



Camp Fire

Sparks

Information and Inspiration from Camp Fire Inland Northwest
Summer 2015



THERE'S STILL TIME to Register for Camp!

We are still taking campers at Camp Dart-Lo and Camp Sweyolakan this summer! You don't have to be a member to attend. Sessions start July 6th and run through mid-August. Camp details and registration are on our website at campfireinc.org.

JOIN US AT CAMP DART-LO'S 70th Birthday Summer Celebrations

Re-experience Camp Dart-Lo this summer with this series of celebrations for all ages! Reconnect with friends, re-explore the 51 acres, and reminisce around the campfire. Please join us in celebrating Camp Dart-Lo's 70th birthday all summer long:

JUNE 29 ▲ FREE FAMILY FUN NIGHT OUT: Load up the car and head for Camp from 5:30-8 pm, where you'll tour the camp, make crafts, play games and visit the Trading Post. Bring a picnic or join us for the BBQ from 6-7 pm (\$5 per person, pre-register).

JULY 9 ▲ THE KIDS OFF ROAD TRIATHLON: Check-in at 5:30 pm...this fun fitness event for kids ages K-7th grade includes a 5 minute swim (or splash) in the pool, a 1 mile bike ride on a gravel road and a .6 mile run on a trail. Cost is \$25 if registered by June 25th. T-shirts and prizes are included for pre-registrants. Sponsored by Team Blaze, Spokane Triathlon Club.

JULY 18 ▲ DART-LO'S BIG BIRTHDAY PARTY! The party is free and will feature camp activities, scavenger hunt, archive display and birthday treats. Alumni have the option to camp overnight, including dinner, a night hike and breakfast the next morning.

JULY 31 ▲ BUNCO NIGHT from 7-10 pm is for ages 16 and up. If you haven't played this fast paced dice game before, we'll teach you how in less than 5 minutes. Cost is \$20 per person.

AUGUST 5 ▲ SWIM & SING KARAOKE NIGHT from 7-9 pm is just that...take a dip in the pools and then hit the "stage" to sing your favorite songs. Cost is \$5 per person or \$25 for the household.

AUGUST 14 ▲ THE JUBILEE from 2:30-4 pm closes Camp Dart-Lo's 70th season with songs and skits.

Please register for these events online or by phone. Camp Dart-Lo is located at 14000 N. Dartford Drive, Spokane, WA. Please wear closed shoes and leave pets at home for these events.



WHERE THERE'S A WILL, there's a way...to camp!

To get to camp, some kids sell Camp Fire candy, some save year-round, and some seek financial assistance from family and friends. But what happens when those options run out?

Camp Fire camper Zoe, from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, made it her mission to find a way to Camp Sweyolakan after a scholarship from her father's workplace was no longer available. While discussing her mission with a neighbor, the neighbor offered to help by paying her twenty cents for every dandelion removed from her yard. Buckets of dandelions later, Zoe had earned \$100 toward her Sweyolakan registration!

Zoe's next step was to plant flowers with her mom, which she plans to grow and sell. She didn't stop there. While her class was raising funds to donate to a charity of their choice, Zoe shared that she has Autism and suggested they use the money to send a student with special needs to summer camp. When the class didn't choose that option, she didn't lose her determination to fund her way to Camp Sweyolakan this summer. She's still looking for ways to raise money.

Don't worry; we'll make sure Zoe makes it to Camp Sweyolakan this summer. No child is turned away from Camp Fire programs due to their family's inability to pay. Camp Fire offers financial assistance so all kids have the opportunity to experience the adventures of summer camp. Our scholarships are made possible through funding from United Way, Henry Day Neewahlu Trust Fund, Kiwanis and many generous individual donors.

