



Camp Fire

Sparks

Information and Inspiration from Camp Fire Inland Northwest
FALL 2017



SHARE OUR DREAM...Annual Dinner Auction

In the past year, Camp Fire Inland Northwest has helped over 2,000 boys and girls develop life-long skills through our clubs and summer camps. It's an accomplishment we simply couldn't achieve without the support of our community.

PLEASE JOIN US for our largest annual fundraiser, **Share Our Dream Dinner & Auction** on Saturday, October 21st. This year's theme "Light the Fire Within" will inspire all of us to help kids find their passion, or "Spark." This casual, fun-filled evening features a craft beer and wine bar, dinner made from scratch, raffles, silent and live auctions.



New this year is a Dessert Dash, where your table will compete for the most scrumptious item to satisfy your sweet tooth. The event will take place at St. John's Cathedral, 127 E. 12th Ave., in Spokane. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and tickets are \$45 per person. Tables of 8 are available. Register and pre-pay online by October 13th at www.campfireinc.org.

Watch our website to find out about some of our exciting auction items! **If you can't attend, but still want to support our programs during the event, you can!** Simply go to our website and click the "Raise the Paddle" button and your gift will be counted toward the event's goal. All proceeds stay locally to support Camp Fire Inland Northwest programs.

This event is sponsored in part by KH Consulting, Schoedel & Schoedel, Washington Trust Bank, Alliant Insurance Services, Bank CDA, Clearwater Paper, CliftonLarsonAllen, the Edward Jones Office of Josh Clements-Sampson and Walker Construction.



JOIN THE CLUB!

It's Time to Register for School Year Clubs! If your child loved summer camp, Camp Fire Clubs take advantage of the fun all school year long! We believe that small groups in a safe, fun environment are the best way to help kids to realize their potential. Boys and girls ages 3-18, come together to learn about the outdoors, community, friendship and have tons of fun. For more details and to register, go to our website at www.campfireinc.org. Our Clubs are very individualized, so contact us to find the right match for your family. Contact the office at 509.747.6191 or campfire@campfireinc.org today to find the right fit for your child and schedule.

LEADERS LIGHT THE WAY

Make a difference; see the difference...as a Camp Fire Leader! Camp Fire Inland Northwest is currently looking for Leaders for clubs in Spokane and N. Idaho. Leaders organize participant-led activities for boys and girls to help them develop their natural abilities. Age appropriate materials and training are provided to guide you. If you are interested or need additional information, contact our office at 509.747.6191 or campfire@campfireinc.org.

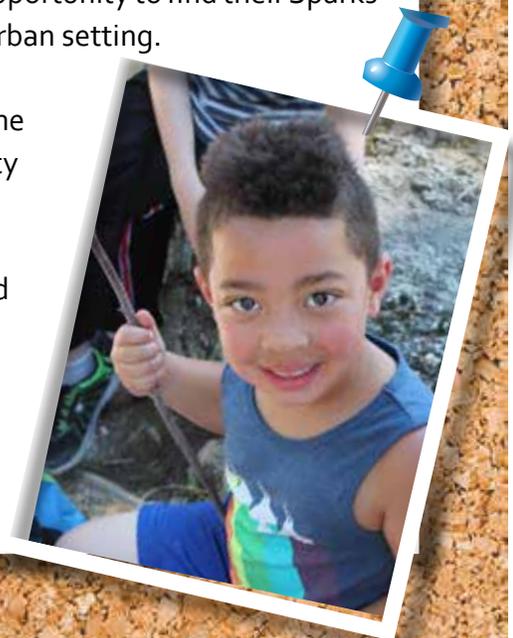
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GIVES THE GIFT OF THE OUTDOORS

Camp Fire Inland Northwest's Community Partnership program was born in 2015 with funding from the Spokane County United Way. The two-year grant allowed us to send 60 children from the Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Outreach to a week of Camp Dart-Lo each summer.

