

- For the date in Kitsap County, contact Dianne Rivers at dianner@campfire-usa.org or 360 377 5513.

2010 Super Sell-a-Thon

Once again we will be kicking off our annual Candy Fundraiser with a Super Sell-A-Thon. This is a candy sales blitz for groups and registered independent members to sell as much candy as possible during the first weekend of the sale.

WHEN: Friday, January 22 at 4 p.m. until Sunday, January 24 at 6 p.m.

HOW DO WE PARTICIPATE? Contact your Site Sale Coordinator to reserve locations for your group for the weekend. Take turns at the site sales and get group parents involved, too!

HOW WILL SALES BE VERIFIED? ONE adult representative from each group must submit all money to one of the following locations *no later than 8 p.m. on Sunday, January 24*. All locations will open at 6 p.m.

NORTH:	Council Office	4241 21 st Ave W, Seattle	206 749 2096
SOUTH:	Marci Coen	1319 M St NE, Auburn	253 735 5030
EAST:	Colleen Allison	5504 136 th PI SE, Bellevue	425 746 2113
WEST:	Watch your e-mail for location		

WHAT ARE THE PRIZES? Winners will be notified after all entries have been processed. Motivate your group by telling them about these exciting prizes:

Council Prize: Each group that participates in the Super Sell-a-Thon **and** has an average of at least 30 units per registered member will have their group name entered into a drawing for the Top Council Prize of \$150.

Group Prize #1: The top selling group from each Program Area will earn a gift card with a value of \$12 per youth member, to spend as the group chooses. Last year's group had a pizza party!

Group Prize #2: The group with the highest average sales (total number of units sold divided by number of youth registered) will earn the prize described as in Prize #1.

Council Independent Member Prize: The top selling independent youth member in the Council will receive a \$25 gift certificate OR \$50 in Candy Currency.

Please note that there is a limit of one prize per group. The Council Prize winner of \$150 will be determined first. The drawing will be held on January 27 at the Council Group Program Committee Meeting.

Site Sale Coordinators

The front door of your neighborhood store or bank is a great place to sell candy! All you need to do is call the Site Sale Coordinator for the area in which you wish to sell and reserve a date and time that works for you. You may sell anywhere in King or Kitsap Counties as long as you have reserved time with the Site Sale Coordinator for that area.

Site Sale Coordinators are "open for business" in January. Check with your group Leader for the exact date you may begin reserving Site Sales in your area.

SEATTLE, SHORELINE AND VASHON SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Ballard/NW Seattle/NE Seattle

Hanna Mandt
hmandt@hotmail.com
206 367 2724

Please use e-mail to book sites. Include names, phone numbers, and store/time preference.

Shoreline/Lake Forest Park

Karen Montes
kcmontes@msn.com
425 775 1347

Calls between 5 – 10 p.m. only, please.

West Seattle

Mary Gallagher-Cummings
MJandMEL@aol.com
206 779 9554

M-F 5 – 10 p.m, wknds 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Vashon Island

Kebbie Bedard
kebbieb@comcast.net
206 463 6190

Magnolia/Queen Anne

Debra Rosenthal
lzy2015@comcast.net
206 284 9126

Central Seattle

Elena Paterson
206 328 2376
Please call between 3 – 9 p.m. only.

SOUTH KING COUNTY

Highline

Judy Mannard
Highlinesalesite@aol.com
206 949 4075
Contact after January 8
Please use e-mail to book sites; phone hours, if necessary are 1 – 9 p.m. only

Auburn/Federal Way/Kent

Marilyn Dollinger
cfmtpockets@yahoo.com
253 939 9713 *Leave message*
Contact after January 14
No calls before 10 a.m.
If e-mailing, confirm authorization before using your site.

Renton

Dawn Diss
Diss3@aol.com
425 444 5841
Contact after January 5

Enumclaw

Meesa Taylor
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253 350 3693
Contact after January 14

Maple Valley

Cindy Cole
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360 886 2922
Contact after Jan 12
Call between 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

EAST KING COUNTY

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No calls after 9 p.m.

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360 769 8826

North Kitsap/Bainbridge

Dianne Rivers
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360 373 8278

Publicize Your Candy Site Sales on Facebook!

Camp Fire USA Central Puget Sound Council is now on Facebook and we think this has great potential to help generate buzz for your Candy Sales.

