



Camp Fire

Light the fire within

2014 Annual Report

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From the Board President

Hello everyone! 2014 was another successful year for Camp Fire Samish. With continued strength in the office, two new site managers, and a new camp director we had another year of growth in our abilities to continue to provide great services to youth. Our Site Managers Erin and Amanda came in with tremendous excitement and skill and have tackled all our facility needs with smiles. Thank you to both of them! Our Camp Director KitKat hired a great staff for our campers and ran a very successful program this last year. Her continued dedication to Camp Kirby is inspiring.

We continue to have financial balance and ended the year with

money in the bank, as well as a balanced budget for 2015. The members of the Board of Directors have been instrumental in fundraising efforts and acting as ambassadors for Camp Fire in their respective communities. Thank you to all board members for your hard work this past year.

As we move into 2015 and beyond, I look forward to a healthy and happy year for the council. Again, thank you to all staff, board members, council members, and especially volunteers for making Camp Fire Samish a key part of the youth experience in Whatcom, Skagit, Island, and San Juan counties.

Regan Smith

Board of Directors President



2014 Council Staff

Erin Baldwin -
Executive Director

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2014 Camp Kirby Staff

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A Word from our Executive Director

For more than 100 years, Camp Fire has helped youth find their sparks, lift their voices, and discover who they are. Camp Fire Samish and Camp Kirby are proud to be a part of that heritage. We are also proud to share our recent accomplishments by highlighting the many ways Camp Fire has served and supported local children and teens during this past year. From the many stories we hear each day, we understand the direct impact we've made on young people and families through our programs. The 2014 Annual Report is a way to share and document our successes and honor the Camp Fire legacy.

This report also pays tribute to the donors, sponsors, community partners, and volunteers that make our work possible. Thank you for your commitment to this emerging generation, and to providing important support as youth transition through life and identify their inner spark. Without you, our work would not be possible.

Erin Baldwin
Executive Director



Special Accomplishments

- 2014 was a great year for Camp Fire Samish! Our 8th Annual Birthday Dinner & Auction netted 12.3% more than in 2013.
- Membership income went up 35.7% .
- Resident Camp income was up 12.6%
- Day Camp income was up 24.2%
- The No Show Ball increased by 41.1% more than 2013 .
- We added a new annual event—Camptoberfest!
- With many more rental groups enjoying Camp Kirby, rental income was up 25.2% from the previous year.
- And, best of all, thanks to our generous supporters we were able to award \$17,515 in Camperships in 2014 which was \$3,226 more than 2013.



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In Memoriam

- ◆ JB Bryson
- ◆ Frank Smith
- ◆ Joan Vanderhoof
- ◆ Dorothy Jolly
- ◆ Linda Dowe

Camp Fire Samish honors the memory of these loyal members and supporters.



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

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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 striving 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 & Camp Kirby as we serve even more youth!

Our deepest apologies if anyone was missed. Thank you to all.

Classic Club

Clubs consist of six to ten 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 creativity and the 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 stimulate 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 forests, wetlands, and Puget Sound beaches.

Camp Kirby Day camp served 130 youth in 2014.



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 tailored to take advantage of Camp Kirby's extraordinary natural surroundings. The CIT (Counselor-in-Training) program is a leadership training program for older teens.

Camp Kirby Resident Camp had 385 campers; 15 were in the CIT program.





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.