

THE GAZETTE



KitKat's Korner

Kicking Off the Camp Season with Excitement and Adventure!

As the school year winds down and the days grow longer, there's a buzz of anticipation in the air—summer camp season is finally here! We are getting ready to dive into a summer filled with new friendships, unforgettable memories, and endless fun. Camp Kirby will be welcoming nearly 60 staff members, 50 CITs, 225 Day Campers, and 800 Overnight campers this summer, and it all kicks off in less than two weeks!

While Camp Kirby is known for exciting activities such as canoeing, archery, arts and crafts, and s'mores, it also offers something deeper. Camp is a place where young people can grow. They learn independence, teamwork, resilience, and leadership, often without even realizing it. From overcoming the fear of heights on the climbing wall to working together to collect the most signatures at Counselor Hunt, every moment is an opportunity to build confidence and character.

We live in a world dominated by screens, and camp provides a welcome break from digital distractions. Campers are able to trade video games for nature hikes, and social media for real-life connections. It's a rare and valuable time for young people to fully engage with the world around them and build lasting relationships face-to-face.

This incredible opportunity for young people wouldn't exist without you! Even if your camp days are long past, you can support our campers this summer by purchasing items from our Amazon wishlist linked below. We've recently updated it with items needed for programs this summer. Additionally, if you want to experience the magic of Camp Kirby yourself, we would love to see as many of you as possible at Alumni camp!

[Amazon Wishlist](#)

Here's to an amazing summer season!



[Register for Alumni Camp](#)



OPEN HOUSE

Join us for our open house event!

June 22, 2025 2PM - 4PM

4734 Samish Point Rd, Bow, WA

If you have a new Camp Kirby camper joining us this summer, we encourage you to attend our Open House on Sunday, June 22nd from 2PM-4PM. It's the perfect opportunity to ask questions, tour Camp's facilities, and get your camper excited for the season ahead. We can't wait to welcome you!

[Open House Facebook Event](#)

Our Outdoor Education Season Comes to a Close

Over the course of this spring 800 students across 13 schools came to Camp Kirby for Outdoor Education! We couldn't have done it without our wonderful team of 10 Outdoor Education Specialists, and everyone else who helps Camp run! We are sad to see spring go, but we can't wait for our summer season to start in a few short weeks!





Three weeks ago we asked you all to help us raise \$5,000 to help cover all of the Campership requests that had come in for this summer. Thanks to you, we have exceeded our goal! Your generosity has helped us raise \$5,598 to help our families afford the cost of Camp. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of these young people!

A Note From Gopher

This spring, our Corporate Board of Directors approved a new mission statement for Camp Fire Samish. Our new mission statement reads:

Camp Fire Samish connects young people to the outdoors, to others, and to themselves.

This is the mission statement for Camp Fire, and we have decided to adopt it as our own affiliate's as well. It speaks simply and powerfully to what we are all about.

We are about connection. This is the main (and only!) verb in our statement. Something powerful and magical happens when we direct our energy and focus away from a screen and towards our environment and the people around us.

We are about young people. Everything we do is about giving young people opportunities to grow and thrive. We strive to create places and programs where young people can have experiences and build relationships that stay with them for a lifetime.

We are about the outdoors. All of our programs are outdoor-based, and we utilize the incredible gift we have in Camp Kirby. Young people in our programs learn about nature and spend lots of time outdoors!

We are about relationships. Friendships that begin at camp have the potential to last a lifetime, and young people in our programs build social and relational skills they carry with them back to their homes and schools.

We are about building wellbeing and confidence in youth. Our hope is that a young person who participates in one of our programs doesn't just have some fun, but that they try new things, they discover their own strength, and they build their confidence.

Camp Fire Samish connects young people to the outdoors, to others, and to themselves. Thank you for all you do to partner with us in this work, we couldn't be more thankful for you!

Marcus "Gopher" Roskamp
Executive Director

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