

Orca Sounds

May/June 2010



Upcoming Events

May

8 Tacoma Mall Camp Expo

June

1 Council Fire practice, 6pm,
followed by Volunteer/Lead-
ers Meeting

4 Council Fire, 7pm

18-20 Meeker Days

30 Early Bird registration
deadline

July

12-16 Wildwood Day Camp

19 Recruitment Committee
meeting

31 National Centennial
Celebration

August

15-21 Camp Smokey

September

1 Deadline for Camp Fire
entries to Puyallup Fair

8 Deadline for baked entries
to Fair

10-26 Puyallup Fair

For more information,
visit the Calendar page at:
www.campfireusaorca.org

New Board Members & Officers Elected at Annual Meeting

Orca Council's Annual Meeting was held in April. Among the business conducted was the election of new board members and officers for the coming year.

Irv Widmer was selected as President. According to Irv's website, he is in the top one percent of income earners worldwide in the Network Marketing industry. He has traveled internationally to teach thousands of people his secrets of success. Working with audiences of over 2,000 people, he has trained business professionals and employees of \$100 million+ corporations, as well as salespeople for Fortune 500 companies, to create wealth based on the techniques outlined in his book, *The Gift of Wealth*. Irv has been featured in *Six Figure Income* and *Cutting Edge Opportunities* magazines. His personal goal is to help people just like you to become millionaires. Irv lives in Salem, Oregon with his wife and their canine companion KoKo. Irv has shared his talents with Orca Council in the past as a Convoy project volunteer and the assistant cook at Camp Smokey.

Kim Bouta' is the new Vice President. Kim is a Wohelo Medallion recipient and former youth member of Orca Council. Although she is 26 years old and now lives in Ellensburg, she has continued to lend her knowledge and talents by volunteering as a program director at Camp Smokey, advisor for the Camp Smokey Youth Advisory Committee (more commonly referred to as the BARF Team) and as a member of the board of directors.

Stephanie Golka-Smith was elected to the position of Secretary. Stephanie has been a club volunteer for 11 years and she is one of the most popular volunteer staff members at Camp Smokey where her duties include running the camp store. She is also an advisor for the Youth Advisory Committee. Stephanie is in her first term on the board. In February, Stephanie attended the national Camp Fire USA GROW conference in Estes Park, Colorado. While there she learned more about the complexities of volunteer management and the impact of Camp Fire programs for kids. She returned home with renewed desire to contribute her time to the success of the Camp Fire Club program. Stephanie lives in Puyallup with her husband Doug (who is a Convoy project volunteer and all-around Council handy man) and her daughter Chesney who is a junior at Puyallup High School.

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Board Members Elected

Kate Reynolds was re-elected Council Treasurer. Kate is a branch manager for Columbia Bank in Puyallup. Though somewhat new to Camp Fire, she has jumped in with a commitment to overseeing the financial health of Orca Council. She is also serving as a member of the Merger Taskforce and was the candy depot manager for the 2010 Candy Sale. Kate lives in Puyallup.

In addition to the officers named above, the following people will also serve as directors during the coming year:

Tyler Shillito is starting the first year of his second term as a member of the Board of Directors. Tyler is a native of Tacoma, where he and his wife Traci now make their home. Tyler's law practice at Maher Ahrens Foster Shillito is devoted to litigating disputes concerning real estate, construction work, contracts, businesses and probates.

Lori Anderson is currently in her first term as a member of the Orca Council Board of Directors. She works for the Public Disclosure Commission in Olympia and lives in Tacoma.

Zach Zimmerman is new to the Board of Directors, but not to Camp Fire. He has been a member of Orca Council since he was 11 when he started attending Camp Smokey. Zach continues to volunteer as a staff member at Camp Smokey and he is also a member of the Camp Smokey Youth Advisory Committee. Zach will graduate from Charles Wright Academy this month and lives in Lacey.

Chesney Livingston is starting her second year on the board as a youth director. In addition to being a member of the Club Program, Chesney is a volunteer staff member at Camp Smokey and she serves on the Camp Smokey Youth Advisory Committee. Chesney lives in Puyallup and she is a junior at Puyallup High School.

Emily Bohnen was newly elected to the Board as a youth director. Emily is a club member and a volunteer staff member at Camp Smokey. Emily lives in Puyallup and is a junior at Puyallup High School.

The board also said goodbye to two outgoing members of the board.

John Deloma was a member of the Orca Council board and the facilities committee for 5 years. He and his wife Paulette (a Camp Fire volunteer) live in Tacoma.

Chris Bohnen was a member of the Orca Council board for six years during which he held the offices of President, Vice President and Secretary. Chris is also a member of the Merger Taskforce, the Camp Smokey Youth Advisory Committee and he volunteers every summer at Camp Smokey. Chris works for Flow International in Kent and he lives in Puyallup with his wife Eleanore (club volunteer and Camp Smokey nurse) and kids Kristin, Bryon, Ben and Emily.

We appreciate the contribution time and talents of all of our board members!



What does a Board of Directors do?

A board of directors is the governing body of a non-profit organization. It has many serious responsibilities, such as:

1. Setting policies for the organization by:

- * Creating or updating the mission and vision statements.
- * Determining the organization's programs and services.
- * Approving the strategic plan.

2. Monitoring the organization's operations:

- * Hiring and periodically evaluating the organization's executive director.
- * Working with and providing support to the executive.
- * Approving the annual budget, annual report, etc.
- * Approving major contracts and grants.
- * Soliciting and reviewing program evaluations.
- * Troubleshooting as necessary.

3. Serving as a public figure for the organization:

- * Fundraising, by directly donating to the non-profit and by soliciting donations from others.
- * Advocating for the organization.

