



# Camp Fire

# Sparks

Information and Inspiration from Camp Fire Inland Northwest  
Fall 2015



## Share Our Dream Annual Dinner & Auction November 7, 2015

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 fundraising event, **Share Our Dream Dinner & Auction** on Saturday, November 7th. This year's theme "An Evening Under the Stars" will offer a casual, fun-filled evening with a hosted 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 a steal at \$35 per person. Register online at [give.campfireinc.org](http://give.campfireinc.org). Check our website for updated lists of our exciting auction items. 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" and your gift will be counted toward the event's goal.

## 12th Annual Ghou! Fashioned Halloween Fun

Celebrate Halloween at Camp Dart-Lo! Tour the Not-So-Haunted Hospital, feed your sweet tooth with Treat-Hunt and Roast-A-Ghost, seek answers with the Fortune Teller, take aim at the Mad Surgeon, explore Pluto's UN-nature trail and show off your costume in the Parade. Halloween crafts and games are also included! **Friday, October 30th from 4:30 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, October 31st from Noon to 4 p.m.** \$5 for youth (free for parents). Register online or pay at the door. Club rebate and candy credits can be used for this event. Please wear warm clothes and sturdy shoes.



## Camp Dart-Lo's Big 70th Birthday Summer

To celebrate its 70th birthday, Camp Dart-Lo hosted several events over the summer. At the **Big Birthday Party** on July 18th, attendees enjoyed the Rite of Passage ceremony, arts and crafts, face painting, archery, swimming and of course... birthday cake! In the Lodge there were auctions for both kids and adults, which raised \$877 to benefit Camp Dart-Lo. An interesting auction item was an old milk bottle, found by Peggy Lewis near the site of the old mill on Dart-Lo property. Estimated at 70 years old, it was from the Broadview Dairy, established in the Spokane area at the turn of the 20th century. Other popular celebrations during the summer included the **Swim & Sing Karaoke** night and the **Kids' Off-Road Triathlon**. The triathlon had thirty participants, who were troopers on such a hot August day! The kids really earned their shirts and medals. Thanks to Team Blaze Spokane Triathlon Club for sponsoring the race.

We appreciate everyone's attendance at Camp Dart-Lo's birthday events this summer! A big thank you goes out to Camp Dart-Lo Staff, volunteers, the planning committee, and especially to Project Chair Casey Ball.



### A note from Cathy Tisdale, Camp Fire National President and CEO to CFINW Executive Director, Steve Jurich

"Hope all goes well and that the summer will be a good one for you and for the council. Just wanted to commend the new edition of Sparks, which arrived today. It is so impressive – full of energy, activity, forward focus and great integration of the brand creative. Kudos to you and whomever on your team puts it together. Inland WA is on the rise!"



## Camp Cleanup with HOTSTART

Camp Fire Inland Northwest gives a huge "thank you" to HOTSTART employees for helping Camp Dart-Lo tidy up before camp started this year. Over the course of 6 days, 29 HOTSTART employees contributed 336 volunteer hours to help with weeding, cutting meadows, cleaning the pool, removing debris, painting and more. Thanks, HOTSTART, Camp Fire is grateful for all of your hard work!



## Leaders Light the Way

Make a difference; see the difference... as a Camp Fire Leader! Camp Fire Inland Northwest is currently seeking Leaders for clubs in our 18 1/2 county jurisdiction, including Spokane and North 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 Marcia Asmussen, Director of Clubs at 509.747.6191 or [masmussen@campfireinc.org](mailto:masmussen@campfireinc.org).

## Thank You Camp Staff and Volunteers

Camp Fire Inland Northwest would like to thank our camp staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication over our hot, dry summer. It takes teams of people all summer long to act as counselors, helpers, nurses, lifeguards, cooks and dishwashers. Thanks to all of you for making it a great camping season full of kids finding their Sparks!

## Got Talent?

Calling all tradespeople! Perhaps you are, or know someone who is, a skilled landscaper, plumber, electrician, builder or roofer. We are always in need of handy, talented people who can fix and/or build things at our camps. Many times we have volunteers to help with projects, but no expert to guide them. If you would like to support Camp Fire Inland Northwest with your time and skills, please contact Steve Jurich at 509.747.6191 or email [sjurich@campfireinc.org](mailto:sjurich@campfireinc.org).

