



Camp Fire

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Information and Inspiration from Camp Fire Inland Northwest
FALL 2016



Share Our Dream Annual Dinner & Auction on November 5, 2016

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 couldn't achieve without the support of our community.

Please join us for our largest annual fundraiser, **Share Our Dream Dinner & Auction** on Saturday, November 5th. This year's theme "*Explore. Excite. Expand. Making Footprints to Our Future*" will celebrate all of Camp Fire's success over the past year and give a glimpse of what's coming in the future. This casual, fun-filled evening features a wine bar, dinner made from scratch, raffles, silent and live auctions. 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 28th** at www.campfireinc.org. If you can't attend, but still want to support Camp Fire Inland Northwest programs during the event, you can! Simply go to the registration page and click the "**Raise the Paddle**" button and your gift will be counted toward the event's goal. All proceeds from the event support Camp Fire Inland Northwest programs.

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. Contact Tina Patterson in the office at (509) 747-6191 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 Tina Patterson, Director of Club Programs at 509.747.6191 or tpatterson@campfireinc.org.



Another Successful Season of Summer Camps

What a wonderful summer it's been! Now that summer is over and our post-season events have wrapped up, I have the opportunity to look back and remember the amazing experiences Camp Sweyolakan and Camp Dart-Lo have given our youth over this past season. Let me share some of them with you!

There was a significant increase in campers this summer at both camps! We welcomed 625 campers over 6 weeks at Camp Sweyolakan and 601 campers over 7 weeks at Camp Dart-Lo.

The Henry Day Neewahlu Trust and Camp Fire Inland Northwest provided over \$40,000 in camper scholarships. 170 kids who may have never been able to afford camp got to explore the outdoors and connect with their peers. We'd also like to thank Kiwanis Northeast Spokane for their assistance in providing an additional \$4,475 in scholarships through their Camps for Kids program; this particular scholarship program closed the gap for many area families.

We welcomed 29 young leaders into our camp leadership programs and watched them flourish under the tutelage of our veteran staff and youth development professionals. It is through these programs that we instill the traditions and skills needed for future staff members. We are so proud of our leadership program graduates.

We bridged generation gaps as alumnae Sweyolakan staff joined our ranks in camp each week to teach our campers songs from bygone eras. This amazing group of women has been trekking our trails for decades and we are so lucky to benefit from their passion, knowledge, and love of our camp. A grant provided by United Way of Spokane County allowed us to welcome participants from the Martin Luther King Jr. Family Outreach Center to join the fun at Camp Dart-Lo this summer, exposing inner city youth to our Thrive philosophy and allowing them to have fun in the great outdoors.

I am overwhelmed by the countless hours our amazing staff and volunteers have dedicated to these curious young minds and am truly grateful for having the opportunity to work with each of them. I certainly look forward to next summer when we will do it all over again!

Wohelo,
Miss Poppy, Director of Camping and Program Services



Camp Dart-Lo Modernization Project

Final bids are in! We are moving forward and breaking ground this fall to modernize the Lodge at Camp Dart-Lo. Built in 1947, the Lodge is due for improvements, including wheelchair accessible restrooms, a new kitchen, staff area, health room and reception area. Other less exciting, but necessary renovations include changes to the septic system and weatherization so the building can be used year-round. The project cost has come out to approximately \$317,000. Fundraising efforts for the project have taken place over the past few years, with over \$127,000 in private donations so far, plus generous gifts of \$60,000 from the Harriet Cheney Cowles Foundation and \$5,000 from Kiwanis Charities. That leaves \$125,000 of fundraising left for the project. There are several ways you can help close the gap. Below are some great opportunities. All donations will be recognized in the finished project.

For larger gifts, there are naming opportunities available. Individuals and businesses can forever be remembered by the parents and children who pass through the doors of Camp Dart-Lo with their gift:

- \$100,000 - Lodge
- \$50,000 - Great Room
- \$25,000 - Kitchen
- \$20,000 - Crafts Room
- \$20,000 - Staff Room
- \$10,000 - Health Area
- \$10,000 - Reception

There are also specific projects throughout the building for individuals and businesses to sponsor:

General Projects

HVAC (Heating & Cooling)	\$20,000
Cabinets	\$12,350
Windows	\$1,400
Doors & Hardware	\$3,245
Toilet Accessories	\$625
Wood Deck	\$1,700
Metal Roofing	\$10,050
Siding	\$4,600
Flooring	\$12,250
Commercial Dishwasher	\$5,000*

*sponsored by Kiwanis Charities

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Camp Dart-Lo Modernization Project (cont.)

