



ADULT VOLUNTEER & LEADER MEETING

June 3, 2009 - 6:30 pm
Puyallup Camp Fire Office

Present:

Leaders: Rebecca Engelhardt, Stephanie Golka-Smith,

Volunteers: Johna Noble, Pamela Hoirup (representing Kim Knight and JoAnne Northcott),

Staff: Kathy Unruh

Absent:

Leaders: Michaelann Heinley, Lori Herman, Mary Hilliard, Terill Fraser, Sandy Engelking /Teresa Noll.

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Pamela Hoirup at 6:40pm at the Puyallup Camp Fire office

Council Fire - Thanks to Stephanie Golka-Smith and her group for planning and putting on the council fire.

Projects/Events

Recruitment – Orca council must increase the number of members to continue
Those present decided:

- We will post Wildwood Day Camp Fliers (Kathy created and brought) in local business, churches and other community bulletin boards.
- In order to recruit in schools we need to recruit leaders first (see action steps).
- We are holding off recruitment in elementary schools until Sept 2009.
- All leaders and adult volunteers need to meet prior to school starting to plan what schools to target and distribute materials. See date below
- Adult Recruitment materials to include Club leader Job description, power point presentation (see action steps) set date for leader/volunteer training.

Action Steps –

- Recruitment planning meeting - **Aug 5th 6:30** Puyallup Camp Fire office.
Each group should be represented at the meeting by the leader or adult volunteer
- Kathy Unruh to write a letter to leaders to ask for the help and participation needed now to keep Orca council running. Letter will be sent along with the minutes – Pamela Hoirup to write up – to all the Orca Council leaders.
- Leader/adult volunteer Training scheduled – **Oct 2nd OR 3rd**. The training will last approx 3 hrs. Location to be determined. **Training is for current leaders**

and new leaders. Possible “Camp Fire College” to also take place as additional training.

- PowerPoint Presentation volunteer, Wendee Smallee, to put together a recruitment presentation. Kathy Unruh to gather photos, discs, logo and other materials for use in presentation. Kathy will write voice over or written material that will accompany power point. Rebecca has list with volunteer’s name and phone number. Kathy will contact volunteer and outline perimeters of the project with her.
- Rebecca Engelhardt will put together the job descriptions needed for the volunteer positions that need to be filled. Rebecca will have material to Johna for approval by the end of June 2009. Volunteer descriptions will be put on line as well as brought to the Aug 5th meeting to match volunteers with jobs needed.

Other Business – immediate needs

Camp Fire 100 Year celebration Chair - The 100th anniversary of Camp Fire is next year. Orca council needs someone to help plan, determine and organize the events. Some of the national events have predetermined dates.

Puyallup Fair, Camp Fire Chair - It was determined the Camp Fire area at the Puyallup Fair could use a make over and extra attention due to the 100 yr anniversary of Camp Fire. We are looking for one or two people to help update the Camp Fire displays and put up additional signage in recognition of the first 100 yrs of Camp Fire. With the increased exposure of the “new” location the Chair person could also use the area for recruitment. Our space needs to be full of fun activities, things to look at and do to keep it as large as it is and to remain in a prominent area it is now at.

Next “regular” Volunteer Leaders meeting to be held Sept 9, 2009 at the Puyallup Camp Fire office 6:30 pm. Meetings are usually held the 1st Wed of each month. This months meeting was changed do to the first day of school landing on the first Wed in Sept.

Please see letter (below) to all Leaders and Adult volunteers from Kathy Unruh Executive Director, Orca Council.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Submitted by Pamela Hoirup, Volunteer

Camp Fire USA Orca Council needs your help.

As I look forward to Camp Fire's centennial year in 2010, I worry about the future of Orca Council and I wonder if the Orca Council can continue to survive. Our Club program membership continues to drop, not because parents don't want their kids in the program but because of a lack of volunteers. The value of our traditional one-week day camps has declined because today's families need summer programs that run 10 hours a day everyday of the summer. We have made a conscious effort to keep the fees for Camp Smokey affordable. With 2009 economy however, we have had more financial aid requests this year than ever before.

How you can help.

Your valuable contribution of time, talents, skills, and access to community resources are essential to Camp Fire USA Orca Council. Working together we can continue to provide programs that focus on positive healthy outcomes for kids on our communities.

A small group of Volunteers who come to the monthly Volunteer/Leaders meetings has been discussing ways that everyone can help and they have chosen to challenge to all of our Volunteers to step up just a little bit more for Camp Fire kids because everyone's little bit more can end up making a make a big difference in the lives of more kids.

Some suggestions:

- Attend the monthly Volunteer/Leaders meetings. If you can't attend ask a parent from your group to represent you.
- If you donate to United Way make it a point to designate some or all of your contribution to Camp Fire USA Orca Council. (We do not receive funds for the Club or Outdoor programs from the United Way community allocations.)
- Encourage parents to sign up to lead or help with events and projects throughout the year.
- Recruit just one new leader and help them form their group. Just one!
- Plan and coordinate an activity of their choice that is open to the entire Council.
- Recruit or at least pass on to the Council staff the names of people who would be good board members.
- Become or recruit a program trainer or serve on a Club committee like Torch Bearer reviews.
- Help at a camp and encourage families with kids to send their kids to Orca camps.
- Serve on a Council committee like program, facilities or nominating.
- Recruit drivers for Orca Council's Convoy project.
- Offer to clean, inventory, and organize camp supplies.

- The easiest way to help is to become an ambassador for Camp Fire and share our story.

In the past, community support a critical points in time made it possible for Camp Fire USA to grow and reach more children. You can help Orca Council continue into Camp Fire's next century by your ongoing support of Camp Fire USA Orca Council. Through your gift of time and/or resources, you will be helping to build more than campfires – you will be helping to build caring confident youth and future leaders.

If you have questions about how you can help, please feel free to contact me at (253) 597-6234 - office or (253) 988-7828 – cell phone. You can also contact me by email at kunruh@campfireusaorca.org or orcaku@hotmail.com

Wohelo,

Kathy Unruh
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Camp Fire USA Orca Council