Are you on Facebook? All you have to do is become a fan of "Camp Fire USA Central Puget Sound Council" and then you can post announcements on our wall letting everyone in our network know where and when you will be out selling candy. Don't forget to tell your friends, family, and co-workers to become fans of us, too!

How Can I Spend my Candy Currency?

Camp Fire members who sell 120 units of candy during the Candy Fundraiser earn \$5 in Candy Currency, plus \$5 for every case of candy sold beyond that. It can really build up!

Just imagine all the things you could use it for: pay for a weekend event, attend a Camp Fire day event, attend day camp or summer camp, or buy Camp Fire clothing. In addition, we will once again be offering some non-Camp Fire options you can spend your Currency on:

Baskin Robbins	at \$4 for \$5 in Currency
Movie Tickets	at \$7 for \$10 in Currency
Gift Cards	starting at \$25 for \$50 in Currency*

**For \$50 in Currency you could "buy" a \$25 gift card and so on. The amount of the card would be half of the amount of currency used.*

Each youth earning Candy Currency will receive a Redemption Slip along with their currency. To "purchase" these non-Camp Fire items, just fill out the Redemption Slip, attach the Currency that was earned and mail it to Sam Cofer at the Camp Fire office before April 1, 2010.

All gift cards will be purchased for the Council on April 15, 2010. Youth having funds remaining on their Currency will be issued and mailed a NEW Currency in the amount remaining. This new Currency will still have the expiration date of December 31, 2010.

Merchants of Merit

Do you know of a business that wants to thank their customers or honor their employees? Or perhaps they want to be recognized as a business that supports youth.

Businesses that buy at least one case (15 units) of candy become Merchants of Merit. They will receive an official Merchant of Merit certificate for their place of business, have their business listed on our website as a supporter, and receive thanks in our newsletter (circulation 1,000+).

Encourage your group to promote this special opportunity by selling cases at local businesses. For more information contact Sam Cofer.

Mission 5,000

In partnership with Operation Homefront, Camp Fire USA is asking customers to purchase candy to give to Western Washington families who have a deployed parent. When a parent is deployed, their family suffers. We support our troops by supporting their families!

In 2009, 3,400 packages were donated. Our goal in 2010 is 5,000 packages! Ask your customers to donate a box of candy to Operation Homefront: Mission 5,000!

Candy Incentives

If your group would like to see the candy incentive animals "in person," they may be checked out from the following people:

VASHON ISLAND: Erica Davidson - 206 567 5786
SAMMAMISH: Anna McEvers - 425 898 4697
AUBURN: Marci Coen - 253 735 5030

DES MOINES: Charisse Gregory - 206 856 8128
RENTON: Paula Kelly - 425 227 7144
KENT/MAPLE VALLEY: Lenise Taylor - 206 660 6863

Or arrange with your Program Manager:

Janelle Kitson - 206 826 8910

Mary Olsen - 206 826 8945

Dianne Rivers - 360 377 5513



Dad/Kid: 100 Years in the Future!

March 6 – 7, 2010
(approximately 10 a.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday)

Presented by Alan Namid Camp Fire Group
 (Mackenzie Carlson, Sarah McDowell, Angie Weiss, and our Lovely Dads!)

Join us in celebrating Camp Fire's Centennial by blasting 100 years into the future!

WHO: Camp Fire kids and their dads, or substitute dads
WHERE: Camp Sealth on Vashon Island
COST: \$45 per person (lodging, dinner, brunch, and five fun shops)

QUESTIONS: E-mail *dadkidweekend@gmail.com* or call Angie at 206 902 6827.

REGISTER: Please send this completed form with check payable to Camp Fire USA and a legal-sized SASE for your confirmation letter to Camp Fire Dad/Kid Weekend, c/o Mackenzie Carlson, 10016 15th Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98177

DEADLINE: Wednesday, February 3. This event fills quickly. A confirmation letter will be mailed or e-mailed after February 25. *Please understand that canceled reservations cannot be refunded.*

DAD/KID WEEKED 2010 REGISTRATION

Dad's Name _____

Address _____ City/ZIP _____

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

Child's Name (s)	Leader's Name	Age	Gender

Cabin Mate Requests: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Medical Concerns or Dietary Needs _____

FUN SHOPS!