How can you help youth find their Spark? Become an annual Sustaining Member of Camp Fire. Your Annual **Sustaining Membership** allows Camp Fire to involve competent, caring adults in childrens' lives. During our After School programs, Club programs and week long Camps, children identify their sparks, their unique talents and abilities and develop tools to thrive. It takes surprisingly little to make a big difference. Your gift of only \$10 to \$25 per month can provide swim lessons for children who wouldn't otherwise receive these lifesaving skills, or it can sponsor an entire year of Club or After School programs. A gift of \$50 per month can send kids to Camp Sweyolakan or Camp Dart-Lo. These kids may not have regular access to the great outdoors, except for this one best week of summer. Imagine what a larger annual Sustaining Membership will do!

Our thanks go out to everyone who makes financial assistance possible for Camp Fire programs. If you want to help future generations attend programs and camp, become a Sustaining Member today by contacting Executive Director Steve Jurich at 509.747.6191 ext. 22.



CAMP DART-LO Renovations

The original Dart-Lo Lodge, built in 1947, is getting a big makeover this fall! Improvements include a new kitchen, staff area, health room, reception area and wheelchair accessible restrooms. Less exciting, but necessary, other renovations also include a new sewer system and building weatherization.

At the Camp Fire Inland Northwest annual meeting on February 9th, Board Member Lois Richards presented Executive Director Steve Jurich with a gift of \$10,000 toward the cost of the renovations. She challenged other members in attendance to make pledges as well, telling the group if they raised \$10,000 by the end of 2016, she would donate another \$10,000! Within 15 minutes, 37 other individuals and families pledged donations ranging from \$20 to \$5,000. A whopping \$36,535 was raised by the end of the meeting. Thank you, Lois!

We still need your help. To make a tax deductible donation to the Dart-Lo Lodge project, please contact Executive Director Steve Jurich at 509.747.6191 ext. 22.

A SWEET TREAT for Pool World

In 2000, Pool World became a generous corporate partner when Camp Dart-Lo began the major construction of the new swimming pool complex. Each year they continue to donate labor and guidance to maintain the pools. This spring, grateful campers delivered Camp Fire candy to say thank you. John, a friendly sales representative, accepted the candy with a big smile. Thanks, Pool World, for your ongoing support.



CANDY SALE Top Sellers 2015

Camp Fire candy sales were fantastic this year, beating numbers and raising more money than in the past several years. Our members worked hard and did a great job getting out there to sell, sell, sell! Abby Fleury won the High Seller award with 1,624 packages. Other individual high sellers were Paityn Zimmerman, KellerRay Hutsell Sanders, Kaidence Fuchs, Sean Fuchs, Emma McLaughlin, and Ehren Wilson. The top three selling clubs were the Fuchs Club, Sanders Club and Fleury Club. The Fuchs Family came away with the Family High Seller award. Sales incentives this year included a FunFlicks outdoor movie, t-shirts, free lunches at Camp Sweyolakan's open house, a show by extreme scientist Radical Rick, the Candy Camporee, Visa gift cards and even a laptop computer! Thank you and congratulations to all of our sellers for a great candy season.



INTRODUCING STEVE JURICH Our New Executive Director



Camp Fire Inland Northwest welcomes our new **Executive Director, Steve Jurich**. He comes to us from YMCA of the Inland Northwest, where he most recently served as senior vice president of operations and membership. He brings over 30 years of leadership experience in organizational change, facility and branch development, community collaboration, financial development and project management. In 1995 he was honored with the *Administrative Excellence in Operating Budget Management Award*, given by the Association of Professional Directors of YMCAs. **Welcome Aboard, Steve!**

EMMA MCLAUGHLIN Honored with Wohelo Award

Congratulations to Emma McLaughlin, a senior at West Valley High School in Spokane Valley, who has received Camp Fire's Wohelo Award. The award is the highest youth achievement in Camp Fire.