This program was so successful in giving city kids a true outdoor experience that we worked to expand it this year. With the renewal and increase of funding from the United Way, plus a \$5,000 grant from the Chase Youth Foundation, and additional support from US Bank, we were able to serve almost 100 youth this year from not only the MLK Jr. Family Outreach Center, but also the West Central Spokane and Southwest Spokane Community Centers.

The kids served by these programs now have access to something we take for granted: the experience of the great outdoors. They make lifelong friends, learn leadership skills and have the opportunity to find their Sparks outside of an urban setting.

Thank you to the Spokane County United Way, Chase Youth Foundation and US Bank for making this happen!





GRANT FUNDS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

In May, Camp Fire Inland Northwest was awarded \$131,000 by the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust to complete the modernization and expansion of the Lodge at Camp Dart-Lo in north Spokane. "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 Lodge has seen very little improvement, other than basic repairs and maintenance, since it was built in 1947. Walker Construction is overseeing the \$370,000 project. 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. The improvements will allow Camp Fire Inland Northwest to expand its indoor and outdoor youth programming to year-round and allow private rentals. Other funding for the project include a major lead gift from the Harriet Cheney Cowles Foundation, grant awards from the Inland Northwest Community Foundation and Spokane Kiwanis Charitable Foundation, and 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 our website at www.campfireinc.org or contact Steve Jurich at sjurich@campfireinc.org.



RED DAY AT CAMP DART-LO

Camp Dart-Lo was blessed to be chosen as the site for Keller Williams' RED Day on May 11th. Eighty volunteer realtors and support staff from Keller Williams came to the camp to work on several large projects. RED stands for "**Renew, Energize and Donate**" and this group lived up to that, bringing tools and equipment to spend several very busy hours at the camp. Loads of gravel were delivered to the parking lot and spread, the pool was opened for the first time, planting boxes were constructed and tons of smaller trees and brush were cleared and hauled away, which is necessary for fire control. A huge thank you goes out to Keller Williams.

We are Overwhelmed with Gratitude!

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE

Camp Fire recently embarked on a comprehensive strategic planning process to envision our future and develop strategies to strengthen the organization and enhance our impact in the community. The strategies, which are now in place, will guide us in how we operate and engage with the community to achieve our mission and goals. A healthy round of applause goes to Rich Wallis, a national facilitator for other major youth organizations, for helping us navigate through the process of developing the plan. We encourage you to view the Executive Summary of the strategic plan on our website. Look under "About/Inland Northwest."



CAMP FIRE WINS 1ST PLACE IN THE JUNIOR LILAC PARADE

For the second year in a row, Camp Fire Inland Northwest Clubs won 1st Place in the Jr. Lilac Parade in the Organizations category! This year's theme was "King of Pop, Queen of Rock." A huge thank you goes to Lori and Roydon Carrick for designing and creating the playing card themed float and props and organizing the parade volunteers. Way to represent, Clubs!!



CAMP DART-LO HOSTS CAMP TWIGS

Camp Fire was pleased to partner with Camp TWIGS this summer. The younger version of Camp STIX, Camp TWIGS is a camp for children ages 6-8 who have been diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. TWIGS stands for "Together We Inspire Greatness and Support." Forty children were able to spend three days at Camp Dart-Lo and enjoy normal camp activities with the help of over 50 highly trained volunteers. We are honored to give these kids the authentic summer camp experience, leaving them with confidence and memories they will never forget.



SNAPSHOTS OF SUMMER 2017 CAMP DART-LO & CAMP SWEYOLAKAN



More than 1,600 children experienced the magic of Camp Fire Inland Northwest camps this summer!





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2017 FALL CALENDAR

Date	Event	Location	Time
October 14	Sweep & Sweat – Camp Closing	Camp Sweyolakan	9:00 AM
October 21	Share Our Dream Dinner & Auction	St. John Cathedral	5:30 PM
November 10	Veteran’s Day Observed – Camp Fire Office Closed		
Nov 23-24	Thanksgiving – Camp Fire Office Closed		
Dec 25-26	Christmas – Camp Fire Office Closed		
January 1-2	New Year’s – Camp Fire Office Closed		
January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Camp Fire Office Closed		