



Welcome (back!) to the Alumni Newsletter! Our goals in this newsletter are to stay in touch with all of our incredible alumni, to share what is happening at Camp Fire Samish & Camp Kirby, and to highlight some of the amazing things our alumni are doing in the world. We also hope that this newsletter will help all of you feel connected to what's happening at Camp Kirby, and the continuing impact we get to have in the lives of so many young people.

If we haven't had a chance to meet yet, my name is Marcus (or Gopher) and I'm the new Executive Director. It's such an exciting time to be joining the Camp Kirby family, and I'm really glad to be part of such an incredible organization! Sometimes you'll be hearing from me in this newsletter, and sometimes you'll be hearing from Kathryn (or KitKat), our amazing Executive Camp Director.

Our 2024 overnight camp registration opened on November 1, and as I am writing this we are already 80% full! Thanks to all of you who have registered your children, we are already dreaming of what a great summer it will be at Camp.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter! If you have any stories you'd like to share or anything you want to talk to me or KitKat about, please don't hesitate to reach out. We love connecting with alumni, and are thankful for all that you continue to do for Camp Fire Samish & Camp Kirby!

**Marcus "Gopher" Roskamp**  
Executive Director

P.S. Mark Your Calendars! Registration Opens January 2nd at 9am for Alumni Camp on July 18th - 21st, 2024!



[Centennial Event Decades Photos!](#)





We are so happy to announce we are bringing back 'Keep Connected' Alumni events! On Tuesday, **December 5th from 9AM to 11AM** we invite you to join us at ROAM Coffee + Beer in Bellingham and then on Wednesday, **December 13th from 5PM to 7PM** we invite you to join us at Terramar Brewstillery in Bow. We look forward to seeing you soon. We would love help spreading the word too!



**Nick "Snack Time" Williamson**

Alumni Spotlight



Camp Kirby became Nick's home away from home. First starting as a camper in the Hi-Tor cabins (now Cascadia), he was "nervous as heck." As it goes for many campers, it was the first time being away from his parents. By the end of the week though, he was hooked, and came back every year.

On his first day as a CIT he had had no idea what he wanted his Camp name to be. All the CIT's were going around a circle sharing ideas and "Snack Time" just popped out, and it stuck! He then went on to be a program counselor for several years, having the opportunity to be an O.L.S. specialist, a Lifeguard, and a Rock Wall instructor.

One of Snack Time's many magical memories of camp involves the whole camp watching a meteor shower. Everyone dragged out their mattresses from their cabins, and slept out under the beautiful shooting stars.

He says Camp Kirby taught him independence, but more importantly; the value of teamwork. At first he was all "gung ho" about being on his own away from his parents, but as he progressed in the CIT program he started to learn how valuable it is to be able to work well with other people, realizing how many jobs at Camp can't be done alone.

He attributes a lot of the person he is today to his experience at Camp. At Kirby he felt he could truly express himself and explore who he was from a young age. At Camp he discovered his love for working with youth. He is forever chasing the feeling of working at Kirby.

Since his time at Camp Kirby he started his own Dungeons and Dragons based summer day camp through the Edmonds Center for The Arts which is coming back for another summer in 2024.



**This is a truly magical camp that I will  
always consider my happy place.**

— Nick Williamson —

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