In order to receive the Wohelo Award, Emma took part in an extensive, self-planned and individualized program. Her projects demonstrated her abilities in leadership, teaching and communication, while giving service in three chosen advocacy areas called Issues. Her award projects included:

- Helping Kids Find Their Spark through Outdoor Skills by serving leadership roles for the annual Ad-Di-Ho overnight campouts for Camp Fire participants.
- Helping Youth Find Their Spark through Interstate Fair Fun by serving on Spokane County Fair's Junior Advisory Board for 4 years.
- Helping Students Find Their Spark through Arts Expression with her heavy involvement in West Valley High School's music and arts programs.

In addition, Emma has achieved the Candy program-level High Seller for 8 out of her 13 years in Camp Fire. She is particularly proud of her efforts to build a fire ring at Spokane's Camp Sekani Park in 2010 in honor of Camp Fire's 100th Birthday. She is the daughter of Dale and Jessie McLaughlin.



"If you are going to achieve excellence in big things, you develop the habit in little matters. Excellence is not an exception, it is a prevailing attitude."

Colin Powell

Sweyolakan OPEN HOUSE July 11th

Join us for a free, fun-filled open house at Camp Sweyolakan on July 11th from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Meet our camp staff, take a tour, aim at an archery target, harness up at the giant swing, shop the Camp Store at Nokawana and much more! Bring a picnic or join us for a BBQ lunch from 11 am to 1 pm (\$5 per person, pre-register). Sweyolakan is only accessible by our boat, which leaves from Sweyolakan Landing every half hour. For directions to the Landing, MapQuest/Google 3088 W. Lutherhaven Rd, Coeur d'Alene, ID. Please park conservatively. Don't forget your swimsuit, towel, hiking shoes, sunscreen and water bottle.

Camp Sweyolakan's TREE CHECKUP

Remember, Sweyolakan means **"Sigh of the Pines."** This off-season at Camp Sweyolakan there may have been some people "sighing" as trees were removed around the units of Alpine, Trees and Connemara.

While sometimes it is difficult to see alterations to the places we love, the changes also come with benefits. The majority of the removed trees were diseased or dying. Taking out these weakened trees ensures the safety of both people and property when severe weather hits. Thinning the trees also helps minimize the competition for nutrients and allows light through to the forest floor which helps ground cover grow and thrive. Among the new ground cover, we have discovered wild strawberries! Hopefully the next discovery will be huckleberries.



"Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything."

George Bernard Shaw





TOES IN THE SAND Alumni Weekend

Past Sweyolakan campers, staff or friends of camp will reunite July 25-26 for an active weekend of Toes in the Sand! Reconnect with old friends at Camp Sweyolakan and return home energized. Enjoy camp activities like archery, swimming, the giant swing, challenge ropes course; or hike the camp, cruise the lake or sit on the beach and enjoy the sand. Must be 21 and older. Cost is \$110 per person which includes meals.

Register now at campfireinc.org or call 509.747.6191

25th Annual WOMEN'S RETREAT

Calling all ladies ages 18 and older! Join us for our annual Women's Retreat at Camp Sweyolakan September 11th through 13th. This relaxing weekend is every girl's dream...lattes, massages, crafts, prepared meals and beautiful outdoor scenery. Enjoy everything that camp has to offer, plus classes like yoga, becoming a barista or learning a new craft. The best part is renewing old friendships and meeting a few new friends, too! Cost is only \$110 per person, which includes meals. Space is limited! Register now online at campfireinc.org or call us at 509.747.6191



Share your CAMP FIRE MEMORIES!

Do you have pictures and stories of your time in Camp Fire? We would love for you to share them with us!

Contact Jill at jstrom@campfireinc.org or 509.747.6191 ext. 33



Photo: L-R (not including Super Heroes): Katelyn Kelly, Karlyn Kelly, Miranda Reed, Richard Brown, JJ Brown, Miranda Kuhlmann, Marcia Asmussen, Cassidy Kuhlmann, Maggie Bailey. Not pictured: Abby Fleury, Isabella Liska.

