



Celebrating 100 Years of Camp Kirby



A Note from Gopher

What an exciting time to be a part of Camp Fire Samish & Camp Kirby! Since I started in July, we have wrapped up an exciting and full summer season at Camp, hired a Program Director, had a very fun Camptoberfest event, and celebrated our Centennial year with an open house. It's been so fun for me to learn about CFS and Camp Kirby through all these things, and I'm grateful for the warm welcome I've received from you all.

I wanted to say a special thank you to everyone who attended our Centennial and Camptoberfest weekend. It was incredible to see how many people Camp has impacted, to hear your stories, and to see that Kirby magic in action. Thank you also to everyone who volunteered their time and energy behind the scenes to make those events such a success!

We want to continue to stay connected with all of you, so be on the lookout for a couple of things. Next month we will be restarting our Alumni Newsletter, and we also plan to host a "Keep Connected" event for anyone connected to Camp Fire Samish & Camp Kirby towards the end of the year. We will send out more details soon!

Thank you all again for your support of Camp Fire Samish & Camp Kirby!

Marcus "Gopher" Roskamp
Executive Director



KitKat's Korner

As I sit down to write this today, I can hear the joyful sounds of the field games that our current group of campers are playing. This week we're hosting 2nd and 3rd graders from a local elementary school for an overnight outdoor school experience. Did you know that school groups visit camp each fall and spring? It's another great way that we can let even more youth experience the magic of

Camp Kirby.

We have so many exciting things to share with you about this upcoming summer. Registration for our overnight camp programs will open in just a few weeks! I've compiled some tips to make the registration process as easy as possible for you. Last year many of our sessions filled quickly, and we ended the season with long waitlists, so we recommend that you register early.

1. Take time to [review our dates and themes](#), which are live now! Make sure to connect with any buddies that your camper hopes to attend with, and make sure you're on the same page of which session to register for.
2. Some of our unit names have changed, so make sure you look over this [handy guide](#) so you know your camper's correct unit.
3. Login to your [UltraCamp account](#) ahead of time, and confirm that all of your camper's information is up to date. Please pay special attention to the question that asks you to confirm your camper's grade. The question asks what grade your camper will be entering next fall, since that is what our units are based off of. We realized last year that some people did have their grades entered incorrectly, so please be mindful of this.
4. Set an alarm for 9AM on Wednesday, November 1st when overnight camp registration opens! Note - registration for Day, Alumni, and Family camps will open on January 2nd.

Over the next month we will also launch our CIT application and our Staff Application, so stay tuned for those! I have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating our Centennial this past year, and I am so excited to kick off our 2024 season with all of you! As always, please let me know if you have any questions!

Kathryn "KitKat" Deshaies
Executive Camp Director

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Upcoming Day Camps:



Spend the day investigating the unique ecology of Camp Kirby while exploring the beach, woods, and more!

Register for Nature Day Camp



Campers will step into Camp Kirby's very own fairytale for a day.

Register for Once Upon a Time Day Camp



Camp Fire Staff Spotlight



Riley "Fawnerfly" Judd | *Program Manager*

Riley grew up in Arizona, and has recently moved to Bellingham after spending her summers as a camper, then as a staff member at Camp Kirby. She spent 4 summers as the outdoor living skills specialist at Camp Kirby, and is excited to continue working in outdoor education. She has a BS in Biology from Northern Arizona University. Some of her "sparks" include hiking, camping, fishing and outdoor activities in general, as well as storytelling, sewing and skiing.

We are beyond excited to have Riley on staff for more than just the summers to help grow our outdoor education programs!

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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