



Camp Fire

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Information and Inspiration from Camp Fire Inland Northwest  
WINTER 2016



## Sustaining Membership Drive

Camp Fire Inland Northwest plays a truly important role in the lives of young people in our community. Young people want to shape the world. Our purpose is to provide kids with opportunities to find their spark, lift their voice and discover who they are. Private contributions allow Camp Fire to provide the tools to achieve this mission. Our Club programs give children the opportunity to experience new things outside of their regular school and family life. It opens their eyes to their potential and helps them build crucial support systems. Our two summer camps, Camp Dart-Lo Day Camp in North Spokane and Camp Sweyolakan Overnight/Day Camp on Lake Coeur d'Alene, give children the opportunity to learn respect for the outdoors and grow together while unplugging from the everyday deluge of technology. All of our programs give kids the chance to find their strengths, use teamwork to achieve a goal, form lifelong friendships and build a strong foundation for a productive and caring adult life. As a **Sustaining Member**, you can help make that happen.

Year-round support of Camp Fire Inland Northwest is crucial to our purpose. Think of it as paying it forward by investing in the development of the next generation. Let us know you support Camp Fire kids. **Become a Sustaining Member!** In March a group of dedicated volunteers will be working on our **Sustained Membership Drive**. Their goal is to raise \$20,000 in 4 weeks. We hope you'll join at a level and schedule you are comfortable with. You don't need to wait for March to join. If you join now, we'll count your membership during the Drive. Join through our website at [campfireinc.org](http://campfireinc.org) or give us a call at 509.747.6191. Your membership is tax deductible and connects you with Camp Fire Inland Northwest. **We also need Champions to work on our Sustaining Membership Drive.** If you want to participate in the Drive by making a few phone calls during the month of March, it would make a world of difference for us. Contact Steve Jurich or Jill Strom at the Camp Fire office.





## Countdown to Candy Sale

It's the final countdown to the Camp Fire Candy Sale! Support our hard-working Camp Fire kids during our 2016 Candy Sale, January 30th through February 29th (Leap Day!). When you buy Mint Patties, Almond Caramel Clusters, Almond Roca, P-Nuttles and Camp Snax Trail Mix, you help kids gain confidence and earn their way to camp and other activities. Want to know where Camp Fire candy will be sold? For a list of locations, check our website, [campfireinc.org](http://campfireinc.org) for details, or call our office at 509.747.6191.

## Share Our Dream Annual Dinner & Auction Results

Camp Fire Inland Northwest's largest fundraising event, Share Our Dream Dinner & Auction, was a terrific success! The November 7th event raised over \$60,000 for Camp Fire programs and camps. A huge THANK YOU goes out to our attendees, sponsors, volunteers, and everyone who donated items. Very special thank you to Laurie Skipper, Camp Fire Inland Northwest Alumna, for her generous matching donation. If you were unable to attend, but would still like to help, please see the Sustaining Membership article on the front page. Donations are fully tax deductible.

## Annual Meeting

On January 25th Camp Fire Inland Northwest will celebrate our accomplishments from 2015 and welcome a successful year in 2016. Outgoing Board Members will be recognized and we will be welcoming new Members onto the Board of Directors. 2016 Board Officers will also be elected. Current adult members, including Sustaining Members, have voting privileges. Please join us at St. John Vianney Parrish Hall, 503 N. Walnut Road, Spokane Valley at 6:30 pm. An Italian dinner will be served, so advance registration is required. Register online at [campfireinc.org](http://campfireinc.org), by email to [rjentges@campfireinc.org](mailto:rjentges@campfireinc.org), or by phone at 509.747.6191.

## Registration for Summer Camp is Open!

Even as our area is blanketed with snow, it's time to plan for summer camp! Unplug, Explore, Connect is this year's camp theme. Registration is open on our website at [campfireinc.org](http://campfireinc.org). If you are a returning camper, you'll notice we have a new website this year. We appreciate feedback. Feel free to contact us at [campfire@campfireinc.org](mailto:campfire@campfireinc.org) or give us a call at 509.747.6191. Printed camp brochures will be mailed in February.



## Comings & Goings

### We're Seeking a Director of Club Programs

**Marcia Asmussen**, our Director of Club Programs, will be retiring at the end of May. As a result, Camp Fire Inland Northwest will be seeking her replacement this spring. This 30 hour per week position oversees our Clubs program and Candy Sale in Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. Interested candidates will work with a variety of people, communicate clearly and plan events. Candidates will often work outside of our offices for club activities and community events. Some evening and weekends will apply. If you are interested, please contact Steve Jurich at [sjurich@campfireinc.org](mailto:sjurich@campfireinc.org) or call 509.747.6191.

