

# Camp Fire Samish Annual Report 2017



# Camp Fire

Light the fire within



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## From the Board President

I would like to start by thanking all of our staff members for a job well done this year. Camp Fire Samish programs are growing, so adding additional office space in Bellingham has helped the work process immensely! The Board of Directors continues to improve by making good decisions, participating in our fundraisers, and attending work parties. I'm looking forward to another great year!!

*Joan Harris*

Board of Directors President



# 2017 Highlights

- Club membership continues to expand.
- Camp Fire Candy gross product sales exceeded \$42,000.
- Over \$35,000 was invested in Camp Kirby. In addition to ongoing maintenance and repairs, we constructed two new platform tents, expanded Hi Tor, purchased a three door commercial freezer, added new kayaks to the fleet, and acquired more bunk beds to expand both camper and staff capacity.
- The WAKUMI Alumni group was awarded an honorarium brick at the 2017 Annual meeting for their continued passion and support of Camp Fire Samish and Camp Kirby.
- Resident Camp was attended by 535 individual campers – many for multiple weeks.
- In 2017, we awarded a record \$24,463 in campership funds to youth who would not otherwise have been able to attend Day or Resident Camp.
- Our year round staff continues to expand. Welcome to Braydon, Jasmine, Jenny, Maura, and Taylor!
- And as a result of our growing staff, we doubled the size of our Bellingham office space.
- In September, staff hosted a Community Appreciation Day at Camp. It was fun to visit with past campers and staff members!
- Several elementary schools in Skagit and Whatcom counties approached Camp Fire Samish to teach after-school enrichment classes. We taught Art in Nature, Babysitting Certification, Environmental Education, Science and/or Survival Skills at four schools and to one home school group. We are expanding in 2018.
- For the second year in a row, Camp Kirby was voted the "Best Kids Camp" by Pacific Northwest A-List voters!!



## From our Executive Director

Over the past year, your gifts of time, treasures, and talents have impacted hundreds of youth and their families. Youth competencies soared around life and social skills, conflict resolution, confidence, empathy, teamwork, inclusiveness, and purpose development. Simply put; staff members and volunteers in our Camp Fire Samish and Camp Kirby families, empowered youth to thrive.

This annual report celebrates our growth and success in 2017. I'm excited to see where our shared passion will take us next!

WoHeLo,

*Erin Walker*

Executive Director





# 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 Fire Samish's continued success.

Your gifts support programs which help youth discover their "sparks" - their personally defined nuggets of potential. These programs give youth the opportunity to make their own decisions, have fun, and seek adventure—with highly trained, caring staff by their side every step of the way.

Thank you for being a part of the continued success of Camp Fire Samish & Camp Kirby!

## Remembrance and Honorarium

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

## In Memoriam 2017

- Louise Bergman
  - Abby Miller
  - Linda Dowe
  - Geraldine Earnst
  - Vi Jewell
  - Rudy Johnson
- Irene Kasson
  - Katherine "Kay" Meyers
  - Helen Rudy
  - Leonard O Rodarmel
  - Harold Strobel

## In Honor 2017

- Anya & Noah Petroff-Howarth
- Kate Scott
- Anna Volk

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

- United Way of Skagit County
- Days of Caring
- Resident Camp Staff & CIT's
- Andeavor
- Whidbey Island Marines
- Dahl Electric
- Van's Equipment
- Shell
- YES Youth Group
- Boy Scouts

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



# School Year Programs

*Camp Fire's highly trained, caring staff encourage every child and teen to manage their time in a way that aligns with their individual passions and talents. Our staff also engages youth by gathering input to incorporate into Camp Fire activities each day.*

**Classic Club Program** Camp Fire serves youth ages 3 through 18. They meet weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly throughout the year in indoor and outdoor "classrooms". Adult leaders and youth create a wide variety of exciting and educational activities, projects, experiences, and events. In fact, activities are limited only by the members' imaginations!

