

# Orca Sounds

September – October 2008



## Dates to Remember

### SEPTEMBER

- 3 Puyallup Fair baking entries due at fairgrounds
- 23 Fair entries must be picked up from fairgrounds

### OCTOBER

- 3 Convoy from Tacoma to Yakima-*tentative*
- 21 Convoy from Ft. Lewis to Yakima-*tentative*
- 31 Convoy from Yakima to Tacoma-*tentative*

### NOVEMBER

- 30 Last day to reserve or use candy credits

### DECEMBER

- 6 Puyallup Santa Parade
- ? Leavenworth Trip??
- ? Benefit Christmas Party

For more dates and information, visit the Calendar page online at:  
[www.campfireusaorca.org](http://www.campfireusaorca.org)

## Celebrate Success!



## Claire Cox and Jessica Peterson Receive Wohelo Award at Puyallup Fair

We are pleased to announce two of our Horizon members have earned Camp Fire USA's highest honor for youth members, the Wohelo Award. The honorees are **Claire Cox** and **Jessica Peterson**.

Family and friends gathered for the ceremony, held at the Puyallup Fair in the Pavilion on Sunday, September 7th to help them celebrate their achievements. Refreshments were served and shared with the visitors to the Camp Fire USA booth.

Congratulations Jessica and Claire for all your hard work and dedication to Camp Fire USA. Thank you to leaders **Denise Cox** and **Nancy Kirkpatrick** for your commitment to your clubs and supporting Claire and Jessica.

We would also like to thank the following for all their help making this event possible: Wohelo Committee: **Paulette Deloma, Johna Noble & Jaime Ping**; Flag and Candle lighting: **Chesney Livingston, Emilee Smalley & Autumn Vaughn**; Camp Fire USA Puyallup Fair Booth Staff: **Jenny Henry**; Photographer: **Bob Noble**.

Please see our Wohelo page on the council website for pictures, and for more information about the recipients and their Wohelo achievements.



## Drive in the Convoy—An Experience of a Lifetime

For over 10 years, Camp Fire USA Orca Council has held a unique fundraising event called the Convoy. Under Washington State Patrol escort, Camp Fire volunteers drive Japanese military vehicles from the Port of Tacoma to the Yakima Firing Range in groups of about 20 vehicles. Then, about two weeks later, the volunteers return to Yakima to bring the vehicles back again. Through these efforts, Camp Fire's dedicated volunteers raise nearly \$30,000 each year to support Camp Fire's youth programs.

This year the Convoy will need more volunteers than usual because there will be 100 vehicles. There will also be additional dates because some vehicles will be going to Ft. Lewis first before going to Yakima. Because of the extra vehicles, the Convoy will raise about \$60,000 for Orca Council.

The council is looking for adults 25 years of age and older to drive. Drivers must have a valid Washington State Driver's license, and be able to drive a stick shift. The vast majority of the vehicles are stick shifts—only a few are automatic. Some vehicles require that the driver have a CDL (Commercial Drivers License).

The dates for the Convoy are always tentative because they depend on sailing conditions as well as the exercises scheduled in Yakima. The dates for this year are:

- **Friday, October 3**—62 vehicles from Tacoma to Yakima, plus 38 vehicles to Ft. Lewis
- **Tuesday, October 21**—38 vehicles from Ft. Lewis to Yakima.
- **Friday, October 31**—100 vehicles from Yakima to Tacoma.

To learn more about driving in the Convoy, call Kathy or Kara at (253) 597-6234. Driver applications are now available.

## Come One, Come All for Adult Volunteer Meeting

All Camp Fire adults are invited to the Adult Volunteer Meeting on **Wednesday, October 1** at 6:30pm at the Orca Council office.

Club Leaders, Co-Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Club volunteers, and parents of members are all welcome. Each club should send at least one adult to represent their club and to help plan activities and find volunteers for events.

Please join us so your ideas can be heard. Notes from the last meetings are available on the Club page of the council website:  
[www.campfireusaorca.org/club.htm](http://www.campfireusaorca.org/club.htm).



## “Spirit of Community” Award Applications Due

These awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial and administered by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, recognize middle and high school students for volunteer community service.

