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Summer is Just Around the Corner... Register for Camp!

It's time to register for summer camp! Sessions start June 19th and run through mid-August. Our two rustic camps give kids the opportunity to unplug from technology, explore the natural world and connect with each other. There's something for all ages and abilities at our camps, whether your child wants to be home at night, or get away from home and sleep in an open shelter. At camp kids find their "spark" through awesome activities like hiking, swimming, boating, floating, fishing, archery, challenge ropes courses, bouldering walls, ecology lessons, crafts and skits...it's too much to list! New this year is Camp a la Carte, where you can attend Camp Dart-Lo by the day; and the Mini Camp Experience, a three-day, two-night session at Camp Sweyolakan. Both of these sessions take place the week of Independence Day. To accommodate working parents, Camp Dart-Lo has new extended hours in 2017! We've also made it easier to register for multiple sessions at both camps throughout the summer.

At Camp Fire we believe that all kids should experience the magic of camp. We offer **You Bet I Can!** sessions for campers with special needs and also offer scholarships to families who may not be able to afford the cost of camp. Our scholarship application is online at campfireinc.org.

You don't have to be a member of Camp Fire to attend our summer camps. Find the right option for your child and register today online at campfireinc.org or by calling 509.747.6191.

If you want to preview our camps, please attend our **free Open Houses: June 16th from 5:30 – 8:00 pm at Camp Dart-Lo** in north Spokane and **July 1st from 10 am – 2 pm at Camp Sweyolakan** on Lake Coeur d'Alene. Please pre-register on our website to receive details.

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Community Open Swim and Pool Parties at Camp Dart-Lo

The public is invited to cool off this summer in Camp Dart-Lo's two beautiful outdoor pools! Open Community Swim is Monday-Friday from 3 to 5:30 pm from June 19th through August 18th. Only \$4 per visit, or purchase a Swim Pass of 10 visits for \$30. Youth under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. The Camp Dart-Lo pools can also be rented for private parties! What a great way to spend a birthday, company picnic, or family reunion. Pool rental includes the use of our picnic shelter, too! Contact the office for more details.

Volunteers Needed for Camp Cleanups

Want to help out and spend a great day at camp? Mark your calendar! Come help us bring our camp back to life after the long winter. Sweep & Sweat dates for Camp Sweyolakan on Lake Coeur d'Alene are set for May 13th and June 10th. Workdays run from 9 am to 2 pm and include lunch. No special skills or tools are needed; however, we're always looking for skilled craftsmen in carpentry, landscaping, electrical and plumbing to lead projects and direct volunteers. For more details and to RSVP, visit our website at campfireinc.org, or contact Poppy White, Director of Camping and Programs at 509.747.6191 or pwhite@campfireinc.org.

Summer Camp Leadership and Volunteer Opportunities for Youth and Adults

Youth are invited to apply for our teen leadership positions at camp this summer. There are a wide variety of opportunities for teens in grades 6-12, both at Camp Dart-Lo day camp and Camp Sweyolakan overnight camp. Some opportunities can help pay for camp, while others are considered camp programs, so fees apply. At Camp Dart-Lo we have the Program Aides in Learning (PALs) program for grades 6-8 and Counselor Assistants for grades 10 and up. At Camp Sweyolakan we need dishwashers, buglers, Jr. Counselors In Training and Sr. Counselors in Training (CITs). Both camps need Camper Buddies all summer long to assist campers with special needs who need one-on-one peer mentors. An application is required for all leadership positions. See our website at www.campfireinc.org for more information and links to the online applications.

You and Me Kid Family Camp at Camp Sweyolakan

Create great memories at Camp Sweyolakan during You and Me Kid family camp on July 28 – 30. Bring the family (or your favorite kids) camping on Lake Coeur d'Alene, without the work! Enjoy meals cooked for you, archery, swimming, hiking, boating, ropes challenge courses and even take a ride on the Big Swing. You'll also sleep under the stars and enjoy a beach BBQ. \$80 for adults, \$45 for youth, children under 3 are free. This weekend fills quickly, so register today online at campfireinc.org.

Club Leader Cathleen Schlotter Wins National Award

Camp Fire Inland Northwest Club Leader Cathleen Schlotter of Cheney, Washington has been selected as the School Social Worker of the Year for 2017 by the School Social Worker Association of America (SSWAA). The award is given to an individual who is recognized by their peers, colleagues, and supervisors as making outstanding contributions ranging from direct practice to state and national leadership. Prior to winning the national award, Cathleen was first chosen as Washington State's School Social Worker of the Year for 2016. She is an Assistant Principal at Snowden Elementary, Reengagement and Intervention Specialist in the Cheney School District and also an adjunct professor at Eastern Washington University. As a Camp Fire member for several years during her childhood, she was active in Clubs and attended Camp Dart-Lo and Camp Sweyolakan. She has been a Camp Fire Leader for the Inland Northwest council for seven years. Camp Fire Inland Northwest honored Cathleen with the Wakan Award in 2013 and the Hiiteni Award in 2015. When asked about how Camp Fire has made a difference in her life, Cathleen replied, "Camp Fire helped to build the values in the person I am today and put me on the path to a service related field like social work. Being a part of something built my confidence and gave me the opportunity to find voice, both as a leader and a social worker." Congratulations, Cathleen!



27th Annual Women's Retreat

Registration is open on our website for the 27th Annual Women's Retreat, September 8-10 at Camp Sweyolakan. This fun women's weekend includes great food, camp activities, classes, crafts, yoga, massages and much more! Registration is \$115 per person. Premium add-on options, like massages, are additional. Our committee is currently confirming activities and working with our vendors to solidify details and new committee members are always welcome! If you are interested in helping with this fun event, contact Poppy White at 509-747-6191 or pwhite@campfireinc.org.