Kitchen Equipment

Work Table 1	\$1,000
Work Table 2	\$900
Work Table 3	\$800
Dish Table with Pot Sink	\$2,500
Class II Hood & Exhaust Fan	\$1,600
Clean Dish Table	\$600
Drop-In Sink with Faucet	\$500
Wall Flashing	\$1,350
Microwave Oven	\$400
Microwave Shelf	\$185
Range	\$2,750
Convection Oven 1	\$3,300
Convection Oven 2	\$3,300
Class I Hood & Exhaust Fan	\$5,500
Pan Rack	\$275
Freezer	\$3,050
Wire Shelving	\$800

We are also actively looking for tradespeople in carpentry, flooring, electrical and plumbing to donate their time and expertise. Each volunteer hour will drastically reduce the amount of cash needed to complete the project. For more information on the project see our website. If you would like to support the Camp Dart-Lo Modernization project with a gift of cash or time and expertise, please contact Steve Jurich, Executive Director, at 509-747-6191 or sjurich@campfireinc.org.



Asplundh Tree Experts Help Out at Camp Dart-Lo

The keen eye of an Avista lineman brought Asplundh Tree Experts to Camp Dart-Lo to remove a dead Ponderosa pine tree this summer. The tree, located near the parking lot and Lodge, was not only an eyesore, it was a hazard. Casey Rendall and his crew, Chris Osberg and Colter McKinnon, volunteered their time and resources to do the job. Campers lined up on the Lodge's deck to watch, wide-eyed, as the 100 foot tall tree crashed down into the parking lot. Asplundh has also donated dump truck sized loads of wood chips from other jobs, which normally would go to clean-green recycling. The campers got to watch the dump truck deliveries, then help spread the chips in key areas around camp, which helps to keep the dust down. A big thank you to Asplundh, Casey and his crew for helping us out at Camp Dart-Lo!





L-R: Diana Payne, Dave Corkran, Char Corkran, Kyra Walters.

Canoe Dedication

Forty people gathered at Camp Sweyolakan on September 10th to watch another restored wood and canvas canoe join our historic fleet. The 15 foot long 1917 Old Town is now the oldest in our collection and it has quite a story. Dave and Char Corkran were in attendance from Oregon to admire its restored beauty and tell the group about it. The canoe's original owner was Dave Corkran's grandfather. Its origin can be traced to Glacier National Forest where, in approximately 1918, the family took the canoe by

wagon on many miles of very rough forest roads to go on a 6-week long camping trip at Bowman Lake. At some point, the canoe ended up being stored under the deck of a cabin near the park for over 30 years, where it deteriorated. When Dave finally found it, the boat was "repaired" with fiberglass, which made it much heavier. Dave and Char used the canoe for many years on the Oregon Coast, but eventually opted for a lighter model. The Corkrans connected with Eileen Mathews, who has volunteered countless hours to restore Camp Sweyolakan's fleet of historic wood and canvas canoes. Eileen suggested giving the canoe a home at the camp and the Corkrans agreed. A dedicated crew of volunteers has spent many hours to restore the boat to its original glory. Diana Payne generously sponsored the boat's restoration, so she had the honor of naming it. She had the the help of former Sweyolakan CIT Kyra Walters. She chose Syenkhyukwe (pronounced sen-Chee-kwee), which is Coeur d'Alene Indian language for Voyager or "traveler on the water".

Passings: Dr. Elizabeth Welty

We are saddened by the passing of Dr. Elizabeth Welty on September 6th. She was a bright spark in Spokane, and while she was best known for being a champion for the arts, she was also a champion for children. She was a strong supporter of Camp Fire Inland Northwest for many years; most recently raising a paddle during last year's Share Our Dream and this spring she gave a large gift in honor of Laurie Skipper for her dedication to Camp Fire. Though Dr. Welty gave generously to numerous organizations, she did not want to be called a philanthropist. She simply wanted to make a difference in the Spokane community and recognized that the arts and kids were a good place to invest her time and resources. Even at her advanced age of 101, she was sharp in the mind and full of humor and ideas. During a recent lunch with Dr. Welty, she told the group how important it was to collaborate with other nonprofits to maximize our efforts. We're listening, Dr. Welty. Thank you for the impact you have made in our community. You will be missed.



Dr. Welty (left) with Laurie Skipper at Camp Sweyolakan in 2013. Photo by Lorinda Travis.



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Our Promise:

Young people want to shape the world. Camp Fire provides the opportunity to find their spark, lift their voice, and discover who they are. In Camp Fire, it begins *now*. Light the fire within.

2016 FALL CALENDAR

Date	Event	Location	Time
Nov 5	Share Our Dream Dinner & Auction	St. John's Cathedral	5:30 PM
Nov 11	Veteran's Day – Camp Fire Offices Closed		
Nov 24-25	Thanksgiving – Camp Fire Offices Closed		
Dec 9	Camp Fire Night at Spokane Chiefs	Spokane Arena	
Dec 26	Christmas Holiday – Camp Fire Offices Closed		
Jan 2	New Year's Day – Camp Fire Offices Closed		
Jan 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Camp Fire Offices Closed		
Jan 16	Candy Sale Kickoff Carnival	River Park Square	1-3 pm