

Camp Fire Samish Annual Report 2016



Camp Fire

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From the Board President

Well it's been a fast and furious year. I continue to learn more about Camp Fire and Camp Kirby which has helped me lead the board in a positive direction. Our new board members Mike Burns and Shaun Wesen have been a great asset to the group.

We have a great staff and set of volunteers who are committed to serving our youth. Through the dedication and hard work of our site managers, Erin and Amanda, camp continues to improve.

We ended the year in good financial shape and have a balanced budget for 2017. With your help we can continue to make Camp Fire Samish and Camp Kirby the best place for kids.

I hope to continue to serve this organization in 2017-2018.

Joan Harris

Board of Directors President

2016 Camp Fire Samish & Camp Kirby Staff

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A Word from our Executive Director

Camp Fire Samish and Camp Kirby are blessed with an incredible board of directors, fabulous staff, generous donors, engaged community partners, and dedicated volunteers. Together, we work to inspire youth to develop a passion for the environment, commit to making service a way of life, and instill a drive to succeed.

Camp Fire members develop strong leadership and interpersonal skills, which in turn, leads them to become confident, self-reliant, and active citizens. Children ages 3 through 18 are empowered to find their spark, lift their voice, and discover who they are.

We are proud of our work. Camp Fire Samish and Camp Kirby spark positive change and without you, this work would not be possible! This 2016 Annual Report is a way to provide agency transparency, define our programs, and thank YOU! It is here, that we communicate our challenges, highlight our recent successes, and honor the legacy of Camp Fire.

WoHeLo –
Erin Walker
Executive Director



2016 Highlights

- Our staff is expanding! In 2016, we were excited to hire a part time Office Assistant, Environmental Education Specialist, and a Fundraiser. We also hired a new Whatcom Membership Manager with expanded hours. Welcome to Darcy, Maddie, Victor, and Heather!
- In March, Camp Fire Samish held our most profitable birthday dinner and auction yet; raising nearly \$44,000!
- Resident Camp continues to grow and improve. In summer 2016, we accepted 509 registrations and a record 31 CIT's (Counselors-in-Training)!
- \$18,870 in Campership funds were raised and then awarded to 72 youth, including several CIT's, who would not otherwise have been able to afford to attend day or resident camp.
- Club membership continued to grow in both Skagit and Whatcom counties.
- A record 24 groups rented Camp Kirby facilities in 2016.
- WiseKids "Energy Balance- Healthy Choices. Healthy Kids.", has been successfully integrated into all camp, club, and self-reliance programming and as a result, our Skagit County United Way funding was increased for the first time in years.
- And finally, we're thrilled to announce that we were voted "Best Kids Camp of 2016" by Pacific Northwest A-List voters!!



Classic Club

Clubs consist of four or more children, each with at least two adult leaders. Camp Fire serves youth ages 3 through 18. They meet weekly or bi-weekly throughout the year at a time and location convenient to the leaders and youth. Clubs provide a wide variety of exciting and fun activities, projects, experiences and events. In fact, the activities are limited only by the members' imaginations.



Self Reliance

Like all Camp Fire programs, Self-Reliance courses attempt to negate traditional stereotypes, and help boys and girls develop a balance of critical life skills. These classes help to increase self-esteem, enhance problem solving and decision making abilities, teach basic life skills that keep kids healthy and safe, and address the complex issues of human relationships.

Camp Fire Samish conducts Self-Reliance courses in partnership with Burlington Parks & Recreation.

Camp Kirby Day Camp

Samish Council currently offers a full week day camp experience at beautiful Camp Kirby on Samish Island. The program is tailored to take advantage of the unique features of Kirby, which is located on 47 acres of lush forest, wetlands, and Puget Sound beaches.



Clubs explore the Camp Fire Trails:

- **Environment:** To understand, appreciate, and care for the world around us.
- **Creativity:** To stimulate imagination through art, dramatics and music.
- **Family and Community:** To develop compassion for others, a desire to give service, and strengthen citizenship.
- **Knowing Me:** To further self-confidence, self-reliance and to enhance each child's place in the family and in his or her community.
- **The Future:** To inspire curiosity and new interests through games, science, sports and outdoor adventures.