Eligible applicants include young people in grades 5–12 who have engaged in volunteer activities that occurred at least partly during the 12 months prior to the date of application. The application deadline is **October 31, 2008**.

For more details, visit:  
[www.prudential.com/spirit/](http://www.prudential.com/spirit/).

## Volunteers Needed for Elections Fundraiser

Orca Council is once again partnering with the Pierce County Elections office in a fundraising project for Camp Fire.

The council earns a donation each time throughout the year that our volunteers pick up ballots from assigned Express voting booths and deliver them to the Elections office. The council earned approximately \$3,000 for camp scholarships last year through this program, and is looking for additional volunteers to participate in the upcoming months.

Volunteers work in pairs, picking up ballots from one of our assigned booths and delivering them to the Elections office in Tacoma. Pick up teams are needed for each election date, beginning the Friday before each election and continuing through election night. The council prefers that volunteers be able to work all five days for each election at the same pick up location.

Volunteers will need to complete council training on proper ballot handling procedures. Locations are assigned on a first come, first choice basis. Booths usually assigned to Camp Fire include those located at the Gig Harbor Safeway, Purdy Fire Station, Brown's Point Town Center, and Thun Field.

The council needs four teams of two volunteers for each of the following election dates:

October 31 - November 4  
January 30 - February 3  
March 6 - March 10  
April 24 - April 28  
May 15 - May 19



## Early Bird Registration

Fall is upon us once again and it's time to renew registrations and seek new members.

Registrations for 2007-2008 do not expire until 10/31, but renewing or new members are eligible for the Early Bird Registration emblem if their registration is received at the council office by **September 30th**.

Registration packets were available at the June Adult Volunteer/Leader Meeting, as well as the August meeting. Packets not picked up at the August meeting were mailed to the Leader's home.

If you have not received your forms or need new forms, visit our club page to download a copy or contact Johna at the Orca office.

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## Empowering Teens to Vote

*Ur Votes Count* is a nonpartisan event that will take place in 150 malls throughout the country. It gives teens, who are not yet old enough to officially vote, a voice in the 2008 elections.

With teen Disney star Selena as the spokesperson, the event gives teenagers an opportunity to learn about the issues and vote in a nationwide teen election.

Find out more at:  
[www.urvotescount.com](http://www.urvotescount.com).



## Holiday Party Needs Donations and Volunteers

Coming just around the corner will be the Holiday Benefit Party organized by the Lovely Little Roses Club.

Please help support this cause by collecting new or gently used toys and clothes for kids of all ages. New personal hygiene items are needed as well, such as: diapers, wipes, soap, hair care products, toilet paper, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, shave creams, etc.

If you would like to help with a fundraiser or at the Benefit Party in December, please contact Mary Hilliard.



## Epic Fun at the Puyallup Fair

The Western Washington Fair- (better known locally as the “Puyallup Fair”) includes a Camp Fire USA Department in which youth members from any Washington Camp Fire council may enter items for judging. Groups may also sign up to do demonstrations on the stage and receive free admission tickets. This partnership with the Fair goes back more than 50 years.

This September Orca Council took this partnership a step further when it held this year’s Wohelo Award Ceremony at the Fair, giving award recipients Claire Cox and Jessica Peterson some well-deserved public recognition for their achievements.

Other members of Orca Council also did well in the Fair award categories. Congratulations to Rosette Winners **Rachel Knight** and **Taylynn Twiggs**; both girls earned 16 blue ribbons each. The First Runner up was **Melissa Knight**, who had 15 entries, and the Second Runner up was **Payten Twiggs** with 12 entries.

In addition, the winners for Best in Category, by Division, are:

- Culinary Arts*..... C. Lilly Poirer
- Home Arts*..... **Taylynn Twiggs** (Orca Council)
- Handcraft*..... **Melissa Knight** (Orca Council)
- Creative Writing*..... **Brittany Hoirup** (Orca Council)
- Art*..... Renita Gray
- Special Interests*..... **Rachel Knight** (Orca Council) and Cecilia Nelson

Entries from Camp Fire members are on display at the Fair from September 7th to the 21st at our booth in the first floor of the Pavilion

Thank you to all who turned in entries, and congratulations to all our ribbon winners. We will see you next year for another great display by our members. A very special thank you to: **Loretta Cutter**, **Jenny Henry** and all those who work so hard to make our booth look great.