4. Fulfilling other board responsibilities.

Google Design Contest

There's still time to enter the Camp Fire USA Centennial Google Doodle Contest, but hurry, entries are due by May 15. Google Doodles are the decorative changes that are made to the Google logo to celebrate holidays, anniversaries, and the lives of famous people. And what celebration could be better celebration than Camp Fire USA's 100th Birthday?

Regardless of whether or not Google will honor Camp Fire's request, the national marketing department would like to submit its best Centennial design and is asking for your help. They are holding a contest to find the best centennial Google Doodle, and all are welcome to enter. Even if you do not submit a drawing, you can still participate by voting for your favorite on the Camp Fire USA Centennial fan page on Facebook.

Contest guidelines:

- **Eligibility:** Anyone is eligible to enter. All ages and artistic ability levels are encouraged!
- **Design criteria:** Be creative. We welcome all concepts. Consider the mission of Camp Fire USA, the evolution of the organization, its history, its success today, and the significance of a centennial anniversary. You may also want to consider ways to incorporate Camp Fire's Centennial logo. For examples of published doodles, search "Google Doodle" in any web browser.
- **Template:** Download the Google logo PDF template. To do so, search "Google Doodle template."
- **Medium:** Doodle can be done in pencil, crayons, felt-tip marker, or paint, or by using computer drawing or design software. Google will not accept entries that use additional materials to create three-dimensional effects.
- **Submission:** Please send your artistic rendering to marketing@campfireusa.org. It should be sent as an attachment on a white, landscape sheet of 8.5-inch by 11-inch paper. Make sure your contact information is on the attachment as well as in your e-mail.
- **Deadline:** All entries are due by Saturday, May 15.

Camp Fire USA national staff will pick the top entries and post them in a photo album clearly marked on the Camp Fire USA Centennial fan page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/CampFireUSA) by May 19. Only Facebook members can vote. Each voter casts a "like" vote for his or her favorite entry, and the entry receiving the most votes will win. You will have until May 28 to vote for your favorite! Camp Fire will then send the winning entry to Google.



Sign Up on the National Alumni Registry

Camp Fire USA is 100 years old! Be sure to encourage all alumni and current members to sign up on the national Alumni Registry.

Visit http://www.campfireusa.org/Connect_with_Fellow_alumi.aspx to register.

Orca Council will most likely celebrate the centennial with a BBQ at Camp Smokey (August 15-21). Watch the website for updates.





Camp and Summer Resources

Orca Council is busy getting ready for this year's two summer camping program: Wildwood Day Camp (July 12-16 and Camp Smokey resident camp August 15-21. Camp Fire USA has several resources available for councils preparing for summer programs, but even if you are not involved in planning or working at Wildwood or Smokey, the following resources can help you and your family have more fun this summer:

- Camp Fire USA online courses are available to train summer staff. Staff can enroll by signing on to the Camp Fire Compass, clicking on "Online Training," and selecting the course.
- Let's Go Outside and Play! teaches direct delivery staff the importance of outdoor experiences. This training curriculum can be found on the Camp Fire Compass.
- Camp Fire USA curricula, such as Starflight, Adventure, Discovery, and Horizon, have outdoor and environmental activities that can easily be used in summer programs.

Other summer program resource websites:

- www.ultimatecampresource.com: Hundreds of camp activities, songs, games, staff tips, stories, and other resources, written by camp staff to share with other camp staff.
- www.KidActivities.net: Activities for school-age and pre-school programs. It has more than 260 categories loaded with ideas, tips, articles, and training topics.
- www.freekidscrafts.com: Thousands of craft ideas sorted by seasons and by materials used.
- www.familycorner.com: A collection of crafts, kid recipes, family activities, and other program resources.
- www.acacamps.org: The American Camp Association Knowledge Center has resources for staff, including hot topics, informative articles, and online training.

National Leadership Summit Planned for November 4–5, 2010

In response to council requests for more time on strategy and small group discussions, Camp Fire USA is convening a National Leadership Summit to focus on Camp Fire's organizational goals, strategies, and work as we prepare our next century of leaders. Council executives, board chairs/representatives, council leadership staff, and council youth board members are invited to participate along with the national board of trustees and national staff leadership.

The purpose of the Leadership Summit makes it different from the traditional National Leadership Conference (NLC), which it will replace for 2010. This new event will:

- Build on Camp Fire USA's strengths and role as a national leader in youth development.
- Promote communication within our organization and tie local strategic goals with the national strategic goals.
- Provide quality time at minimal cost, both to councils and to the national organization, for reconnecting, networking, and actively planning for Camp Fire's future.

The summit, which will be held at an airport hotel in Kansas City, will start at 5pm on Thursday, November 4, and end at 4pm on Friday, November 5. The location and length of the event were selected to make it an especially affordable opportunity for councils. National staff are working on the registration fee and on securing quality hotel rooms at reasonable rates. More information will be sent to councils as it becomes available.



Early Club Registration To Help Planning

To facilitate better communication within Orca Council, current members are encouraged to register for the 2010-2011 program year **NO LATER THAN** June 30. Updated registration forms will be available on the website's Club page no later than June 1.

Of course there will be an incentive to get these forms in early. This incentive is a surprise at this time, so get your forms in early!

Care, Camp, Contribute, Connect...



Amanda Fraser, Council High Seller for the second year running, takes part in the Mystery Trip to the glass blowing shop



Visit
www.campfireusaorca.org
for more pictures of
council events!

**More High Sellers Celebrate
at the Ice Cream Social in March**



Did We Say Everyone Loves a Parade?

Rebecca Engelhardt's club brightened the day
at the Summer May Day Kids Parade.