CHASE YOUTH AWARDS

The Chase Youth Commission honors outstanding youth, teens and adults who are making a difference in our community or making positive choices. The annual Chase Youth Awards shows our youth how proud we are of them as community role models. This year the awards were held March 5th at the Martin Woldson Theater at the Fox. Camp Fire was there to congratulate our participants and we are pleased to announce several Chase Youth Award winners: Maggie Bailey, a Youth Commissioner, won in Personal Achievement for Legacy Basketball; Miranda Kuhlmann won in Arts & Creativity Middle School Individual; Abby Fleury won in Community Involvement for Ridgeview Elementary; Miranda Reed won in Community Involvement, Middle School Individual; Karlyn Kelly won in Courage, Elementary School Individual; Isabella Liska won in Courage, Teen Individual; Richard Brown won in Environment, Middle School Individual. Congratulations to our nominees and winners. We are so proud of your accomplishments!

VOLUNTEER Awards

Volunteers, staff and donors are the life of Camp Fire. Each and every day their tireless efforts help kids find their spark and discover who they are. On April 23rd, the Inland Northwest Council honored our outstanding volunteers, staff and donors during an awards ceremony. The following people and companies were honored in several categories for going above and beyond in providing creative programs, guidance and inspiration to Camp Fire youth: Fred Akins, Teri Akins, Riley Ball, Phalisitie Bell, Melissa Crane, Kathy Davis, Anna Dampf, Karen Erickson, Lori Fleury, Megan Franklin, Courtney Fuchs, Todd Fuchs, Mary Giannini, Misty Hale, Marjorie Hames, Jenney Hammers, Chris Hansen, Donna Hunts, Chris Jentges, Robyn Jentges, Jodi Lacer, Lynn Leenknecht, Carol Measel, Ann Nesbitt, Jan Patterson, Cathy Pennington, Erika Person, Mary Lou Redmond, Lois Richards, Amy "AJ" Sanders, Dawnya Sanders, Cathleen Schlotter, Rene Sellgren, Laurie Skipper, Lorinda Travis, Mike Travis, Marcia Tulloss, Christian Weisbarth and UBS Financial Services. Of special note, Mary Lou Redmond and Lois Richards were each honored with the Luther Halsey Gulick Award, which is the highest recognition of very special people involved in local councils. A huge thank you goes out to our award winners and all volunteers, staff and donors who carry on the legacy of Camp Fire and our promise to light the fire within our community's youth.



Light the fire within

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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.



| Date | Event | Location | Time |
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| June 29 | Free Family Night Out Optional BBQ Dinner, \$5 per person (Pre-Register) | Camp Dart-Lo | 5:30 – 8:00 pm 6:00 – 7:00 pm |
| July 3-5 | You and Me Kid Family Camp | Camp Sweyolakan | |
| July 9 | Kid's Off Road Triathlon | Camp Dart-Lo | 5:30 pm/6:00 pm start |
| July 11 | Free Open House Optional BBQ Lunch, \$5 per person (Pre-Register) | Camp Sweyolakan | 8:30 am – 3:30 pm 11:00 am – 1:00 pm |
| July 18 | 70 th Birthday Party | Camp Dart-Lo | 11:00 am – 4:00 pm |
| July 25-26 | Toes In The Sand Alumni Weekend | Camp Sweyolakan | |
| July 31 | Bunco Party | Camp Dart-Lo | 7:00 – 10:00 pm |
| July 31 | Camp Fire Night at the Spokane Indians (Yokes's \$1 Family Feast Night) | Avista Stadium | 6:30 pm |
| July 31-Aug 2 | You and Me Kid Family Camp | Camp Sweyolakan | |
| August 5 | Swim & Sing Karaoke Night | Camp Dart-Lo | 7:00 – 9:00pm |
| August 14 | Jubilee | Camp Dart-Lo | 2:30 – 4:00pm |
| Sept 11-13 | Women's Retreat | Camp Sweyolakan | |