(Please choose 6 – you will have time for 5)

- Robot Friends
- Alien Goo
- Outdoor Cooking
- Helmet Building
- Solar System Designing
- Rocket Construction
- Space Exploration (hike)
- Space Cadet Training (games)
- Creature Creation

Dad/Kid Weekend Remembrance Pins - \$6 each
 Triangle Year Dangles - \$1 each (indicate which years needed)
 ___2002 ___2003 ___2004 ___2005 ___2006 ___2007 ___2008
 ___2009 ___2010 Previous year(s)_____

of participants _____ x \$45 = _____
 # of remembrance pins _____ x \$6 = _____
 # of year dangles _____ x \$1 = _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Remember – you will also need a ferry ticket to get to Vashon Island.
 See you there!

Volunteer Opportunities

St. Patrick's Day Dash

The Detlef Schrempf Foundation, which provides hope, care and assistance for children and families in the Northwest, needs 30 – 35 volunteers for its St. Patrick's Day Dash on Sunday, March 14 at 6:30 a.m. Volunteers will set up tables and booths, man the booths, pass out product, and help clean up. The event should wrap up around noon.

In addition to the day of the event, teams of four are needed to assist with Packet Pick Up at Seattle Center on Friday, March 12 from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Saturday, March 13 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Also, teams of two are needed for Super Jock n' Jill on various days from February 13 – Friday, March 12 to register participants.

These are great opportunities for your group. It is important to support these events because Camp Fire receives a percentage of the event proceeds to go toward programs for YOU. Contact Wayne Cofer at wayne.cofer@airgas.com or 253 218 5706 to reserve a time or with questions.

Mountains to Sound

Recently, Hanna Mandt's group volunteered with Mountains to Sound Greenway and helped to plant nearly 16,000 native trees and shrubs throughout the Greenway. She wrote to Camp Fire about her group's experience:

[Mountains to Sound does] a whole cycle throughout the year - potting in the winter, early spring at the nursery, trail cleanup/invasive plant removal in the spring/summer, then tree planting in the locations they cleaned up in the fall.

The nursery stuff is particularly good for younger kids, and if the Leader calls [Mountains to Sound] they may be able to organize something especially for their group – they offered that to me last spring, though we didn't get it together until last summer and we just ended up going on one of their organized events, which was great!

They also have half-day options ... which is good for younger kids.

We have had a lot of fun with these projects, both clearing blackberries and planting trees. I am hoping to get us to the nursery this year.

I thought I would share this so you could pass it on to anyone looking for a good winter service project or something to do for early Arbor Day ideas.

This winter, Mountains to Sound offers potting young trees in the Native Plant Nursery at Lake Sammamish State Park in Issaquah on January 16, 23, 30 and February 6, 13 and 27. For more information call 206 812 0122 or visit www.mtsgreenway.org.

Upcoming Events

Plan ahead for the following events:

March 20 - 21: Grades 6 – 12
Discovery/Horizon Weekend at Camp Sealth

March 27 - 28: Age 5 thru 8th grade
Pacific Science Center Camp In
(This is an overnight event for families and/or groups)

April 24 - 25: Grades K - 2
Starflight Weekend at Camp Sealth

April 24 - 25: Grades 3 – 5
Adventure Weekend at Camp Sealth

May 19th: NEW DATE for the C.A.R.E. Dinner
Council Adult Awards and Wohelo Awards
presentations

Expanding Your Horizons Conferences

The State of Washington has 10 to 15 Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) Conferences each year. These events are designed to nurture girls' interest in science and math courses and to encourage them to consider science and math based career options such as engineering, computer science and physical science.

This would be a great experience for any girl so encourage them to attend a conference in your area:

Seattle

March 13 at Seattle University – www.seattleu.edu/seyh

Bellevue

March 26 at Bellevue Community College (for high schoolers) – go_girls_eyh@hotmail.com

March 27 at Bellevue Community College (for middle schoolers) – eyhbcc_middleschool@hotmail.com

Des Moines

March TBA at Highline Community College – contact Judi Dunham, 253 862 7300

For more information visit
www.expandingyourhorizons.org.

Enjoy Summer Camp on Vashon Island!

