

# THE GAZETTE



## A Note From Gopher

The Camp Kirby season has begun! On March 31 we hosted our first Outdoor School group of the spring, and it is wonderful to see all the joy and excitement these young people bring. Our spring Outdoor School season is full, and we can't wait to welcome each new school group to Camp Kirby.

Seeing the joy and excitement of these students is a welcome change to so much of the uncertainty and fear people seem to be carrying with them these days. It's no secret that the world is full of anger and division right now, and young people feel the effects of that. Programs at Camp Kirby offer these young people a place of positivity, of connection, of laughter, of joy - which can all sometimes feel like they are in short supply.

But our programs are more than just an escape for our campers. **Research shows that these meaningful, positive experiences increase wellbeing, resilience, and hope in young people.** Camp Kirby is about more than just getting young people away from the stress of everyday life, it's about helping them discover the strength and hope they already possess and how they can carry that back to their families, friends, schools, and communities.

We are more committed to this work than ever, and each and every one of you is a part of it! Thank you for your support, for your donations, for volunteering, for attending events, and for everything else you do to keep Camp Fire Samish & Camp Kirby going. If you'd like to donate today, you can click the button below. Every donation helps improve the life of every young person that attends Camp Kirby!

**Marcus "Gopher" Roskamp**  
Executive Director

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# Spring Break Exploration Day Camp

We had so much fun during our spring break day camp! Last week was a great opportunity for our campers to learn about nature in the Kirby woods and observe marine life along the beach! We can't wait to have even more fun this spring!







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## Our Annual Auction is Just Around the Corner!



Join us on Saturday, April 26th, for Camp Fire Samish & Camp Kirby's Annual Auction. Mingle, enjoy a buffet dinner and drinks, explore the Camp Kirby grounds, enter our raffle, bid on a wide variety of live and silent auction items, and race to get your favorite

dessert at our dessert dash. All to help raise funds for Camp Kirby and our growing summer camp and outdoor education programs.

[Auction Tickets & Info](#)

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## Camp Kirby Spring Work Party

SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH | 10AM - 4PM



Join us for our spring work party Saturday, April 19th! We will be working between 10AM and 4PM, you can jump in at any time. All are welcome! We have jobs for every skill level, such as weeding, brush clearing, deep cleaning, chopping wood, and so much more! Lunch will be provided.

It is always appreciated when people can bring their own work gloves or tools. We hope to see you there!

[Spring Work Party Facebook Event](#)

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# Be part of our team **THIS SUMMER!**



Join our team for a summer full of fun, hard work, and sunshine!  
Have an incredibly rewarding summer and impact the youth in our  
community!

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## 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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