



Camp Fire

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Information and Inspiration from Camp Fire Inland Northwest
SUMMER 2016



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 of Camp Fire to attend the best week of summer. Sessions start July 5th at Camp Dart-Lo and July 11th at Camp Sweyolakan. Sessions run through mid-August. Find the schedule and register today online at campfireinc.org.

Free Open House

Please join us on Friday, **July 8th from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm** for a free, fun-filled day of camp activities at **Camp Sweyolakan** on Lake Coeur d'Alene! Meet our staff, take a tour, aim at an archery target, harness up at the Big Swing and much more. Pack a lunch or select the optional BBQ lunch for \$5 (pre-register). Bring your swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, water bottle and wear sturdy shoes! **Please RSVP online at campfireinc.org/events** so we can plan accordingly. Catch the boat at the Camp Sweyolakan Landing, located at 3088 W. Lutherhaven Road, Coeur d'Alene, ID. More details will arrive in your confirmation email when you RSVP. Free and open to the public.

You and Me Kid Family Camp at Camp Sweyolakan

Create great memories at Camp Sweyolakan during You and Me Kid family camp on July 29 – 31. 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 thrilling ride on the Big Swing. \$80 for adults, \$45 for youth, children under 3 free. This weekend fills quickly, so register today online at campfireinc.org/register-camp.



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Jr. Lilac Parade

Camp Fire Inland Northwest Clubs tied for **1st Place** in the Jr. Lilac Parade in the Organizations category! This year's theme was "Music Machine 2016 - A Tribute to One-Hit-Wonders". **A huge thank you goes to Lori Fleury and Roydon Carrick** for designing and creating the Juke Box float and the guitar and boom-box props. We're so proud of our Clubs!

Dart-Lo Community Swim and Pool Rental

Did you know you can cool off in Dart-Lo's outdoor swimming pools, without being registered for camp? Monday through Friday, from July 5th to August 19th, the camp's two beautiful pools are open to the public from 3:00 to 5:30 pm. Use the full size pool, or play in the water features of the wading pool. All youth under age 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$4 per person, per visit; or buy a 10 visit pass for \$30. The pools can also be rented for private parties, too! It's a great idea for birthday parties, company picnics and family reunions. Contact us at 509-747-6191 for more information.



Camp Fire Night at the Spokane Indians

Camp Fire Inland Northwest night at the Spokane Indians is on **July 29th**. It's Fireworks Night and tickets are a mere \$5. To get your tickets, call 509-343-6886 or find the online purchase link on our website at campfireinc.org/events.

Women's Retreat

The 26th Annual Women's Retreat at Camp Sweyolakan will be **September 9th-11th**. Registration for this highly anticipated weekend is open on our website at campfireinc.org/events. Registration is \$110 per person. As the committee solidifies details, we'll post them on our website and on Facebook at "Camp Fire Camp Sweyolakan Women's Retreat" group page. Additional committee members are always welcome and it's not too late to join in the fun! If you are interested in helping with this fun ladies' weekend, contact Poppy White at 509-747-6191 or pwhite@campfireinc.org.



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 21st, 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: **Kristi Anderson, Marcia Asmussen, Riley Ball, Anne Bailey, Angela Basinger, Desiree Beazer, Jon Campbell, Melissa Cocks-Crane, Maggie Crabtree, Kathy Davis, Lori Fleury, Margie Hames, HOTSTART, Chris Jentges, Paula Jones, Bill Lorenz, Carol Measel, Maddie Ottmar, Kerry Picard, Bryan & Jenny Smith, Rita Timm, Mike & Lorinda Travis and Tari Wheeler.** 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.



Canoe Restoration and a Fleet Addition

The canoe restoration crew has been hard at work this spring at Camp Sweyolakan. Around a dozen people have been working on three of our historic canoes. Jobs included stripping old varnish, sanding and sealing the interiors, replacing planks and canvassing the Wanagi. Marcia Tulloss, a dedicated friend of Camp Fire, has added to our fleet by donating her pristine vintage 1950's Old Town canvas covered canoe. Built in Maine, it's painted bright red, is 16 feet long, has wicker seats and a mast and sail. It is named 'Ta ka psi ca' (to play ball), which was Marcia's Camp Fire name. Thank you Marcia, for this very generous gift.



