

## Light the fire within



### Resident Camp

Each year I am somehow surprised by how quickly Spring passes as I count down the days until Camp. I can't believe that our Resident Camp staff arrive for training in 71 days! This summer is gearing up to be an absolutely amazing 95th year at Camp Kirby. Many of our sessions are close to full, with some age groups already completely full for the whole summer! If you haven't already registered, I recommend doing so as soon as possible. I have also hired a large portion of our staff already, and they are incredible individuals! We can't wait to get this summer started and see you all soon. Please contact me if you have any questions at [Kathryn@campfiresamish.org](mailto:Kathryn@campfiresamish.org) or (360)255-7765. Wohelo, Kathryn "KitKat"

[Register Now!](#)

### Day Camp

At Day Camp youth are encouraged to use their imagination, explore new adventures, and make friends that last a lifetime. June 25th - 29th Camp Kirby will be the home of Neverland. Don't miss out on meeting Pirates, Peter Pan, and Tinkerbell. [Register now as space is limited.](#)



### Rummage Sale

We're excited to announce that Camp Fire Samish is partnering with the Wakumi Alumni group to host this year's Rummage and Bake Sale! All proceeds will benefit the Kate Scott Campership Fund, used to help send deserving youth to Day and/or Resident Camp. The sale will be held on Saturday, June 2nd from 9 am to 3 pm at the Ferndale American Legion Hall (5537 Second Avenue).

If you would like to donate items to the sale, please deliver them to the Bellingham Camp Fire office any weekday between 10 am and 4 pm, OR better yet, take them directly to the American Legion Hall between 9 and noon on Friday, June 1st. (Please, no clothes, shoes, or electronics.) We are also looking for volunteers to help with picking up items, set up, and assisting the day of the sale. Please contact the office for more information.

This will be the biggest rummage sale yet, including a wide range of collectibles, household items, small hand appliances, home décor, books, kids games, candle holders, jewelry, vases, holiday décor, movies, children's toys, bird houses, table linens, purses, accessories, artwork, lamps, books, CD's, and baked goods! Please join us to help kids in need attend Camp Kirby!!



### Auction

The Camp Fire Samish & Camp Kirby 12th Annual Birthday Dinner & Auction was a fun and successful event. Thank you so much to our hard-working staff, dedicated volunteers, generous community members, and enthusiastic guests! A special thank you to our Print Sponsor - Bellingham Business Machines, Raffle Sponsor - Skagit Bank, Reception Sponsor - Rice Insurance, LLC, and Table sponsors Fidalgo Medical Associates and Jonathan Yousling - Attorney at Law. Together, we raised nearly \$45,000 for Camp Kirby, youth programming, and for camperships. We celebrate your gifts of time, treasures, and talents, and thank you for making a positive difference in the lives of our young people.



### Annual Meeting

Current Camp Fire Samish adult members and guests - You are cordially invited to attend our Annual Meeting in the main lodge at Camp Kirby on Wednesday, April 18th. A potluck dinner will begin promptly at 6:00 pm, followed by a presentation of the 2017 Annual Report, and election of board members and officers. Dessert will be provided. Please contact the office if you have any questions by calling 360-733-5710 or emailing Erin@campfiresamish.org. To ensure a quorum, please RSVP no later than Monday, April 16th. We look forward to seeing you at camp!!



### Open House and Spaghetti Feed

The Annual Open House & Spaghetti Feed will be held Sunday, April 22nd. Our Open House will run from 2 - 5 pm, and the Spaghetti Feed will directly follow, starting at 5 pm for a suggested donation of \$5 per person. Staff members and CITs will be available to give tours and answer questions, Shuta will be open for you to try your hand at Arts & Crafts, and there is never a shortage of games to play at Camp!

### Upcoming Events:

#### Mark Your Calenders!

**Annual Meeting**  
Wednesday, April 18  
6 pm

**Earth Day Work Party** Saturday, April 21  
10 am - 4 pm

**Open House**  
Sunday, April 22  
2 pm - 5 pm

**Spaghetti Feed**  
Sunday, April 22  
5 pm

**Camporee**  
Friday, Saturday,  
Sunday, May 4 - 6

**Rummage Sale**  
Saturday, June 2nd  
9am - 3 pm



### Camp Fire Candy 2018

In Camp Fire youth learn how to set goals and strive to meet them. Rylie and Kenzie Gross set a goal to sell enough candy to pay for camp this summer. Through hard work and with support from their family and community they soared past their goal. Selling over \$10,500 of candy not only paid for their weeks at Camp Kirby but also landed them the title of top sellers for the year. Congratulations.



### Spring Wish List

Our Wish List items are an excellent way to give outside of traditional cash donations. These items are needed specifically for this year's Day and Resident Camp. The list is on [Amazon](#) and can be shipped directly to Camp Fire Samish. Maximize your gift using Amazon Smile where .5% of your purchase is donated to the charity of your choice.



### Meet the Staff

Hey! My name is Jasmine (a.k.a. Simba), and I'm a Program Assistant at the Camp Fire Samish office. I've been working in the office since September helping out with membership, classes, and much more! I'm also a Cabin Counselor at Camp Kirby where I work with primarily crickets and beachcombers! I love working there, and this upcoming summer will be my 3rd on staff. Also, I'm a student at WWU. This year I'm a freshman, and I'm hoping to major in elementary education and become a kindergarten teacher!



### Earth Day Work Party

April 21st from 10 am to 4 pm is Camp Kirby's Earth Day Work Party. Everyone is invited to join this event. There will be all kinds of jobs and projects available for people of different ages and skill-sets. Bringing your own work gloves is greatly appreciated. We will have a sack lunch station available, as well as a coffee/tea station. We can't wait to see you all and get this season started!

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