



Happy Spring! As some of you may have already heard, overnight camp guidance has just been released for Phase 3 of the Healthy Washington Roadmap to Recovery! We are hard at work finalizing Camp Kirby's specific policies, and can't wait to share more with you very soon. In an article below, I have shared some information about upcoming tour dates at Camp Kirby, as well as information about our Virtual Q&A session in May.

I want to reiterate a few key points:

1. This guidance is for camps located in counties in Phase 3 of the Healthy Washington Roadmap to Recovery. If we were to move back to Phase 2, or forward to Phase 4, things would look different.
2. A COVID specific handbook will be shared with camper families before Camp begins. This will cover all of Camp Kirby's plans, policies, and procedures for this summer, related to COVID-19.
3. There will be some pre-camp requirements for both campers and staff. For example, per state guidelines, all campers and staff will be required to a) be fully vaccinated, OR b) receive a negative COVID test no more than 3 days before camp and remain in quarantine between the test and start of camp. We will share all of the details of these requirements very soon.

We are very excited to welcome campers to Camp Kirby once again. When Camp was cancelled last year, I couldn't help but mourn the summer that we all missed out on together. I longed for sunny summer days of archery, the bells jingling at the top of the climbing wall, fairy houses, s'mores, and one more round of Bazooka Bubblegum. While camp this summer may not look exactly like what we're used to, I know that some things will remain. We will still have wonderfully talented and silly staff members, the canoes and kayaks will once again glide through Samish Bay, sunsets will be as beautiful as ever, and, most importantly, campers will be here. The Kirby magic will live on through all of these things.

I can't wait to see you this summer!

WoHeLo,
Kathryn "KitKat" Deshaies
Camp Kirby Camp Director

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Generous participants, outstanding community members, dedicated staff members, and local business sponsors helped us raise **\$28,000+** during our "Back to the Future" virtual auction! It was an exciting 2-week marathon of bidding, culminating in a "live" event featuring our own fantastically entertaining, Dan and Kate Mills. THANK YOU!!

The Camp Fire Samish Corporate Board of Directors committed an extra \$7,500 dollar-per-dollar match, which means that we now have well over **\$35,000 designated for Camp Kirby!** These funds include money for the purchase of much needed equipment, repairs and improvements, AND campership funds to help families cover the cost of camp for their children.

A special thank you goes out to this year's corporate sponsors: Peoples Bank, Rice Insurance, Safway, and Smiley Insurance Services. The success of our event was contingent upon these sponsors and the many generous bidders

and donors who came through with amazing gifts and those who continue to believe in the magic of Kirby.

**WoHeLo,
Erin "Mama Kat" Walker
Chief Executive Officer**



Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to work we go! I know that you may all be deep into your own Spring Cleaning, but Camp Kirby needs your help too. After very little use over the past 18 months, Camp is in dire need of some TLC. We have four volunteer work parties on the calendar this month, April 3rd, 17th, 18th, and May 15th from 10AM-4PM each day. There are projects for any and all skill levels, with most of them being outdoors and easy to do while practicing social distancing. Brush clearing, trail maintenance, weeding, and general clean-up from winter storms are at the top of the to-do list.

We are especially in need of skilled labor to help clear some large trees that came down in the last windstorm. Camp only has one functional chainsaw, so if you have one, and are proficient in its use, we'd greatly appreciate your help! Camp has a limited supply of work gloves and clippers, so providing your own is very helpful. If you're unable to attend a work party, but still want to help, we've linked our Site Maintenance Amazon Wishlist below. Thank you in advance, and we hope to see you there!

[Amazon Wishlist](#)



Each year in April, we enjoy hosting an Open House at Camp Kirby. This is an opportunity for our camper families to come down and meet staff members, take a tour of camp, see some of our activities, and enjoy a Spaghetti Dinner. In light of COVID-19, we will be making some changes for this year.

Camp will be open for tours on April 17th and 18th from 1:00PM-4:00PM. You are welcome to show up anytime during that window, and as soon as a staff member is available for your family, we will take you on a tour of camp and answer any general questions you may have. Tours typically take 20-30 minutes. Groups for tours will only consist of one family, so there is the potential that you may have a small wait when you arrive. Our bathrooms will be open, but buildings will only be available for peeks inside. Masks and social distancing will be required. These tours are intended for new and prospective camper families.

A virtual Q&A will take place on Sunday, May 2nd at 2PM. Our hope is to have a better idea of what this summer is going to look like by then, and should be able to answer any questions that you may have. We would love to be able to welcome you all for a Spaghetti Feed and traditional Open House in 2022! Please contact Kathryn at Kathryn@campfiresamish.org if you have any questions.



There are still some spots available. Join us for Spring Break Exploration Camp, where youth will dive into science experiments, arts & crafts, and outdoor education lessons, all while being immersed in the beautiful, natural scenery of Camp Kirby.

[Register for Spring Break Camp!](#)



Buckle up and hop into our spaceship to travel through the galaxy at Outer Space Day Camp! This camp promises to be an out of this world experience. The day will be filled with fun activities, games, and educational experiences.

[Register For Outer Space Camp](#)



Whether it has been a year, a decade, or what feels to be a lifetime since your last Camp Kirby adventure, we know the magic and memories of camp stay alive in your heart forever. Join us July 23rd - 25th, 2021 at Alumni Camp to reminisce on the history of Camp Fire Samish & Camp Kirby with old and new friends alike

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING CAMP FIRE SAMISH & CAMP KIRBY 2021 EVENTS!

[Camp Kirby Opening Work Party:](#)
April 3rd, 2021
10AM - 4PM

[Earth Day Work Party:](#)
April 17th & 18th, 2021
10AM - 4PM

[Camp Kirby Work Party:](#)
May 15th, 2021 | 10AM - 4PM

[Spring Break Exploration Camp:](#)
April 5th - 8th, 2021
9AM - 4PM

[Camp Kirby Tours:](#)
April 17th & 18th, 2021
1PM - 4PM

[Lego Day Camp:](#)
May 8th, 2021 | 9AM - 4PM

[Outer Space Day Camp:](#)
April 24th, 2021 | 9AM - 4PM

[Family Camp:](#)
May 29th - 31st, 2021

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