

Orca Sounds

August 2009



Upcoming Events

AUGUST

- **Camp Smokey Staff Day**
- **Camp Smokey at Singing Wind**

SEPTEMBER

- **Club Meetings resume**
- **First Leaders Meeting of new program year**
- **Puyallup Fair**
- **Outdoor Progression Training**
- **Convoy**

OCTOBER

For specific dates or more information, visit the Calendar page online at: www.camp-fireusaorca.org



New National Website Launched

The NEW Camp Fire USA national website went live in late July, kicking off a fresh, new look and bold new campaign as the organization heads into its 100th birthday in 2010.

“The new website accurately reflects the vibrancy and continued relevance of Camp Fire USA,” said CEO Pamela Wilcox. “We have redefined ourselves as an organization dedicated to what we call our 4Cs:

**Camp Fire USA
Cares
Camps
Contributes
and
Connects**

The new website design reflects this and makes it easy for everyone to find their areas of interest.” The initial version of the website launched in July includes improved navigation; updated copy; and Cyber Knot—A Virtual Connection of Friends, the beginnings of a social networking site for youth.

Increased functionality and other enhancements will be added in future phases. Visit the new website now at www.campfireusa.org.



Cookouts, hiking, creek floating, creative dramatics, swimming, games and crafts...

Located on 184 acres of forest and river front, Camp Smokey is a weeklong overnight camp for girls and boys entering grades 2-12 this fall. All campers live in cabin or tent units with trained counselors and other campers of the same gender and age group.

Camp Smokey offers a traditional, age-appropriate youth driven camp program. Each Camper will bring home a new sense of self-confidence, independence, teamwork and social skills that last a lifetime. Camp registration forms are available online at www.camp-fireusaorca.org.

+ Orca council now accepts credit card payments for camp! +

2009 Candy Sale High Sellers

The Candy Sale High Sellers were announced at the Council Fire. These outstanding sellers are:

Amanda Fraser
Council High Seller
732 Units
Leader: Terrill Fraser

Katherine Heinley
Adventure High Seller
577 Units

Chesney Livingston
Horizon High Seller
348 Units





Camp Fire USA's Centennial Celebration

The keystone event of Camp Fire USA's 2010 Centennial calendar will take place on Saturday, July 31, 2010, when Camp Fire USA will mark its 100th anniversary at Centennial Campfires held across the country.

This is meant to not only be a Camp Fire USA event, but a community-wide event open to everyone currently involved in Camp Fire, our esteemed alumni across the nation and the interested public. It's our opportunity to celebrate the promise of continuing a legacy that has left an indelible mark on millions of alumni and hundreds of communities.

This official national event will feature a special lighting of commemorative campfires at precisely 7:30 p.m. in each time zone at a place to be announced by each local Camp Fire USA council. Watch the national website (www.campfireusa.org) for a complete schedule of events and detailed information.

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Camp Fire USA builds caring, confident youth and future leaders

The essence of Camp Fire USA is reflective of the mission, core values, and the quality of the Camp Fire experience. In Camp Fire, youth find a fun and inclusive place with caring adults committed to providing a positive youth development environment. It is a place where children form lasting relationships, develop a sense of belonging and are actively involved in their own learning. In such an environment, Camp Fire youth have life-enhancing experiences and develop assets that are essential to their futures.

Camp Fire USA offers quality programs reflective of best practices in the following four Core Program Areas because....

Camp Fire Cares—Child Care Programs

We provide a variety of programs across the country to deliver quality care for children during out-of-school-time hours. Camp Fire offers early childhood, before- and after-school, full-day, school-break and drop-in-center programs supporting the child care needs of families. Children participate in indoor and outdoor age-appropriate small group activities where they can explore personal interests, learn to make healthy choices, develop social skills, and have fun.



Camp Fire Camps—Outdoor Programs

We provide outdoor opportunities for children and youth to learn, explore, and play together, while developing a lasting appreciation for the environment. Camp Fire provides day and overnight camps, trip and travel programs, and adventure challenge and environmental education sessions. These provide opportunities for youth to be part of a community that utilizes outdoor activities to stimulate their curiosity and desire to learn.

Camp Fire Contributes—Community Enrichment Programs

We contribute to the community by helping youth build life skills through relevant educational, enrichment, and service-learning programs. Camp Fire provides interactive courses and short-term programs in areas such as selfreliance, peer pressure, healthy living, financial literacy, civic engagement, and job training.



Camp Fire Connects—Group Programs

We connect children with caring, trained adults in an intimate group atmosphere. We also connect families. Camp Fire does this by offering ageappropriate youth, teen, and family clubs. Using outcome-rich curriculum, groups choose from a variety of fun and educational activities and projects. Clubs meet regularly throughout the year and participants may be involved over many years.