### ***Picking Up Entries***

Remember, if your club dropped off entries, they must be picked up on **September 22nd** from 11am-4:30pm. If you cannot pick up your entries and wish to have them taken to the Orca office, please contact Johna by 5pm, **Monday, September 21st**. All other entries not picked up will be discarded.



## Special Medium Selected for Centennial National Art Competition

In recognition of Camp Fire USA's centennial in 2010, the Camp Fire USA National Headquarters has chosen a new art form for members to explore for the 2008-2009 National Art Competition: *Digital Storytelling*.

The concept is for participants to share a Camp Fire story through Digital Storytelling. The stories could be in digital or video productions, or in booklets or posters.

Each council's top three entries can be submitted to the National Headquarters to be used in the Centennial Celebration. In addition, an adult entry category has been added for this year.

The open medium for 2009-2010 will be *Art Goes Green*. It will focus on environmental and nature projects, with sub categories of art, drama and music.

The 2008-2009 National Art Competition information packet is available on the Club page of our website: [www.campfireusaorca.org/club.htm](http://www.campfireusaorca.org/club.htm)



*Camp is a special experience that leaves us with memories that last for years to come. Orca Council would like to thank all of our wonderful camp volunteers for taking the time to help make some new memories. We could not have done it without you...*

**THANK YOU!**



**Wildwood Day Camp**

**Johna Noble & Jamie Ping, Directors**

- Stephanie Berry
- Ramsey Bolotin
- Samantha Bosch
- Destiny Hamblin
- Margret Harper
- Brittany Hoirup
- Natasha Jones
- Rose Knight
- Chesney Livingston
- Matt Mistretta
- Cayla Murphy
- Emily Murphy
- Katie Noll
- Carly Northcott
- Jaime Ping
- Cassie Rubert
- Katie Thompson
- DJ Tonasket
- Sam Tonasket
- Taylynn Twiggs

**Wohelo Day Camp**

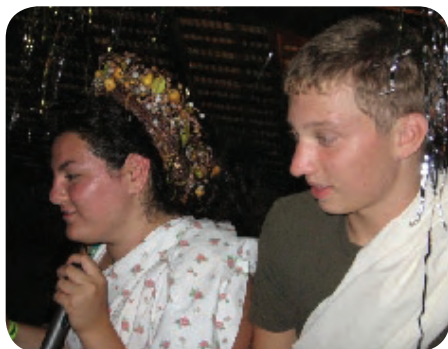
**Eleanore Bohnen, Director**

- Kiana Achi
- Nick Bezanson
- Ben Bohnen
- Chris Bohnen
- Eleanore Bohnen
- Emily Bohnen
- Kristen Bohnen
- Aubree Christensen
- Tim Eckhart
- Michelle Fraser
- Jarrett Gilmore
- Cole Lepper
- Chesney Livingston
- Carrie Miller
- Taffi Necker
- Haley Norris
- Frances Nunn
- Trevor Nunn
- Rachel O'Riley
- Chelsea Pierce
- Alissa Ramberg

**Camp Smokey**

**Kathy Unruh, Director**

- Lance Attenbrow
- Stephanie Berry
- Ben Bohnen
- Chris Bohnen
- Eleanore Bohnen
- Ramsey Bolotin
- Kimberly Bouta'
- Shawn Boyer
- Sarah Brown
- Kathy Dennett
- Michelle Fraser
- Terill Fraser
- Stephanie Golka-Smith
- Shawn Gross
- Don Holt
- Kara Holt
- Dan Lumpkin
- Meagan Miller
- Matt Mistretta
- Cassie Rubert
- Randy Unruh
- Joe Valosay
- Sean Vu
- Irv Widmer
- Sheryl Widmer
- Zach Zimmerman



**B.A.R.F. Team**

- Taylor Ballard
- Stephanie Berry
- Shawn Gross
- Chesney Livingston
- Matt Mistretta
- Sean Vu