

## Help us get ready for spring!

Camp season is almost here! We are looking forward to welcoming our Outdoor Education staff on March 24, and our first Outdoor School group of the year on March 31. Weekend rental groups also start this month, and we are excited for all the life and laughter that will happen at Camp Kirby this year!

For you Alumni, we want to highlight a few ways you can stay connected in the coming months. You will find information about our Annual Auction, Work Parties, Alumni Camp, and our Board of Directors. These are all tangible ways you can continue to support Camp Kirby!

As always, please feel free to reach out to Marcus or Kathryn with any questions, thoughts, ideas, or just to catch up! We love our alumni, and appreciate all you do for Camp Fire Samish!

## Remembering Norma Jean Wilson Garlin

Norma Jean (2023) Loved Camp Kirby her entire life. She began her Kirby days with her Mom Norma Wilson (who was Camp Nurse) when she was 4 years old. She joined Camp Fire Girls in 1959 in Sedro-Woolley with Mrs. Jones as her leader. She continued her Kirby experience each summer going to camp with her Mom and finally able to be a CAMPER when she was 10 years old. Norma Jean eventually became a CIT in 1964-1965 to complete her training to become a camp counselor. The summer of 1966 she became a CABIN COUNSELOR for a few summers and eventually came back later on in her life to fill in for the Camp Nurse when necessary. Norma Jean loved Camp Kirby and all the friends she made there and they continued to reunite at many Camp events when possible.



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.

Tickets & Info



If you're looking for a more in-depth way to get involved, serving on our Corporate Board of Directors is a rewarding opportunity. The Board is in charge of governance and oversight for Camp Fire Samish, and meets monthly. Contact Marcus (<a href="marcus@campfiresamish.org">marcus@campfiresamish.org</a>) if you are interested in learning more.



Join us Saturday, March 15th or Saturday, April 19th! We will be working between 10AM and 4PM, and 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!

Opening Work Party Facebook Event (3/15)

Spring Work Party Facebook Event (4/19)



Registration is open for July 24th-27th, and we hope to see you there. Some of your favorite camp activities, like archery and the climbing wall, will be open during your stay. There will also be organized cookouts, campfires, and so much more!

## Register for Alumni Camp

We want your pictures from across the decades! Do you have photos from your time at Camp Kirby? Email them to <a href="marketing@campfiresamish.org">marketing@campfiresamish.org</a> to have them featured on our socials and on our Alumni Page on our website!

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