**Enrichment Classes** Camp Fire offers After School and Community Classes throughout Whatcom and Skagit County. Youth, K to 8th grade, participate in hands-on activities through theme-based curriculum. Each course is 6 to 8 weeks long and provides a nurturing, constructive, and inspiring environment for young people to discover their sparks.

**Day Away** This is Camp Fire Samish's newest program. Classes and activities are in Whatcom and Skagit Counties on out-of-school days. This program offers a safe and energizing environment where youth can learn valuable skills and participate in new adventures while spending time with their peers.

**Before and After School Program** Camp Fire Samish worked with Custer Elementary to provide a Before and After School Child Care Program. Our licensed professionals offered quality childcare along with proven Camp Fire programs.

**Home School Programs** Camp Fire Samish has created programming specifically for Home School Families. We provide opportunities such as science, exploration, and creativity in our new Bellingham Wohelo Room. Each program is geared for hands-on activities, leadership opportunities, learning through communication, and group problem-solving.





# Teen Service & Leadership



*All of Camp Fire Samish's teen programs work to empower teens to become leaders in their community today, while preparing them for wherever their future will take them. Teen programs offer advanced leadership skill-building and are great for individuals, clubs, or groups.*

**Counselor-in-Training (CIT)** This program at Resident Camp prepares youth in 11th and 12th grade for counselor positions at our camps. It offers significant personal and early professional development experiences.

**Teens in Action** A youth-led and youth-driven program! While guided by trained adults who act as mentors, the teens identify community needs and decide on issues they want to take action on to make an impact in their community.

**Counselor-Assistant-Training (CAT)** Youth entering 9th and 10th grade spend Day Camp week learning valuable leadership skills, help out at different activity areas, and support camper groups while practicing their new fundamental skills.

**The Wohelo Award** "Wohelo" stands for Work, Health, and Love—values that have been central to Camp Fire since we were founded in 1910. This prestigious award, for youth 15 to 20 years old, offers opportunities for personal development, leadership, and advocacy on important issues. It is earned by completing an intensive and individualized set of projects designed to take approximately 4 years to complete. Teenage participants create their own projects based on their interests, values, and goals. Completing the requirements to earn the Wohelo Award takes incredible amounts of tenacity, creativity, and determination.

## Camps & Outdoor Education

*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, 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!*

**Resident Camp** Half and one week programs are offered in July and August for school-aged youth entering 1st through 12th grade. Each week is themed, and activities are designed to incorporate Camp Kirby's extraordinary natural surroundings.

**Day Camp** This 5-day themed adventure ignites a child's imagination. K to 10th graders live in a world of wonder. The program is tailored to take advantage of the unique features of Kirby and includes archery, crafts, swimming, outdoor cooking, and one optional overnight.

**Environmental Education** Camp Kirby provides an exciting learning experience through hands-on projects and activities that have a lasting effect on students. Youth gain environmental awareness and an appreciation for the world around them. We believe in the power of nature to awaken a child's senses, curiosity, and desire to learn. It is a collaborative program shared with teachers, parents, and school administrators which influences students' lives and makes a positive impact on the environment.





# ***The Camp Fire Experience***

***Professionally trained leaders. Caring adults who are true mentors.*** Our work with young people is tailored to each individual, guiding them to be their best, a “best” they define themselves. Camp Fire adults are passionate role models and champions of children. Programs encourage and guide youth to discover their sparks.

## **Inclusive**

***Camp Fire is open to everyone.***

The uniqueness of individuals and families is embraced and celebrated every day. Camp Fire builds lasting relationships between people of all ages and backgrounds.

## **Participant Driven**

Guided by trained adults, each young person sets their best course, with no checklists. Youth build self-esteem and are motivated to find their true voice. As youth learn to care and work with others they gain self-confidence, lift their voices, and become better citizens.

## **Contemporary**

***Camp Fire helps you develop skills, now.*** Camp Fire engages youth right away and gives them the opportunity to build their abilities today. We build a strong foundation, preparing youth for the present and the future.

## **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**

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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.