Registration for summer at Camp Sealth on Vashon Island is now open! Please visit www.campfire-usa.org/camp/ to see our 2010 brochure and for on-line registration.

You may also call Elaine at the Council Office 206 826 8947 or e-mail elaineb@campfire-usa.org to request a free color brochure.

Whether you are looking for an overnight or daytime summer opportunity for your child, Camp Sealth is the answer!

Carnival of Beads 2010

Ye Old Carnival of Beads is here again! This year's theme is "Medieval Towne." Come on an adventure of a lifetime to see the beauty of the medieval world. Come with us to make a big picture, joust on thy royal steed, make stained glass, brew potions, make lights, and more!

WHO: All Adventure groups and Adventure Independents (grades 3 – 5)

WHEN: Saturday, March 13, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

WHERE: NEW! St. Luke's School, 17533 St Luke Pl., Shoreline, 98133.

COST: \$10 with beads, \$7 without beads, per youth (includes activities, crafts, facility usage, and snack). Adults are FREE.

BRING: Completed and signed Special Permission Activity Form for each youth, Emergency Medical Form for each adult, sack lunch, large paper bag or sack for crafts, warm clothing (we do some activities/crafts outside). Coffee and tea are provided for adults only.

TO REGISTER: Mail the registration form in with event fees (check or money order made payable to Camp Fire USA) and a business-sized SASE with 44¢ postage to: Carnival of Beads, c/o Mary Williams, 8306 203rd PI SW, Edmonds, WA 98026.

DEADLINE: Registrations must be postmarked by February 18. Sorry, NO phone or e-mail reservations will be accepted. No refunds can be made after February 18. A confirmation letter will be sent up receipt of registration.

QUESTIONS: Please contact Karen Montes by e-mail at kcmontes@msn.com or by phone at 425 775 1347.

CARNIVAL OF BEADS 2010 REGISTRATION FORM

Leader's Name _____ Phone (____) _____ Grade _____

Address _____ City/ZIP _____

E-mail _____

of youth with 20 beads included: _____ x\$10 = \$ _____

of youth without beads _____ x\$7 = \$ _____

of adults _____ FREE! (Two adults per group, please)

Total attending _____ Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

(Check or money order made out to Camp Fire USA)

Welcome, Leaders

Welcome Back Leaders

Leaders and Leader Team Members bring Camp Fire activities and learning alive for hundreds of boys and girls. The time they devote to training and planning, plants the seeds of success in every life they touch! Deciding to enjoy another year in Camp Fire are (as of presstime):

Paige Tangney – North

Linda Gorordo – East

Maria Reyna – North

Elethea Steward - South

Welcome New Leaders

Welcome to Camp Fire! The following new groups have registered after the publication of our last newsletter:

Erin Hobbs: Adventure Group in West Seattle

Crystal Rich and Katrina Askew: K/1 Group in North Kitsap

Crystal Rich and Vanessa Connor: 2/3 Group in North Kitsap

Suzanne Fisher: Community Family Club on Bainbridge Island

Barbie Page Sinnett: Community Family Club in Bremerton

“Give a Day. Get a Disney Day.” Free Ticket to Theme Park!

The Central Puget Sound Council is partnering with the nationwide “Give a Day. Get a Disney Day” program to celebrate volunteerism. Each eligible person who volunteers (ages 6 and above) for a Camp Fire volunteer work opportunity can be thanked by Disney with a free ticket good for one day admission to a Walt Disney World® or Disneyland® theme park.

Here’s how it will work: Starting January 1, 2010, Camp Fire will list eligible volunteer opportunities on www.DisneyParks.com. Then volunteers sign up for our opportunities through that website in order to participate. When you have finished volunteering, you will report that, we will verify it, and you will receive your ticket voucher.

The program is limited to one ticket per person, regardless of the number of times they volunteer. Ticket quantities for this program are limited. The program begins January 1, 2010 and continues until all tickets are distributed or December 15, 2010, whichever occurs first. We’re excited to be able to offer this to our Camp Fire USA families!



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Camp Fire USA builds caring, confident youth and future leaders.

Camp Fire programs are available to all people without regard to race, gender, creed, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, economic status or mental or physical disabilities.

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 206 826 8919 or 800 451 CAMP. TDD/TTY users may reach us through the Washington Relay Service at 800 833 6388; TeleBraille users call 800 833 6385.