Environmental Education

Environmental Education programs build respect through hands-on experiences in nature's classroom. The place-based learning experience allows youth a chance to apply new knowledge and skills through interactive exercises and games in the lush forests, pristine wetlands, and unique beaches of the Pacific Northwest. Students gain a greater understanding of their world and acquire the necessary tools to make decisions for a sustainable world. In nature's classroom, learning and fun go hand in hand!



Camp Kirby Resident Camp

Camp Kirby's camper-centered philosophy teaches campers how to interact and become part of a community by planning their own program at their developmental level. Challenge activities, archery range, climbing wall, canoes and outdoor living skills build self-esteem and confidence in campers while they make new friends and have the time of their lives!

Half, one and two week programs are offered in July and August for school-aged youth entering first through twelfth grade. Each week is themed, and designed to take advantage of Camp Kirby's extraordinary natural surroundings. The CIT (Counselor-in-Training) program is a leadership training program for older teens.



Thank you to our Donors

A special thank you to everyone who helps light the fire within our youth. Together, we build a strong foundation which empowers youth to take initiative today.

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Thank you!

Your contributions of talents, treasures, and time are vital to Camp Kirby and Camp Fire Samish's continued success.

Camp Fire programs help youth discover their "sparks" - their personally defined nuggets of potential. Your support lights the spark within youth to experience the magic of Camp Kirby, connect to their community and the natural world, enjoy hands-on learning and physical activities, and participate in programs that create the next generation of leaders.

Thank you for being a part of the continued success of Camp Fire Samish & Camp Kirby as we continue to serve more youth!

Remembrance and Honorarium

Donations to Camp Fire Samish have been made in remembrance or in honor of these special people.

In Memoriam 2016

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carolyn Brown• Stanley Ciencki, Sr.• Larry L. Dargitz, Jr.• Louise Demeree• Linda (McIntyre) Dowe• Rebecca Hitchcock• Virginia Holt• Violet Jewell• Irene Kasson | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abby Miller Breske• Brian Morrison• Majorie Nordby• Ted Preg• Joanne Reed• Dorothy Townsend• Joan Graves• Vanderhoof• Fred Vochatzer |
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In Honor 2016

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Paul Family• The First CIT Class (1955 & 1956)• Jo Ann Gibbons• Kirby Day Camp | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sarah Melo• Anya & Noah Petroff-Howarth• Kate Scott• Anna Volk |
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United Way of Skagit County Days of Caring
Resident Camp Staff & CIT's
Tesoro Refining & Marketing Co.
Wakumi Alumni
Whidbey Island Marines
Mills Electric
Dahl Electric

Contemporary
*Camp Fire helps you
develop skills, now.*

Together we build a strong
foundation which empowers
youth to take initiative today.

Light the fire within

Camp Fire was created to guide young people on their journey to self-discovery. Camp Fire helps youth dig deep inside and discover their "sparks," their personally defined nuggets of potential.

The founders of Camp Fire felt strongly that young people need experiences that teach them to care for themselves, their environment, and the people around them.

Our Promise

Young people want to shape the world.
Camp Fire provides the opportunity
to find their spark,
lift their voice, and
discover who they are.
In Camp Fire, it begins *now*.

Light the fire within

Participant Driven

Camp Fire is led by youth.

Camp Fire is about creating new opportunities for you. As you work with others you gain self-confidence, lift your voice, and become a better citizen.

Inclusive

Camp Fire is open to everyone.

The uniqueness of every individual and family is embraced and celebrated every day. At Camp Fire, you will build lasting relationships with people of all ages and backgrounds.

The Camp Fire Experience

Discover your spark.

Do you want to discover yourself?
Do you want to make an impact?
With Camp Fire, you can.

At Camp Fire, staff, volunteers, and people like you are exceptional role models. Our programs encourage you to discover your passion—your spark.

