



FROM CAMP KIRBY

As I sit down to write this article, I have just finished my first full day at the 2022 ACA Convention in Portland. ACA, or the American Camp Association, is a community of camp professionals who join together to ensure the quality of camps. I will be spending this week attending workshops and lectures on topics like staff training, staff and camper mental health, innovative programming, DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) work, and much more. I didn't think that I could be more excited for this summer, but somehow after only one day, I am!

As I hope you know, Camp registration is open, and we are seeing record numbers of registered campers. Many of our sessions are already completely full, and numerous waitlists have formed. If you haven't registered your camper yet, now is the time to do so! In addition to so many wonderful campers, we also have a great number of staff already hired... and they are exceptional! We are still hiring for many positions, so please spread the word. A few of those staff members will be working with our team leadership program. CIT (Counselor-in-Training) Applications are being accepted until March 1st. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out!

WoHeLo,
Kathryn "KitKat" Deshaies
Camp Kirby Camp Director

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Day and Resident Camp youth explore the outdoors, exercise their creativity, work together as team members, and meet new friends while having fun! BUT..... not all youth have the opportunity to attend Camp. We have many families who simply cannot afford to send their children. And now, more than ever, it's important to get youth outside, engaged with nature, and connecting with their peers.

That's where YOU come in! Please invest in local youth. Give kids the opportunity to benefit from our valuable Camp Kirby experiences by giving to the Kate Scott Campership Fund.

How do I give? Follow the link below to donate, or attend the April 24th spaghetti feed at Camp Kirby. The dinner is offered for a suggested donation of \$10. All proceeds will go to support youth who would otherwise not be able to participate in Camp programming. Your gift will make a positive difference in the life of a child.

WoHeLo,
Erin "MamaKat" Walker
Executive Director

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New Staff Member Spotlight



Ian Shipley

Hello Shipmates! Ian Shipley respectfully introduces himself.

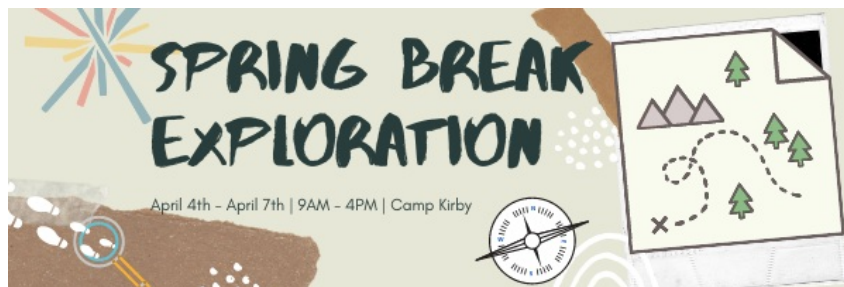
Born in England, back when the Dead Sea was only sick, I was raised on a small dairy farm in Devon. In 1980, after a five year spell as a professional soldier in the British Army, I emigrated to Canada []. My journey took me to the North where I was employed as a smokejumper, fighting wildfires in the Yukon and Northern Territories.

Long story short; during my time off, I sailed tall ships and ended up emigrating again, this time to the United States. I have permanently resided in the U.S. since 1994, working as an able seaman in the merchant marines for twenty years. I now like to think of myself as "semi-retired ".

I am very outdoorsy and have a chronic issue with my wanderlust (as does my wife). We often get ourselves into adventures...so to speak! I am a USCG recognized survival instructor and she, "Unruly Julie" works as a deckhand on the Guemes Ferry. We live in Anacortes. Our hobbies include canoeing, kayaking, hiking, and camping. Julie is an avid gardener. I also love to fish and cook... especially outdoors!

I am happy and excited to join the Camp Kirby team.

Sincerely,
Ian "Shipwreck" Shipley
Camp Kirby Maintenance Assistant



Camp Fire Samish is hosting Spring Break Exploration Camp this April at Camp Kirby. Campers will dive into science experiments, arts & crafts, and outdoor education lessons, all while being immersed in the beautiful, natural scenery of Camp Kirby.

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Upcoming Events:

[Opening Work Party](#)

March 12th & 13th, 2022 | 10AM - 4PM

[Spring Break Day Camp](#)

April 4th - 7th, 2022 | 9AM - 4PM

[Earth Day Work Party](#)

April 23rd, 2022 | 10AM - 4PM

[Open House](#)

April 24th, 2022 | 2PM - 5PM

[Spaghetti Dinner](#)

April 24th, 2022 | 5PM

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