

# 2010 FACT SHEET

## CAMP FIRE USA CENTRAL PUGET SOUND COUNCIL

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### MISSION

Camp Fire USA Central Puget Sound Council builds caring, confident youth and future leaders.

### YOUTH AND FAMILIES SERVED IN 2009

5,224	Participants / Program Members
4,545	Additional Community Served
2,901	Adult Volunteers
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12,670	Total Participants

The Central Puget Sound Council serves both youth and their families in King, Kitsap, and North Mason Counties.

### CAMP FIRE HISTORY

- 1910** Founded nationally by Dr. Luther Halsey Gulick and Charlotte Vetter Gulick in Sebago, Maine.
- 1911** First local groups begin in Kirkland and Federal Way.
- 1919** The Seattle-King County Council of Camp Fire Girls was chartered December 31, 1919; Ruth A. Brown is named Executive Director.
- 1920** Camp Sealth established as the first permanent resident camp for girls in Washington State.
- 1975** Camp Fire welcomes boys into the program and becomes Camp Fire, Inc.
- 1993** The National office changes name to Camp Fire Boys and Girls.
- 2010** The Central Puget Sound Council celebrates 100 years of serving youth in the Puget Sound area, 90 years of camping at Camp Sealth and 60 years of camping at Camp Niwana.

### OUR PROGRAMS BUILD CARING, CONFIDENT YOUTH AND FUTURE LEADERS:

**Camp Sealth** is a Puget Sound landmark on Vashon Island. Campgrounds encompass over 400 acres of pristine forest and marine wilderness, including a mile and a half of beachfront. In 2009, **1,524** youth continued the 89th year of our treasured Camp Sealth tradition. In addition to the youth campers, **22** high school interns volunteered for **3,480** hours to assist with the program. Camp Sealth also hosted **3,749** individuals for leadership retreats and other recreational activities throughout the remainder of the year.

**Camp Niwana** is home to weekend camping events, a summer day camp, and is rented by numerous churches and non-profit organizations for camps and retreats. Located near Port Orchard on 130 acres with a private lake, Camp Niwana was used by **796** people in 2009.

**Environmental Education** provides many public and private schools in the Puget Sound area with an experiential learning program customized to meet each group's unique needs. Our residential Environmental Education programs are held at Camp Sealth, and range from two to five days. Classes focus on basic science and ecology, raising a student's awareness of human impact on the natural world. In 2009, **1,410** students and teachers participated in our Environmental Education programs.

**Day Camps** are week-long summer programs for children entering K - 8 grade. In 2009, our Day Camps operated in ten convenient locations around the Puget Sound area. Day Camps were staffed by **243** dedicated adult volunteers and **454** junior staff. The junior staff gave a total of **21,792** hours of service to help **1,097** campers participate in these Day Camps, for a total of **1,551** youth. An additional **121** kids participated in the eight sessions of Day Camp held at Camp Sealth.

**Group Program** has been the foundation of Camp Fire for a century. Small groups, led by trained adult volunteer teams, meet regularly in schools and neighborhoods to help youth develop friendships, have fun, and learn new skills. Groups may be all girls, all boys, or co-ed. Some groups called Community Family Clubs meet and do activities with the entire family. In 2009, **1,330** youth participated in Camp Fire's signature Group Programs. In 2009, members of this program sold **3,487** boxes of candy to generous donors to send to the families of deployed members of the Armed services.

**Babysitting Classes** give youth concrete skills in caring for children, healthy habits, handling stress, and safety. **34** youth participated in Babysitting Classes in 2009.

**Licensed Child Care** is provided at two elementary schools in Seattle for children ages 3-12. These sites provide year-round care including ten weeks of fun in the summer. In 2009, **170** children participated in our Child Care programs.

**Special Sitters** help mainstream youth participants with disabilities at Day Camps, Camp Sealth, Saturday Club, and other council events and activities. In 2009, **24** Special Sitters helped guarantee that all Camp Fire USA programs were available to people regardless of mental or physical disabilities.

**Saturday Club** is a recreational program for children with disabilities and their siblings. Saturday Club gives parents five hours of respite from their parenting responsibilities. In 2009, **60** children representing **34** families attended one of our five program sites throughout King and Kitsap Counties. Special Family Weekend, held over Memorial Day weekend, engaged **45** youth, **54** adults, and **25** volunteers this year.

**Youth Volunteer Corps** provides service-learning project opportunities for middle and high school youth. In 2009, giving a total of **3,851** hours of service to the community, **339** teens were involved in **62** projects with YVC throughout King County.

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