## Candy Sale

It's never too early to think about the Camp Fire Candy Sale! Our 2016 Candy Sale will run January 30th through February 29th (Leap Day!). When you buy Mint Patties, Almond Caramel Clusters, Almond Roca, P-Nuttles and Camp Mix, you help kids earn their way to camp and other activities. **Everyone is invited to join candy sellers at the Candy Kickoff Carnival**

**on January 18th (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at River Park Square.** Watch our website, [campfireinc.org](http://campfireinc.org), for more details.



## 25th Annual Women's Retreat

More than 100 women of all ages spent a sunny weekend in September reconnecting at Camp Fire's Camp Sweyolakan on Lake Coeur d'Alene for the 25th Annual Women's Retreat. All of the amazing women who attended had been touched by Camp Fire programs and camps during their youth. Some hadn't been back to the camp in over 40 years! Every single one of them told stories about how Camp Fire had changed their lives and put them on paths to lasting friendships, successful family lives and rewarding careers. A big Thank You goes out to the committee, volunteers and CFINW staff who made the historic weekend so special!

1969-70 CIT/Counselors on Camp Sweyolakan's dock  
Top L-R: Vicki Randall, Peggy Jones, Anne Cassidy, Tina Martinez, Shannon Leritz. Bottom L-R: Connie Christilaw, Joanne Cochran, Kate Sorensen, Kari Allen.



## Historic Canoes get Local and National Attention

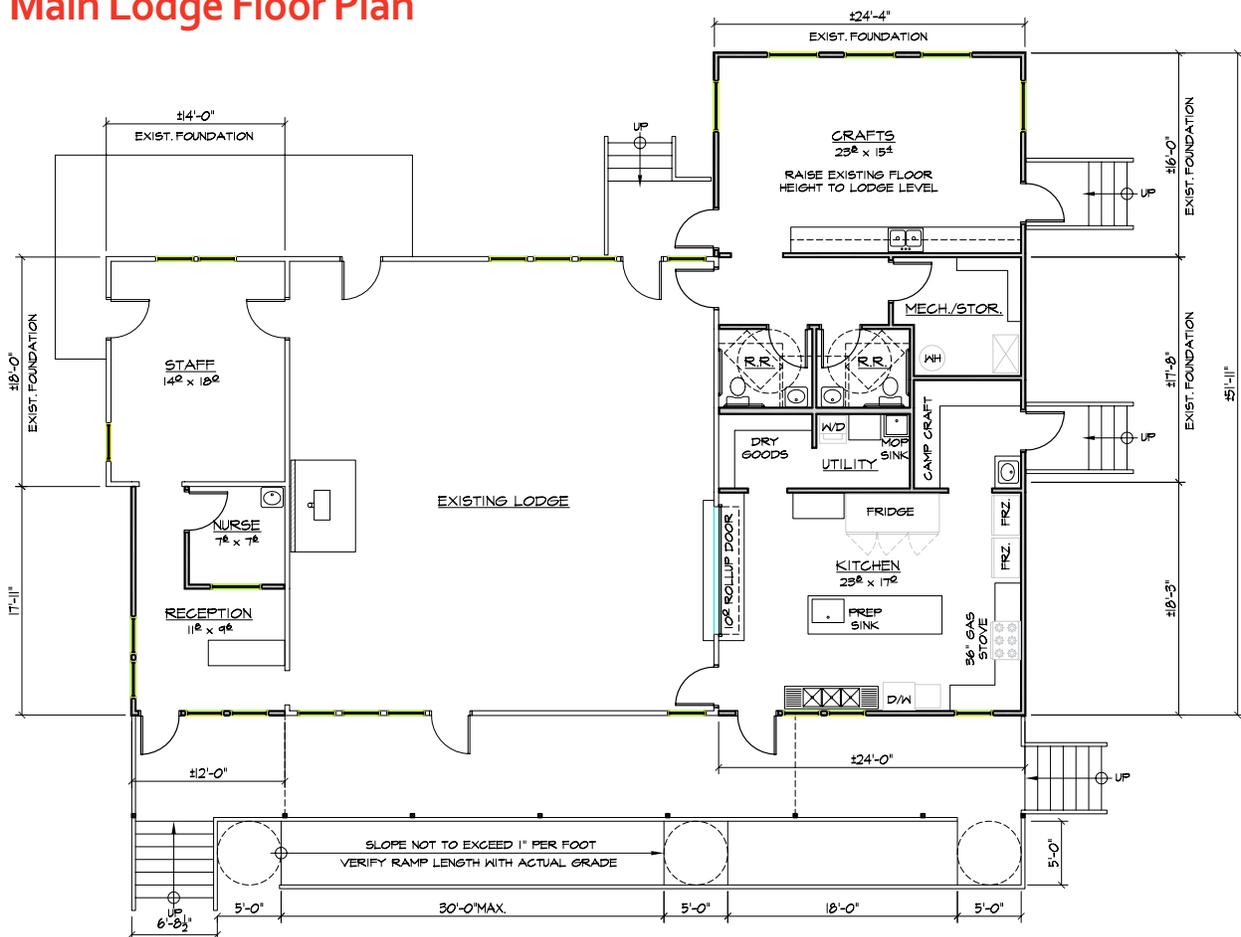
Camp Sweyolakan is famous for having the largest, oldest fleet of antique wood and canvas canoes in North America. On July 12, dedicated canoe restoration volunteers traveled with the fully restored Kanxi to The Great Sandpoint, Idaho Flat Water Regatta. Diane Malmoe and Marge Schwede paddled the two-mile course along Sand Creek to win First Place! Nice job, ladies! Closing out our summer camp season, the Northwest Chapter of the Wooden Canoe Heritage Association (WCHA) held their semi-annual meeting at Camp Sweyolakan. Twenty-seven historic canoe enthusiasts from WA, OR, ID, MT and Alberta paddled 12 beautifully restored canoes across Lake Coeur d'Alene to spend the weekend at the camp. Not only did they share restoration techniques with our Camp Fire canoe restoration volunteers, they brought Camp Sweyolakan's newest member of the fleet: a fully restored 1914 Old Town canoe. The canoe is a unique compact two person craft which out dates our formerly oldest canoe by 10 years. The WCHA also generously donated \$2,000 toward restoration tools and supplies and gave half of the proceeds from their weekend's auction to Camp Sweyolakan canoe restoration. Camp Fire is grateful for this relationship and the group's support in our ongoing efforts to restore these special boats. If you would like to help, we are in need of more volunteers to help with the restoration efforts. No experience necessary! Contact our office at 509.747.6191.



