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Spring 2024 Events

Keep Connected: Alumni Meetup at Wander Brewing March 14th from 5pm to 7pm

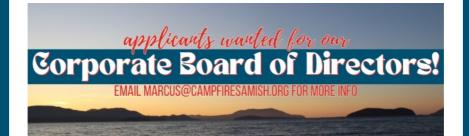
> **Opening Camp Work Party at Camp Kirby** March 16th from 10am to 4pm

Earth Day Work Party at Camp Kirby April 20th from 10am to 4pm

Open House & Spaghetti Feed at Camp Kirby April 21st: Open House from 2pm to 5pm, and Spaghetti Feed starting at 5pm

> Annual Auction at Camp Kirby April 27th at 4:30pm

Full List of Scheduled Events



A Note from Gopher

Did anyone else really enjoy all the snow that hit Northwest Washington a couple weeks ago? I grew up in Minnesota, so I felt right at home! I was also glad to see the snow and ice melt away, and the warmer temperatures now have me dreaming of the upcoming spring and summer seasons. It will be so fun to see the sun shining and Camp Kirby full of campers!

I have a few things I want to share with you all as we prepare for what will be an incredible year at Camp.

First, we are accepting applications to serve on our Corporate Board of Directors. Our Board is a committed group of people who oversee the health and direction of Camp Fire Samish, and serving on it is a rewarding opportunity. We are electing new members at our March meeting, so if you are interested in applying please reach out to me right away!

Second, we have some upcoming events that we'd love to see you at! Work party days at Camp, a Keep Connected Alumni Meetup event, our Open House and Spaghetti Feed, and of course our Annual Auction. You can find more information about all of these events in this email. Please consider coming out for one (or all!) of these events, we would love to see you!

And lastly, <u>please check out our donation page</u> to see ways that you can support Camp Fire Samish & Camp Kirby. Your support is especially needed as we get ready for one of our busiest seasons ever! We are thankful for all of you, and any support you can give is appreciated.

Thank you all!

Marcus "Gopher" Roskamp Executive Director



Auction Tickets Now on Sale!

We are looking forward to welcoming you back for another Auction at Camp Kirby on April 27th. This year we are excited to host a buffet dinner and a dessert dash. Snag your seat at a table today!

Tickets

We Need Your Help!

We are currently busy looking for donations of items, gift cards, and services of all types for our Auction. Do you own a business and have something to share? Season tickets and are willing to gift us a game? Would you like to bake goodies for our dessert dash? *Email marketing@campfiresamish.org*

KitKat's Korner

I used to say that Winter was our slow season here at Camp. Most of our buildings are winterized, we don't have traditional groups in Camp, and there is plenty of time to enjoy the occasional snow and constant flurry of winter birds. This year, Camp feels anything but slow! There has been a constant hustle and bustle as we prepare for a completely full Spring and Summer! We are, however, still finding time to stop and enjoy the many Bald Eagles who enjoy the big puddles in the field.

Our Program Manager, Riley ("Fawnerfly"), has been working tirelessly in anticipation of the 19 Outdoor School Programs that we will be running this Spring. She has created engaging lesson plans to teach students about everything from food webs to human impacts, water, forest, and beach environments, and everything in between. Students will also participate in team-building activities, and some traditional camp fun like archery and skit nights!

While our Spring season is now fully staffed, we are still hiring for Summer Camp staff! There are many important positions that still need to be filled, so please direct anyone who may be interested to our website. We are also still looking for Camp nurses for many of our sessions. I am so excited about the amazing, high-quality applicants that we have, and the amazing team that we are putting together!

As always, I appreciate the support that you all show to Camp Fire Samish & Camp Kirby. I hope to connect with you at one of our many upcoming events!

Kathryn "KitKat" Deshaies

Executive Camp Director

Employment



Keep Connected!

Alumni are invited to join us between 5pm and 7pm on March 14th at Wander Brewing in Bellingham for beer and a bite while sharing memories and celebrating Camp Fire's birthday!

We've partnered with Target Circle.

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9am to 4pm, April 1st - 4th, 2024 at Camp Kirby

Spring Break Day Camp

Campers will explore Camp Kirby woods, beaches, and more!

> Register for Spring Break Day Camp

Thank You Rotary Club of Bellingham! Last week our Executive Director Marcus was invited to a meeting for the Rotary Club of Bellingham where he accepted a generous donation from them of \$1,000 to assist in the purchase of much needed mattresses for Camp Kirby.



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