**Jill Strom** began in May as Director of Fund Development & Communications. She has extensive non-profit experience in fund and membership development, public relations and event planning. Most recently she's held positions at Eastern Washington University, Northwest Museum of Arts & Culture and the Spokane Masonic Center. She is a former Camp Fire girl and is an alumna of WSU.

**Robyn Jentges** began as Executive Administrative Assistant in June. Besides being an administrative extraordinaire, she is a 25 year Camp Fire Alumna, both as a Camp Fire girl (12 years) and Club Leader (13 years). Her daughter Kate Jentges, is a WoHeLo recipient and Camp Sweyolakan counselor. Prior to her hire, Robyn and her husband Chris have been regular Camp Fire volunteers in many capacities.

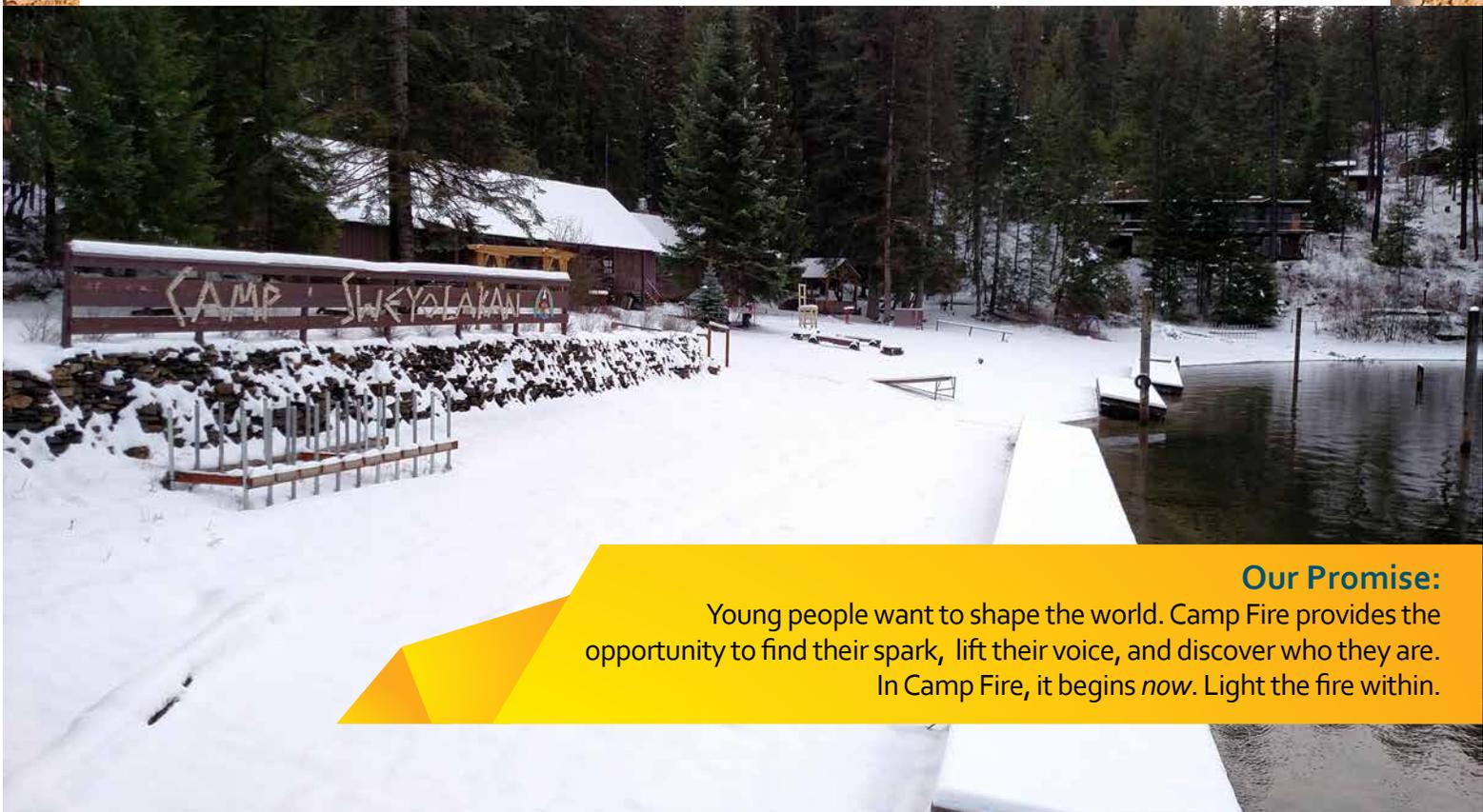


## Comings & Goings (cont.)

**Poppy White** began in October as Director of Camping & Program Services, where she'll oversee program development and operations of both summer camps. She was previously a Program Manager for 12 years at People to People Ambassadors Group, planning European travel for youth. Poppy is also an active Camp Fire Alumna and former Camp Sweyolakan camper and counselor. She is also currently the Leader of her 7 year old daughter's Camp Fire Club.