Save the Date for Share Our Dream

Our annual fundraising event, Share Our Dream Dinner & Auction will take place on October 21st at St. John Cathedral. Tickets are \$45 each. Watch our website for registration!

Board of Directors Elected

Camp Fire Inland Northwest elected their 2017 Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting on January 23rd. We welcomed eight new members to our Board of Directors: Maggie Bailey (Youth Rep.), Chrissy Davis Jones, Shawn Lewis (Youth Rep.), Theresa Gibbons, Richelle Gier, Juanita Jiminez, Kerri Schoolcraft, Jill Startin and Lillian Warto. Continuing Board members are Jessie McLaughlin (President), Karen Erickson (Vice President), Jaclyne Hawley (Treasurer), Jennifer Timoney (Secretary), Lori Howard, Matt Lusk, Lois Richards, Dorothy Sawyer and Dennis Wilson. We thank all of our Board members for their time, talents and dedication to Camp Fire. There are many opportunities for adults to be involved in various committees. Please contact Steve Jurich at 509.747.6191 or sjurich@campfireinc.org for details.

Sustaining Membership Drive

During the month of March, more than two dozen volunteer "Champions" made personal calls on friends, family and Camp Fire alumni during the Sustaining Membership Drive. The goal was to raise \$60,000 in a 4 week timespan to help Camp Fire Inland Northwest with areas of greatest need, including camp scholarships and camp maintenance and repairs. At the time of this newsletter going to press, we were well on track to reach the goal, but we still need you to participate.

If you didn't pledge during the Drive, you can still show your support today by becoming a Sustaining Member of Camp Fire Inland Northwest. Your membership will help Camp Fire provide our youth with activities that build life skills in self-discipline, goal-setting, reflection, problem solving and resiliency. As a completely inclusive organization, we welcome all youth and their families to participate; and we never turn away a child due to a family's inability to pay. Last year we served over 2,000 youth in our programs. More than 30% of our participants received financial assistance to participate in activities and summer camp. Your Sustaining Membership promises a bright future for the families and youth that we serve. To become a Sustaining Member, sign up on our website at campfireinc.org or call Jill Strom, Director of Fund Development at 509.747.6191.



Candy Sale Results

Another Candy Sale is in the books! This year 122 sellers sold 18,700 packages of Mint Patties, Almond Roca, Caramel Almond Clusters, Camp Snax and P'Nuttles. The candy sale supports our council and Camp Fire kids earn all kinds of rewards for their efforts. In addition to the traditional emblems and charms, kids earn candy credit which can be spent on summer camp registration, club activities and apparel. At certain levels sellers earn invitations to a weekend trip to Sweyolakan, pool party and/or the outdoor movie night at Camp Dart-Lo. Top sellers also qualify for cash prizes. Our High Sellers were Nova Pierce (Little Stars), Paityn Zimmerman (Starflight), Keller Hutsell Zandell (Adventure), Abigail Fleury (Discovery), and Lindsey Hergenrather (Horizon) and Carter & Hailey Ramsey (Member at Large). The Overall Top Seller this year is Keller Hutsell Zandell with a total of 1,029 packages! Great job, candy sellers! Thanks to everyone who purchased candy to support the kids and our council. If you missed our sellers, we still have some candy left in our office. To get yours and support our council, stop by our office at 524 N. Mullan Road in the Spokane Valley, Monday-Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.



Volunteer Appreciation Awards

Camp Fire simply couldn't fulfill our purpose of helping kids find their "spark" without the many adults who faithfully volunteer on our board and committees, with our camps, and in our clubs. On April 21st we gathered to recognize our volunteer superstars at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Awards. The top awards for our council went to Marcia Asmussen (Dorothy Brown Award) and Laurie Skipper (Lifetime Membership). Other outstanding honorees were Becky Baldwin, Anne Chamberlain, Kathy Davis, Joy Gill, Chris Hanson, Steve & Lori Howard, Anthony Lahr, Lynn Leenknecht, Mary Ann Migaki, Korey Mourot, Scott Opperud, Cathy Pennington, Lois Richards, Jason Salveti, Melissa Salveti, Barb Scriven, and Dennis Wilson. Many, many thanks, not only to these honorees, but to each and every Camp Fire volunteer for your commitment to youth development in our community.



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2017 SPRING CALENDAR

Date	Event	Location	Time
May 13	Jr. Lilac Parade	Downtown Spokane	10:00 AM
May 13	Camp Sweyolakan Sweep & Sweat Camp Cleanup	Sweyolakan Landing	9:00 AM
May 19	Fly-up/Grand Council Fire	Glover Middle School	6:30 PM
May 29	Memorial Day - Camp Fire Offices Closed		
June 10	Camp Sweyolakan Trailblazer Camp Cleanup	Sweyolakan Landing	9:00 AM
June 16	Free Family Night Out / Open House	Camp Dart-Lo	5:30 - 8:30 PM
July 1	Camp Sweyolakan Open House	Sweyolakan Landing	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
July 4	Independence Day - Camp Fire Offices Closed		
July 3, 5-7	Camp A La Carte	Camp Dart-Lo	
July 5-7	Mini Camp Experience	Camp Sweyolakan	
July 28-30	You and Me Kid Family Camp	Camp Sweyolakan	
Sept 4	Labor Day - Camp Fire Offices Closed		
Sept 8-10	27th Annual Women's Retreat	Camp Sweyolakan	