

Light the fire within



CAMP KIRBY NEWS!

I would like to extend a huge thank you and CONGRATULATIONS to Erin and Amanda Adair. Erin accepted a well deserved promotion, which had the family moving off to beautiful Colorado last month. WE WISH YOU WELL!

While Erin and Amanda will be missed, we've taken this opportunity to re-evaluate our year round camp staffing structure. All Camp Fire Samish staff members have done an amazing job expanding our outreach while strengthening programs and services over the past few years. It's now time to reinvest in our camp!

As most of you know, we eliminated the Caretaker job many years ago. The number of rental groups increased dramatically, so we relied more on volunteer and episodic paid staff to do large projects at camp. Our Site Managers focused on serving renters, hosting work parties, maintaining government and ACA compliance, heading the facilities committee, and managing day-to-day operations.

We are happy to announce that after 11 years, Kathryn Luera is moving from part time to a full time Camp Director position. She will continue in her roles as Registrar and Resident Camp Director. In addition, she will now take responsibility for rental groups, be an active team member delivering on-site Kirby programming, take over all ACA and governmental compliance mandates, supervise day-to-day operations, and will resume her role as Day Camp Director. Her fiance' Aaron Deshaies, is coming on board as the Facilities Committee chair. This job involves hosting community work parties, assisting groups with large scale projects, and helping with general maintenance as needed. Both Kathryn and Aaron will reside at camp and be available to rental groups during their stay! To complete the onsite team, in the near future, we will be bringing on year round maintenance personnel to take primary responsibility for general camp upkeep and minor repairs.

With the ongoing support of our board members, community partners, donors, staff, and volunteers, we are excited about these positive changes. Camp Fire Samish is committed to increasing capacity, making much needed facility improvements, and growing programming at Camp Kirby in time for our Centennial Celebration in 2023!



RESIDENT CAMP

The summer of 2018 will go down in the books as an epic adventure at Camp Kirby. We spent time with over 600 campers during our 5 weeks of Resident Camp. We showcased many of these campers during our "Kirby's Got Talent" week, which helped us realize that a Talent Show is a tradition which we hope to repeat annually going forward. We went on to race pirate rafts, enjoy a Thanksgiving feast, make new friends, and so much more!

I can not express how much I appreciate everyone who keeps the magic of Kirby alive. First, to all of the staff and volunteers who help make Camp Kirby a reality for our campers. Without you we simply couldn't function. Next, to our CITs who bring a whole new level of energy to Camp. Thank you for inspiring our campers to follow in your footsteps. Lastly, to our campers who are the motivation behind everything. Thank you for coming back to Camp Kirby year after year, and for making our summers so rewarding and magical.

After another year of record-breaking registration, the future is bright at Camp Kirby. We are excited to announce that we have decided to expand our season to 6 weeks of Resident Camp for the 2019 summer! We can't wait to continue this adventure then, and hope to share it with all of you.

WoHeLo,
Kathryn "KitKat"



Day Camp

Camp Fire Samish had another amazing summer full of camps! Camp Kirby was taken over by pirates and fairies during the Kirby Neverland Day Camp! Campers got to meet some of their favorite Neverland characters like Peter Pan, Tinkerbell, and the dreaded Captain Hook. Thanks to rock wall, archery, outdoor cooking, and a lot of pixie dust, campers will never forget their trip to Neverland.

Before the Jolly Roger and all its passengers could head on to the second star to the right, they took a pit stop in Ferndale for Camp Fire Samish's first Whatcom Day Camp! Equipped with all the magic and pixie dust from before, campers joined in as the lost kids of Camp Fire and turned Pioneer Pavillion Park into the Neverland of their dreams.



5K Fun Run - Dash to Disney

Join Camp Fire Samish in our Dash to Disney 5K Fun Run! Each participant in the race will enter in a raffle to win tickets to the Happiest Place on Earth! Come ready to race around Samish Island dressed as your favorite Disney character, while rocking to some Disney tunes. Throw on some fairy wings and fly through the streets like Tinkerbell, or find a friendly Abu and soar over the island on a magic carpet. This marathon is so far from normal, you'll convince yourself you've run all the way to Cinderella's castle. Raffle tickets will go to competitors with the most convincing costume, best-dressed family, and most lively performance.