## Camp Dart-Lo Lodge Renovation Update

You may recall from our last newsletter that plans are currently underway for Camp Fire's Camp Dart-Lo's Lodge renovation. The Lodge, built in 1947, 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 improvements to the septic system and weatherization so the building can be used year-round. We are excited that the project's plans are progressing, with blueprints being produced and subcontracting bids happening this winter. Several naming opportunities are available for large donations that would sponsor certain projects or "adopt-a room." All donations, however large or small, will be very important to the success of this long-term venture. All donors will be recognized on an attractive display located inside the Lodge. If you are interested in supporting Camp Dart-Lo's Lodge renovation, contact Steve Jurich at 509.747.6191 or [sjurich@campfireinc.org](mailto:sjurich@campfireinc.org).

### Main Lodge Floor Plan





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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.

# 2015 FALL CALENDAR



Date	Event	Location	Time
Oct 30 & 31	Ghoul Ol' Fashioned Halloween Fun	Camp Dart-Lo	4:30-7 pm / 12-4 pm
Nov 7	Share Our Dream Fundraiser	St. John's Cathedral	5:30 pm
Nov 11	Veteran's Day – Camp Fire Office Closed		
Nov 26-27	Thanksgiving – Camp Fire Office Closed		
Dec 12	Camp Fire Night at Spokane Chiefs (Teddy Bear Toss)	Spokane Arena	7:05 pm
Dec 24-25	Christmas Holiday – Camp Fire Office Closed		
Jan 1	New Year's Day – Camp Fire Office Closed		
Jan 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Camp Fire Office Closed		
Jan 18	Candy Sale Kickoff Carnival	River Park Square	1-3 pm
Jan 30	Candy Sale Begins – Buy Candy!	Spokane/North Idaho	
Feb 29	Candy Sale Ends		