**Carol Measel** retired as Director of Finance at the end of December. She has served us as an employee for the past two years, both as Director of Finance and Interim Executive Director. Carol is a long time Camp Fire alumna, first as a Camp Fire girl, then Camp Sweyolakan camper and counselor. She is also a donor and dedicated volunteer. Her favorite volunteer activity is restoring Camp Sweyolakan's historic canoes. She has been instrumental in restoring and placing five of the beautiful canvas and wood canoes back in the water. Retirement won't slow her down! She'll stay busy traveling, building a new home, and of course, spending time with her grandchildren at her family's lake property. Thank you, Carol for making Camp Fire a better place!

**Erica Deder** began as Director of Finance in December. She comes to us from Spokane's East Valley School District. She holds a BS in Accounting from Corbin University in Salem, OR. She has over 20 years of experience in bookkeeping, accounting and finance in retail, service industry, education and non-profit organizations. She has four children: 2 college students, a high school student and an elementary school student.



### 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.

## New Camp Fire T-Shirts

Just in time for the new year, we have new t-shirts and sweatshirts in our Camp Fire Store! Our new design is sure to please both kids and adults, with options of short and long sleeve t-shirts and hoodie sweatshirts. **Our older styles, in limited sizes, are now 25% off.** Stop by or call our office at 509.747.6191 for prices and size availability.



## Camps Update

Camp Fire was fortunate that no major damage occurred at either of our camps during the epic windstorm that swept through the Inland Northwest on November 17th. The storm destroyed hundreds of trees in our area, damaged countless homes and left hundreds of thousands of area residents without power for several days. Camp Dart-Lo lost a handful of trees and Camp Sweyolakan lost more than 25. This spring we'll need some help to clean up and make a few repairs. Watch for work party dates on our official Facebook pages: Camp Fire Inland Northwest, Camp Fire Camp Sweyolakan and Camp Fire Camp Dart-Lo, or sign up for email alerts at [campfireinc.org](http://campfireinc.org). In other news, recent electrical upgrades at Camp Sweyolakan have included running new burial wire to each unit lodge and counselor cabin. The camp has also completed the energy efficiency project by bringing LED fixtures and lighting to most of the camp, including the kitchen, office, shop and all outdoor lights.

## Camp Dart-Lo Renovation Scheduled for Spring 2016

The renovation of our Lodge at Camp Dart-Lo is on schedule for this spring, with project completion in time for the 2016 summer day camp season. The renovations will make the lodge ADA accessible as well as weatherized for year-round use. MMEC Architecture and Walker Construction are partnering with Camp Fire on this project. Over \$175,000 has been raised but we still need an estimated \$60,000 to complete the entire project, including the purchase of appliances needed to equip the kitchen. All donors will be recognized on an attractive display located inside the lodge. If you are interested in supporting the Camp Dart-Lo Lodge renovation, contact Steve Jurich at 509.747.6191 or [sjurich@campfireinc.org](mailto:sjurich@campfireinc.org).

## Nominate an Outstanding Volunteer!

On April 21st Camp Fire Inland Northwest will recognize our outstanding volunteers for their dedication and support. Do you know someone who has gone above and beyond to help kids find their Spark? Nominate them today! Go to the "Get Involved" tab on our website at [campfireinc.org](http://campfireinc.org) and download the nomination form and details, or call us at 509.747.6191 and we'll be happy to send you one. Forms are due by March 25th.



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## 2016 WINTER CALENDAR

Date	Event	Location	Time
Jan 25	Annual Meeting	St. John Vianney Parish Hall	6:30 PM
Jan 30 - Feb 29	Candy Sale		
Feb 15	President's Day - Camp Fire Office Closed		
Mar 3	Sky High Sports for Clubs		
Mar 15	Absolutely Incredible Kid Day		
Mar 19	St. Patrick's Day Parade	Downtown Spokane	Noon
Mar 19	Camp Fire Birthday Celebration	River Park Square	1-3:30 PM
Apr TBD	Spokane Empire Arena Football Night	Spokane Arena	
Apr 21	Candy Awards and Volunteer Recognition	Holy Cross Lutheran Church	5:30 & 7 PM
March	Sustaining Membership Drive		