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## **From the Board President**

Hello and welcome to all. 2015 was my first year on the board and I was privileged to be elected as President in July. I have learned a lot from Erin Baldwin, Teresa Brescia, other board members, staff and volunteers.

Our staff and volunteers have served our youth well. Resident camp numbers were up significantly and we had active Camp Fire clubs in each county. Camp Kirby has continued to be functional and beautiful thanks to the hard work of our Site Managers, Erin and Amanda Adair.

We ended the year in great financial shape and have a balanced budget for 2016. Short and long term goals in our strategic plan are attainable and quantifiable. With your help you we can continue to make Camp Fire Samish a thriving entity in our community.

I look forward to serving you in 2016.



## 2015 Camp Fire Samish & **Camp Kirby Staff**

Erin Baldwin -**Executive Director** 

Teresa Brescia -Development Coordinator/ Bookkeeper

Kathryn Luera -Camp Registrar & Resident Camp Director

**Aaron Deshaies -**Assistant Resident Camp Director

Kelsey Clarke -Whatcom Membership Manager

Jeri Taylor & Sandy Quinores -Island Club Administrators

Erin & Amanda Adair -Camp Kirby Site Managers

> Diana Wisen -Day Camp Director

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Joan Harris

# A Word from our Executive Director

Transforming an organization requires commitment, investment, time, and patience. Eliminating stagnant programs and practices, instituting higher standards, adopting stricter policies, and fine tuning procedures takes dedication, hard work and often, compromise. Camp Fire Samish and Camp Kirby are blessed with an awesome board, fabulous staff members, generous donors, and dedicated volunteers who are all willing to take up the challenge of making our council the best it can be. That said; I am overjoyed to announce that Camp Fire Samish concluded 2015 with increased youth participation, stellar numbers, improved outcomes, and money in the bank! Even better, we've made huge strides toward continuing this growth and improvement.

The 2015 Annual Report is the vehicle we use to communicate and document our successes, and to honor the legacy of Camp Fire Samish and Camp Kirby. This report is also intended to pay tribute to our many community partners, donors, sponsors, and volunteers. Together, we're building a strong council and creating a foundation to empower our youth and improve our community. Thank you!

## Erin Baldwin

**Executive Director** 





# 2015 Highlights

- •The number of youth members in Classic Clubs rose 19%, due in part to our new Regional Membership Manager, Kelsey Clarke.
- •Our "Five Year Strategic Plan" dictates a 3% per year growth in youth entering 1st through 5th grades at Resident Camp. Kathryn Luera, Registrar and Resident Camp Director, delivered a 40% increase over 2014! Her exceptional customer service skills and passion for children ensure that Camp Kirby is a safe, nurturing, and fun place for kids.
- •We passed our ACA (American Camping Association) reaccreditation with perfect scores!
- •A record 22 nonprofit groups rented Camp Kirby in 2015; many of them utilizing Camp Fire's programming and/or meal service.
- •The Site Managers at Camp Kirby, Erin and Amanda Adair, cultivated numerous volunteer work groups from within the community and continue to move forward with much needed repairs. Camp has never looked better!
- •To remain in compliance with United Way of Skagit County, we now undergo a full audit every year. Thank you to bookkeeper Teresa Brescia, for making this a seamless process.
- •Camp Fire Samish established a reserve fund of nearly \$15,000!!
- •Executive Director Erin Baldwin, was named a 2015 SWAN (Skagit Women's Alliance and Network) Business and Professional Women of the Year.

### **Donors 2015**

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ACT-A Contemporary Theatre		Costco-Bellingham	Robert & Tracey Fisher	Kaye Hoegemeyer	Lincoln Theatre	Bruce & Val Moore	Holly Reid	Derek & Susan Slotemake	·
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,	Chibuly Studio		Frances Hansen	Kyle Matson	Miir Bottles	Tony Pickering  Pickford Film Center	Country Club	Grill	Rodger & Colleen Wright
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#### **Remembrance and Honorarium**

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

#### In Memoriam

- Dorene Bay
- Louise Bergman
- Carolyn Brown
- Linda (McIntyre) Dowe
  Doris Egbert
  Abby Miller-Busche
  Melvin & Idris Oiness
- Eddie Evans
- Patricia GarrettJoann Gibbons
- Sue Ellen Heflin
- Virginia Holt Billie Johnson
- Rudy Johnson

- Irene Kasson
- Dick Leidholm
- Jeanne Ragan Martin
- Melvin & Idris Oiness
- Mary Jones Pennington
- Ted PregEilene Robbins
- Jo Rodgers Harold Strobel
- Joan Vanderhoof

### In Honor

- •First Camp Kirby CIT's
- •Sarah 'Zadig' Melo
- •Kathryn 'KitKat' Luera
- Cheyenne 'Munchlax' Bennett
   Peggy Jewell Holstine
   Kate 'Needles' Scott

- Autumn & River Taylor
- Anna & Jack Volk

#### **Service Groups & Businesses who have** volunteered their time and services:

Girl Scouts United Way of Skagit County Days of Caring Resident Camp Staff & CIT's Tesoro Refining & Marketing Co. William's Pipeline Wakumi Alumni Whidbey Island Marines

## Thank you!

Your contributions of money, time and energy are all vital to the preservation of Camp Kirby and Camp Fire Samish.

Your support has helped us persevere through tough times and emerge stronger and able to serve more children. Your donation lights the way for children to experience the magic of Camp Kirby, connect to their community and the natural world, enjoy hands-on learning and physical activities, and are part of programs that create the next generation of leaders.

Thank you again for joining in the continued success of Camp Fire Samish & Camp Kirby as we serve even more youth!

## **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.



## 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.



## **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.



# **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.



#### Contemporary

Camp Fire helps you develop skills, now.

Together we build a strong foundation which empowers you 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.