



April 2024 Events at Camp Kirby

Earth Day Work Party

April 20th from 10am to 4pm

Volunteer with us and help clean up Camp Kirby in preparation for a very full spring, summer, and fall!

Open House & Spaghetti Feed

*April 21st, Open House from 2pm to 5pm,
and Spaghetti Feed starting at 5pm*

Explore Camp, meet our staff, go on a tour, and get your and your camper's questions answered. At 5 a delicious spaghetti dinner will be served for a suggested donation of \$10 at the door.

Annual Auction

April 27th at 4:30pm

Join us for our biggest fundraiser of the year: silent and live auctions, dinner, drinks, dessert dash, and a raffle!

[Full List of Scheduled Events](#)

Camp Fire Samish & Camp Kirby's TICKETS \$75
Annual Auction

Presented by:
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4:30 PM, SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2024
4734 SAMISH POINT ROAD, BOW, WA 98232
EVENT IS 21+

Silent Auction - Live Auction - Raffle - Buffet Dinner - Drinks - Dessert Dash

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](#)



Meet our New Camp Kirby Logo!

With our rapid growth, and expansion of our outdoor education programming, we thought this would be a great time to introduce a new Camp Kirby logo! Keep an eye out for the new merch coming soon!



Our wonderful Spring 2024 Outdoor Education Team!

A Note from Gopher

We are about to embark on our busiest Outdoor School (aka Outdoor Education) season ever, and we are so excited to welcome students and faculty from various local schools. Many of you might not be familiar with our Outdoor School (OS) program, so here is a quick introduction.

What is Outdoor School?

We host groups of students from local schools out at Camp Kirby for an outdoor learning experience. Typically, schools send a group of 5th or 6th graders for a three-day, two-night experience. Some schools come out for a one-day experience with no overnight stay.

Schools select learning stations from our curriculum, and our trained instructors spend the day teaching students about the wonders of the outdoors that we get to experience at Camp Kirby. In the evenings, our staff hosts traditional camp activities like a campfire, skits, all-camp games, or even a dance party.

How many students come to Outdoor School?

In 2023, we hosted roughly 200 students from 3 schools. In 2024, we are planning to host roughly 1,400 students (730 in overnight OS programs, 700 in day OS programs) from 20 schools! This incredible growth mainly stems from legislation passed in Washington a few years ago establishing funding for schools to take students on Outdoor School experiences.

Where are the students from?

We are hosting students from Bellingham, Whidbey Island, Seattle, Sedro-Woolley, Mount Vernon, Ferndale, and Friday Harbor.

For me, the most exciting part of this is that we now get to serve so many young people who might otherwise never have the chance to experience our programming. Every child deserves to experience the power of the outdoors, and it's amazing to have this opportunity to introduce so many more young people to the magic of Camp Kirby.

Thank you to KitKat and Fawnerfly for all their hard work in preparing for this spring, and thank you to all our OS staff that will host these school groups! What an exciting time for Camp Fire Samish & Camp Kirby!

Marcus "Gopher" Roskamp

Executive Director



Welcome our new board members!



Corey Gerberdolan

Corey fell in love with Washington when she moved to Bellingham from the northeast to join the year-around staff at a summer camp on Lake Samish. Today she's the Day Camp Director for Camp Fire Central Puget Sound.

In addition, she completed a masters in Business Administration from Western in December 2022. Corey, A.K.A "TreeTop," is passionate about screen breaks for kids, (and adults), zero-waste entertainment and maximizing budgets. In her free time she is an avid disc golfer and loves and anything to do with friendship string.



Tom Bluhm

Tom grew up in Edison where his parents owned a grocery store and managed the Post Office. He currently resides in Anacortes and has lived in the Skagit Valley his entire life. His family has a beach house on Samish Island and enjoys the "island life" as much as possible. Tom recently retired from Island Health in Anacortes after 39

years as the Director of Information Systems/Technology. He has one daughter and son-in-law, and is blessed with two young grandsons he adores. Tom enjoys golfing, landscaping, traveling, and spending time with his grandsons.



Tia Smith

Tia has been involved with Camp Fire Samish since 2017, when she joined the Camp Kirby staff, and has been involved either as staff or a volunteer every year since. She believes that summer camp holds a special place in the hearts of those who experience it and that it changes lives for the better. Working with organizations that help children

feel inspired and reach their fullest potential has always been a passion of hers, whether that is through camp or school. She attended WWU for her education degree and recently graduated from WGU with her master's in education. In her off hours from

teaching, she enjoys reading, spending time outdoors, playing tabletop games, sewing, and more.



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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