



# Orca Sounds

July – August 2005

## Dates to Remember

### July

- 11- 15 Wildwood Day Camp
- 18- 22 Kopachuck Day Camp
- 25- 29 Fort Nisqually Day Camp

### August

- 1- 5 Wohelo Day Camp
- 14- 20 Camp Smokey
- 31 Deadline to sign up for demonstration at Puyallup Fair

### September

- 9-25 Do the Puyallup!



### October

- 27-30 National Leadership Conference in Kansas City

For nearly a century:  
**integrity, responsibility,**  
**tolerance.**  
 We build more than campfires.



## Little Stars to Shine!

This fall the council will be launching a new program called **Little Stars**. The *Little Stars* program contains project that will serve as an introduction to Camp Fire USA. They are designed to excite and educate children before entering kindergarten especially ages three to five) on a wide range of topics. The *Little Stars* program helps build confidence in children.

Throughout the *Little Stars* program, young children form lasting relationships and gain a sense of belonging as well as a feeling of emotional commitment by adults, both inside and outside the family circle. We encourage family members, older youth and members of the community to routinely interact with the children. Family activities are an important part of the *Little Stars* program.

The foundation of Camp Fire USA's small group program is to build confidence in children. Activities that expose young children to music, listening skills, nature, their community, nutrition and dramatic play contribute to a developing sense of identity and personal confidence. Because the developmental needs and interests of Pre-K children are unique, *Little Stars* activities reflect their physical and social needs and abilities.

Contact Executive Director Kathy Unruh at the council office for more information, (253) 597-6234 or [kunruh@campfireusaorca.org](mailto:kunruh@campfireusaorca.org).





## Don't Forget to Enter Projects!

Camp Fire USA is very lucky to have not just a booth at the fair but a department. This means that our youth can enter items to be judged and win ribbons for their efforts. It also means that people attending the fair can see what kinds of projects our members do and have the opportunity to learn more about Camp Fire USA.

If you have items that you want entered in the Puyallup Fair, please contact the council office. Groups/ Clubs can send items to be displayed at the fair also. Banners are great.

Visit [http://www.thefair.com/InfoServices/EntryInfo/pdf/05\\_Campfire.pdf](http://www.thefair.com/InfoServices/EntryInfo/pdf/05_Campfire.pdf) on the Internet to see the fair premium list. It is packed full of information about entering items in the fair and can give you ideas on projects to enter.



## Wohelo Committee Formed



The Wohelo Committee had been recruited and will be trained and ready by September. The committee is a group of volunteers who have experience with youth working on independent projects. Their job is to give guidance to members working on their Wohelo Award and to answer questions they might have concerning advocacies.

The committee will only convene if they have a request from a Wohelo Award candidate. Wohelo candidates and youth members at the Horizon level will receive Wohelo Committee information in the mail soon.

## National Art Competition Medium Announced

The chosen medium for the 2006 National Art Competition is printmaking. Information packets will be included in fall leader's packets.



## Sugar-Free but Still a Sweet Deal...

The new theme for the 2006 annual product sale is "Candyology." This science related theme follows the Trail to the Future and offers great program possibilities.

Brown & Haley has also introduced a SUGAR FREE Almond Roca and additional new Roca flavors including mocha, candy cane.

## National Leadership Conference in October Replaces Biannual Convention

In order to optimize the launch of a new organization-wide strategic plan and capitalize on training opportunities, Camp Fire's national office is asking the senior representatives of all councils to attend a National Leadership Conference.

The conference will be held October 27-30, 2005 at the Westin Crown Center Hotel in Kansas City, home of our National Headquarters.

*Management is doing things right;  
leadership is doing the right things. —Peter F. Drucker*



# Camp!

By Trystin Oeljen Street

Here it is the middle of summer and camps are running strong. This year there are some changes in sites. The site for Hidden Beach day camp is no longer available for camps so we have moved to the Never Never Land site at Pt. Defiance. The new day camp is called Fort Nisqually Day Camp.

Camp Smokey has a new site, too. We are moving to Camp Roganunda, which is located west of Naches on HWY 410. The new site has a pool and enables us to expand our program to include horseback riding. The cabins are better too according to the members of our Camp Smokey youth advisory team who had an opportunity to visit the camp earlier this year. The cabins are enclosed and they have electricity. Camps are filling fast; get your registrations in now.

Camp Peace is in it's third week and it's going very well. Every Monday and Wednesday, the campers participate in a gardening class and a drama class. They will be putting on two plays at the Tacoma Little Theater at the end of July. Every Tuesday, the campers go swimming at the Downtown YMCA, and on Thursdays they go on a field trip. This years field trips have included the Fire Department, the beach, the campus of PLU, and Wildwaves. In addition to this, the campers still participate in math and reading classes every day, and they also get to hear from

guest speakers like Mad Science, Reptile Man, and many others. Camp Peace is for youth entering the first through fifth grades living in the Hilltop neighborhood. It is a partnership between Camp Fire USA, Peace Community Center, and Hilltop Learning Center.

Wildwood also started on Monday and is going well! Kopachuck begins on the 18th, Fort Nisqually on the 25th, and Wohelo on August 1st. Fort Nisqually will be directed by SweetPea, (Sheryl), and Yoda, (Judy), since I will be gone by then. Sadly, this is DiDi Monroe's last year as director of Wohelo.

To my Camp Fire staff, volunteers, and friends,

It feels like yesterday that I was writing to you about my arrival at Orca Council. Today, I have to inform you of my departure. I was recently hired as the Youth Development Director at the Auburn Valley YMCA, and sadly, I'm leaving Camp Fire. Although I could not pass up this exciting job opportunity, it's still very hard for me to leave.

I only worked here for a short time, but it was meaningful because of the relationships I made with people like you. You all have left your own unique mark on my life, and I'm grateful for the way many of you have allowed me to become a part of your lives.

My last day at Orca Council is Friday, July 22nd, and I hope to see many of you before then. If I don't, I wish you all a great summer, and continued happiness.

All my best,  
Trystin (Nani) Oeljen Street