Start training like Hercules now and join Camp Fire Samish for our 2018 Dash to Disney Fun Run on October 7th. The race begins at 8:30 am and starts and ends at Camp Kirby. All proceeds will go to supporting Camp Fire Samish programs in the local regions.

[Register](#)



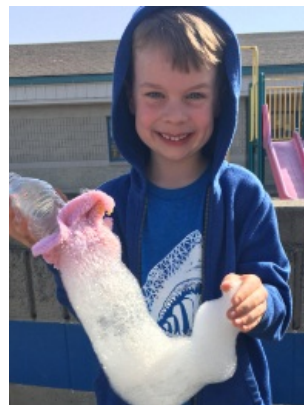
Community Appreciation Day

For 95 years, Camp Fire Samish has provided youth an opportunity to discover the magic of Camp Kirby. In addition to cultivating their unique skills and talents, Camp Kirby is a special place where children thrive outdoors, exercise, and explore nature in a safe and technology-free environment.

Camp Kirby's Community Appreciation Day will be Sunday, Sept. 23rd from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Please join us to explore camp, celebrate recent improvements, take a tour, provide input for future investment and growth, or just gather round the campfire for s'mores with friends and neighbors!

We look forward to sharing Camp Kirby and our vision for the future with you!!

WoHeLo,



After School Enrichment

We are excited to announce that this year Camp Fire Samish has partnered with both Bay View and Edison to run their after-school programs. Last year we dipped our toes in the waters of enrichment programs and loved it so much that we decided to start this year with a cannonball!

Camp Fire Samish will not only be running programs in Skagit County but will also be working with schools in Bellingham and Ferndale such as Carl Cozier, Eagle Ridge, Northern Heights, and Skyline. These enrichment programs allow for students to expand their knowledge by combining learning and play. Come practice your Spanish with Señor T or watch a rocket explode in

Erin Walker
Executive Director/ CEO

Science from Scratch! Be sure to
check your school for Camp Fire
Samish programs this fall!



Camptoberfest

Put on your lederhosen and head for the Bier Garten —

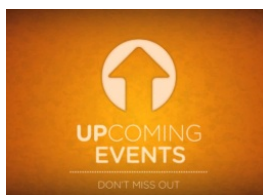
Camptoberfest is almost here! Beer, cider, brats, music, gift baskets, door prizes, and did we say BEER?

Adults 21 are invited to eat, drink, and be merry at Camp Kirby's Oktoberfest party! Lift your glass with the festive atmosphere and authentic flavors of Germany at

Camptoberfest, held Friday, October 5, 2018 from 6-8 pm at Camp Kirby at Camp Kirby in Bow, WA.

This year we are even offering an optional \$15 overnight stay. \$20 suggested donation.

[Buy Tickets](#)



Mark Your Calenders!

Labor Day Weekend

Saturday, Sept. 1st -
Monday, 3rd

Community Appreciation

Sunday, September
23rd
1 pm - 4 pm

Camptoberfest

Friday, October 5th
6 pm - 8 pm

Work Party

Saturday, October 6th
10 am - 4 pm

5K Fun Run - Dash to Disney

Sunday, October 7th
8:30 am - 12 pm

Halloween Party & Trick-or-Treating

Saturday, October 27th
6 pm - 8 pm



Lost and Found

We understand that kids (and adults) can leave even their most precious item behind. While we make every effort to ensure all camper's items leave with them, often those teddy bears are just not ready to go! Please check our Lost & Found web page for articles you may not even know were left behind. Items may be picked up at the Bellingham office which is open Monday – Friday 10 am to 4 pm. If you need your articles shipped back, just pay the postage. We use USPS Flat Rate boxes. Items not claimed by September 7, 2018 will be donated.

[Lost and Found](#)



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.

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