Candy Sale Results

Camp Fire candy sales were very good this year! Our members worked hard and did a great job getting out there to sell, sell, sell! KellerRay Hutsell Sanders won the High Seller award with 1,250 packages. Other individual high sellers were Carter Ramsey, Jaydom Williams, Abby Fleury, Madison Nesbitt and Mackenzie Nelson. The top three selling clubs, in order, were the Lori Fleury Club, Sanders Club and Fuchs Club. The Fuchs Family came away again this year 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, the Candy Camporee and Visa gift cards! Congratulations to all of our sellers for a great candy season. A big round of applause also goes to the adults who serve as Club Candy Chairs and to the Candy Depots, who keep all of our sellers stocked with candy and help with our accounting.

Comings & Goings

Marcia Asmussen retired at the end of May. She has served us as an employee for the past 10 years, first as an Events Coordinator, then finally as Director of Club Programming. Marcia loves interacting with children and has been a Club Leader for 27 years! Under her leadership, thousands of kids have discovered who they are. Through the years in her Club alone, she estimates she's mentored at least 300 kids. Her daughter, Mara, received the Wohelo Award in 2003. When asked what has been the most rewarding aspect of Camp Fire, Marcia said, "To watch kids grow up and see how they become wonderful adults." We're sure to see Marcia at future Camp Fire events, but it will have to be in between the numerous trips she has planned with her husband in their new travel trailer. She plans to continue as a Club Leader when she's home. Thank you, Marcia, for making Camp Fire a great place! We wish you the best in your well-deserved retirement.

Tina Patterson has joined our staff as Director of Club Programs. Her extensive background in education includes experience in non-profit emergency children's services, higher education and program management. She received her BS degree in Special Education at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma and her Masters of Education at the University of Tulsa. She and her husband Alan have three children and three grandchildren. She is a past Camp Fire girl in Green Country council in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Matthew Cocks departed as Facilities Maintenance Manager at Camp Sweyolakan in mid-May. In his two years with us, Matthew accomplished numerous projects including updating the electrical system, upgrading energy efficiency and making significant improvements to the sewer system. The condition of the camp has improved greatly under his tenure. Thank you, Matthew, for all of your hard work and dedication.

Chris Eddy has been hired to fill the position of Facilities Maintenance Manager at Camp Sweyolakan. Chris has a background in construction and home remodeling. He has worked in a number of vocations in recent years and brings a wide variety of skills and experiences to Camp Fire Inland Northwest.

Kids' Off-Road Triathlon at Camp Dart-Lo

Camp Dart-Lo will host a non-timed, kid-friendly triathlon on **July 28th**. Designed for ages K-7, it will include a swim in the pool, a 1 mile bike ride on a gravel road, and a 3/4 mile trail run. Swim length depends on age, with floatation devices welcome. The participant must provide swimwear, bike, helmet and sturdy shoes for trail running. Registration before July 15th is \$25. After July 15th it's \$30. Participants registered before July 15th are guaranteed a t-shirt and medal. Register on our website at campfireinc.org/events.



Camp Improvement Projects

In addition to the usual spring cleanup work, we've had some exciting things happening at our summer camps. At the end of April, volunteers converged at Camp Dart-Lo for fire suppression work and repairs. As a part of Spokane Gives month, employees of Caterpillar helped to clear brush and repair Neptune's Playhouse. The shelter's roof was damaged in November's windstorm. A mini-grant through United Way of Spokane County paid for the roofing supplies.

In early June, volunteers and staff replaced roofs at Camp Sweyolakan in the Trees, Connemara and Alpine HI's (bathrooms). The old shingle roofs were replaced with metal, which is much more resistant to damage and sheds water and snow rapidly.

We would also like to thank the dozens of volunteers who have helped at our camps' Sweep & Sweat clean-up days this spring. They've helped us get ready for our campers by clearing brush, removing fallen trees, cleaning units and bathrooms and making much needed repairs. Maintenance is always an ongoing effort and we appreciate the help! All levels of experience are welcome, but we're always in need of skilled carpenters, roofers, plumbers and electricians to help lead projects. If you would like to be on our distribution list, please contact Poppy White at 509-747-6191 or pwhite@campfireinc.org. Also be sure to follow Camp Fire Inland Northwest on Facebook.





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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 SUMMER CALENDAR

Date	Event	Location	Time
July 8	Camp Sweyolakan Open House	Camp Sweyolakan	8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
July 28	Camp Dart-Lo Off-Road Kids' Triathlon	Camp Dart-Lo	6:00 PM
July 29	Camp Fire Night at Spokane Indians	Avista Stadium	6:30 PM
July 29-31	You and Me Kid Family Camp	Camp Sweyolakan	
Sept 9-11	Women's Retreat	Camp Sweyolakan	
Nov 5	Share Our Dream Dinner & Auction	St. John's Cathedral	