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Camp Fire Inland Northwest receives a \$131,000 grant for construction at Camp Dart-Lo

Camp Fire Inland Northwest is pleased to announce a grant award of \$131,000 from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust to complete the modernization and expansion of 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 \$370,000 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 commercial quality kitchen, reception area and a health room will be added. On the exterior, an ADA driveway, entrance and ramps will be included. Construction on the building has already begun and should be completed by year-end.

Originally, the lodge was built with the intention of summer use only. The project will also add heating and air conditioning. 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, less than one mile from Wandermere Golf Course.

"This grant will allow us to complete the renovation of our Lodge and expand our services," said Executive Director Steve Jurich. "Camp Dart-Lo provides the rare opportunity for children to learn about nature and have an outdoor experience right here in Spokane's backyard."

The project is also made possible with a major lead gift from the Harriet Cheney Cowles Foundation, grant awards from the Inland Northwest Community Foundation and Spokane Kiwanis Charitable Foundation, along with numerous private contributions. Architectural design services were donated by Doug Mitchell of MMEC Architects. Camp Fire Inland Northwest is currently seeking volunteer services of tradesmen in carpentry, roofing, plumbing, finishing and electrical work. For more information on the project and how to help, visit Camp Fire Inland Northwest's website at 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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