



**Camp Fire**  
Inland Northwest

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**Camp Fire Inland Northwest Begins Construction at Camp Dart-Lo**

Camp Fire Inland Northwest is pleased to announce the start of construction to modernize and expand the Lodge at Camp Dart-Lo. The 51-acre summer day camp, which is owned and operated by Camp Fire Inland Northwest, is heavily wooded and located on the Little Spokane River in north Spokane.

Walker Construction is overseeing the \$317,000 project. The Lodge has seen very little improvement, other than basic repairs and maintenance, since it was built in 1947. The construction will bring the building's original footprint to one level and make it ADA accessible. Wheelchair accessible restrooms, a new kitchen, reception area and a health room will be added. On the exterior, an ADA driveway, entrance and ramps will be included. The project will also add modern heating and air conditioning.

Originally, the lodge was built with the intention of summer use only. The improvements will allow Camp Fire Inland Northwest to expand its indoor and outdoor youth programming to year-round and allow private rentals. Camp Dart-Lo serves boys and girls ages 3 to 18 and is conveniently located just minutes from Spokane's major urban neighborhoods.

The project is made possible with a major lead gift from the Harriet Cheney Cowles Foundation, along with numerous private contributions. On December 9, 2016, Camp Fire Inland Northwest was awarded a \$20,000 grant for the project from the Inland Northwest Community Foundation. Architectural design services were donated by Doug Mitchell of MMEC Architects. Further funding is currently being sought, along with volunteer services of tradesmen in carpentry, roofing, plumbing, finishing and electrical work. For specific information on the project and how to help, visit Camp Fire Inland Northwest's website at [www.campfireinc.org](http://www.campfireinc.org).

*Founded in 1914, Camp Fire Inland Northwest's programs include youth leadership, after school groups, camping and environmental education. We build more than campfires. We build productive lives. As one of the largest councils in the country, CFINW provides programs for boys and girls ages 3-18 in 18 counties in Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. We serve over 2,000 children each year in year-round clubs and at our two area summer camps: Camp Sweyolakan overnight camp on Lake Coeur d'Alene and Camp Dart-Lo day camp in North Spokane.*

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