



# Celebrating 100 Years of Camp Kirby



## Alumni Camp

Whether it has been a year, a decade, or what feels like a lifetime since your last Camp Kirby adventure, we know the magic and memories of camp stay alive in your heart forever. We invite you to relive the magic and join us for a camp dedicated to YOU. Alumni Camp is a chance for past Camp Kirby staff and campers, across all generations, to connect and enjoy the camp of our dreams! Our Alumni Camp Committee has been hard at work planning a full weekend of fun, and we can't want to share it with you.

Our Centennial Alumni Camp runs July 20th-23rd, 2023. Registration is available for the full Thursday-Sunday event, Saturday-Sunday, or Saturday only. Some of your favorite camp activities, like archery, the climbing tower, and waterfront will be open throughout the weekend. There will also be cookouts, campfires, Camp Sing, and so much more! Saturday night festivities include candlelight dinner, a talent/skit show, and Council Fire.

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## Auction Recap

Thanks to our generous community, through our Centennial Auction, we were able to raise over \$44,000 to be used to improve Camp Kirby. We look forward to using those funds towards needs such as a new commercial generator for the lodge, replacing our foosball table and other lodge games, kayaks, mattresses, and more. If you too would like to contribute to any of these, leave your designation as a note in the checkout process using the 'Donate' button below.

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Camp Kirby staff is needed from June 17 - August 13, 2023 to live and work at Camp in a variety of positions such as kitchen help and cabin counselors.

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We need nurses for a few sessions this summer at Camp Kirby. If you are able to help, please reach out to KitKat at [kathryn@campfiresamish.org](mailto:kathryn@campfiresamish.org) or (360) 255-7765.

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## KitKat's Korner

In just over two weeks, “We’re up at Camp Kirby...” will be echoing across Camp as our first campers of the summer roll down the hill to kick off our 100th camping season. In the coming days the basketballs will be pumped up, paint bottles refilled, kayaks brought out of storage, and staff will come together for a week of training and community-building. Make sure to check out our Amazon wishlist to see how you can help!

I am so excited for numerous things this year: Introducing Kelly (or “Sissy”) to all of you, our Centennial Alumni Camp (more info on that below), watching our amazing group of CITs grow and learn, and much more. Most importantly, I look forward to watching our top-notch staff create an environment that fosters a sense of community and belonging for all of the campers that will spend time with us this summer. Watching the magic of Kirby come to life each summer is something I look forward to all year long. I can’t wait to see you soon!

**Kathryn “KitKat” Deshaies**  
*Executive Camp Director*

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## Let's welcome our new Board Members!



### Joan Harris, Vice-President

Joan Harris has returned to the board after serving as the President from 2015 to 2021. She grew up as a Camp Fire Girl in Seattle, and attended Camp Sealth. Joan has been an RN for 42 years and often volunteers in Health House on Resident Camp check-in days. Joan is married with two grown children and three wonderful grandchildren. Now retired, she spends her time traveling, walking with friends, volunteering, camping in their Eurovan, and enjoying time with family (especially her grandchildren) and friends.



### Dave Roetcisoender

Dave Roetcisoender is a Senior Project Manager with Fisher Construction. He is a third generation Skagitonian who always shares his love and experiences of anything outdoors with family and friends. Dave says, "The great Skagit Valley, Samish Island, outdoors, and supporting kids is an amazing recipe for enriching our young people's experiences and memories." Despite often living elsewhere for construction projects, Skagit Valley is where Dave calls home. He is committed to supporting kids, the community, and Camp Fire Samish to ensure that Camp Kirby and our youth continue to thrive.

## Camp Kirby Centennial Events



Join us at Camp Kirby from July 20-23rd for cookouts, camp activities, s'mores, opportunities to connect with other alum, and so much more!



Our Centennial Committee is hard at work planning, but needs your help! If you have memorabilia or photos from Camp's early days, clothing with old

You're welcome to join us for the whole event, one night, or for a day. Registration is now open and options can be found at the link below.

logos, photos of the old main lodge, or anything else that you think may help our displays please reach by emailing [kathryn@campfiresamish.org](mailto:kathryn@campfiresamish.org).

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### Mission

We inspire and empower all youth to discover their spark, connect with others, develop leadership skills, build character, and thrive in the natural world.

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