

THE GAZETTE



A Note from Gopher

As we near the end of 2024, I am feeling very grateful. I am grateful for every one of you who supports Camp Fire Samish and helps us have the impact that we do. I am grateful for our incredible staff and their dedication to creating positive experiences for young people. I am grateful for our camper families and school groups who bring so much joy and life to Camp Kirby.

The end of a calendar year also brings opportunities for you to support our ongoing work. Please consider Camp Fire Samish & Camp Kirby for your year-end donations. Any money that you donate helps young people get outdoors, enhance their well-being, and build lifelong relationships.

You can designate your donation in one of three ways:

1. Campership Fund - This fund helps cover the cost of camp for families who cannot afford to pay the full cost of camp.
2. Kirby Fund - This fund goes directly to maintenance and improvement needs at Camp Kirby.
3. General Fund - This fund covers the majority of our organizational costs, including salaries for our year-round and seasonal staff, program and food expenses for Camp Kirby, and various administrative expenses.

You can donate online, by sending a check, or by calling our office at 360-733-5710.

[Donate Online](#)

The work we do would not be possible without each of you! Thank you for your continued support, and I can't wait to see what is in store for us all in 2025!

Marcus "Gopher" Roskamp
Executive Director

Keep Connected!



ALUMNI MEET UP

Wednesday, December 11th, 2024

TERRAMAR BREWSTILLERY

5712 Gilkey Ave, Bow, WA 98232

5:00PM - 7:00PM

If you have ever attended or worked at Camp Kirby, please come join us for a night of connection and catching up over great food and drinks!

KitKat's Korner

Happy Holidays from Camp Kirby!

Wow - we have had such an amazing month watching everyone sign up for camp next summer! We processed a record number of registrations in November, and Overnight Camp is 85% full at this time. Now, we are eagerly awaiting the opening of Day Camp, Alumni Camp, and Family Camp registration! Set your alarm for **9AM on January 2nd** so that you don't miss out, we've learned that sessions fill quickly.

Over the last month we also opened our CIT Application and our Staff Applications. I am so excited about the high quality candidates that have already applied! It makes me even more excited for the upcoming year. Anyone interested in applying should check out our website for more details!

Thank you to everyone who helped make 2024 such a successful year. Our campers, staff, camper families, alumni, volunteers, students, teachers, and community members all help to make Camp Kirby the magical place that we know and love. We truly could not do it without you.

Kathryn "KitKat" Deshaies
Executive Camp Director

Camp Fire Mints!

Grab your them while you can! After 70 years, this will be Camp Fire's last time selling mints. We are sad to see them go, but proud to celebrate our wonderful partnership with Brown & Haley. Read the full article about the end of this historic partnership below.

Order yours today! You can order online or stop by our Bellingham office to purchase your mints. They make great holiday gifts!

\$6 for one bag (12 candies)

\$90 for one case (15 bags)

[Order yours here!](#)

[Read the full article](#)



Sponsorship Opportunity

We have launched a Corporate Sponsorship Program for Camp Fire Samish & Camp Kirby! It is our hope to build strong partnerships with businesses in our community who want to have an impact on young people.

If your workplace or business would be interested in becoming a sponsor, please check out the link below. This is a great way to support Camp and for a business to demonstrate that they care about kids!

You can reach out to Marcus (marcus@campfiresamish.org) with any questions you might have.

[Corporate Sponsorship](#)

Thank you to our Corporate Sponsors!

Please support these businesses who support Camp Fire Samish & Camp Kirby!





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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