

CAMP K UPDATE

Upper Camp Expansion is well underway!

Camp K has been around for more than 50 years! In that time, thousands of youth have created memories there and we have seen many changes and updates. In 2012 we completed a Capital Campaign to update the camp facilities, including the cabins, dining hall, and health center. This was an important step in ensuring Camp K continued to be around for many years to come.

In 2019, we embarked on another capital campaign to add additional cabins and bathrooms to the upper area of camp, expanding our footprint and capacity to serve even more youth. This campaign also includes the addition of a Nature Center and extensive trail work. Over the last two years, much of the work on our buildings has been completed thanks to our incredible partners and donors.

Take a look!



Construction of new Upper Camp cabins



Upper Camp shower house



Upper Camp shower house completed



Finished Upper Camp cabins with the Camp Fire colors

In 2022 we look forward to completing the trail work. This will mean youth will have even greater access to outdoor educational activities and adventures. ✨

Camp Fire ALASKA

Donor Impact Report



FALL 2021

Every child will have the opportunity to discover the best in themselves and others in a fun, safe learning environment.

BACK TO CAMP

Returning to camp during a pandemic

As we geared up for summer 2021, we anxiously anticipated a return to Camp K. After a year away due to the pandemic, we knew our youth and staff were ready for a summer full of adventure. This summer, we really reflected on what camp means to us and our campers. Camp is an experience that brings out joy, connects people, builds confidence, and creates everlasting memories. For certain, there was an abundance of that this year.

Every session of each camp was full all summer long! We are so grateful to our staff and their commitment to creating the *Camp Magic* that kids return to Camp Fire every year to experience. Our summer counselors have AMAZING talent working with youth. They are supportive of ALL youth and give them the encouragement they need to try new things while also creating a safe space for them to do so.

Most of all, we are grateful for the generous individuals and groups who donated to our Campership Fund. In 2021, 690 youth discovered their sparks and connected with nature through Camp Fire Alaska summer programs and of those youth, 92 received Camp Fire Alaska Camperships and 238 received other funding through various



Camp magic in action during a session at Camp K on Kenai Lake.

partnerships to help send them to camp! At Camp Fire, we believe that all kids deserve to experience *Camp Magic* regardless of their financial situation. Thank you to all of those who support this vision and belief. ✨

CEO REFLECTIONS

Dear Friends,

Fall signifies a time of transition for Camp Fire from our busy summer programs to our before and after school programs. And while the pandemic has continued to impact our organization, we are grateful to be operating 12 program sites this school year. As we transition seasons, I want to take a moment to reflect on the past few months.

Our youth have been incredibly resilient in the face of the pandemic, from virtual school to physical distancing, but we knew how vital it was to get them back to camp. In 2020, we were able to operate Camp Si-La-Meo and Summer Adventure Camp at reduced capacity but we missed making memories at our resident camp, Camp K. So, when it was clear we would be able to get back to Camp K this summer you could feel the excitement.

For more than a year kids have had their lives turned upside down. Now more than ever, they need the outdoors, friendship, and experiences that help them grow. At camp, youth had a chance to step away from the stresses of the "real" world and immerse themselves in camp magic. Many of them did so with the help of scholarship support, as families continue to face financial hardships.

As I reflect back not only on this summer, but the last 18 months, I am grateful for all the support that helped us through the challenges and uncertainty. I am also inspired by our youth and families, including those in our Rural communities, who remind us everyday why we continue to do the work we do. ✨

With Sincere Gratitude,

Barbara Dubovich
Camp Fire CEO

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Our first camp session in Halibut Cove!

THANK YOU NORTHRIM BANK!

Getting youth ready for school

A few weeks before school began, Northrim Bank approached us to see how they could support Camp Fire youth, especially those in our Learning Pod and Community Center programs. And from that conversation came a massive school supply drive that not only provided all the supplies needed for youth in those programs but also additional items for all of our sites to use throughout the year.

Many families continue to face financial hardships, so this extra support makes a world of difference. When it comes to supporting our youth and families, Northrim Bank employees are always at the ready! ✨



Your Impact!

Summer 2021 by the numbers

27 Rural Communities served

2,944 Rural Alaska Program Youth &

Teen participants

>30,000 youth and teen meals through

the Rural Alaska Program

92 Summer Camp Scholarships

139 Partner Group Camp Scholarships

99 Operation Purple Campers

RURAL ALASKA SPOTLIGHT

Activity kits and workforce development

When the pandemic hit Alaska in 2020, it was clear that the Rural Alaska program would not be able to operate as planned and staff would not be able to travel to the rural communities we normally serve. So, instead of sending staff to the communities, we hired and trained 16 individuals from their home communities on how to deliver Camp Fire programming, provide social-emotional learning opportunities via activity kits, and distribute food including Elder meal boxes and fresh produce.

Thanks to our generous program partners and supporters we continued this method of program delivery this past summer reaching even more communities. 27 communities received activity kits for youth, teens, elders, and families along with meals for youth and teens and Elder meal packages. The kits centered around wellness and selfcare, community and culture, and imagination and innovation. These kits provided opportunities for youth to learn, connect with their families, and discover new interests. In total, 99,789 activities were sent out this past summer and 586 Elder meal packages were delivered. ✨

WELCOME, JADEE!

New Camp Fire CFO!

Jadee Draughn was born and raised in Alaska and has a background in Accounting & Business Administration. She has worked in the accounting field for more than 20 years and four years ago began a new adventure in the world of non-profits. Her passion for supporting youth development led her to Camp Fire Alaska, "Children's brains keep developing until they're 18; they're curious, they're sponges, and they're developing skills for life. We get the privilege to help support our local families and provide safe and enriching experiences. THAT is a reason to face the day and press on!" Being a kid at heart, Jadee is excited about the opportunity to serve and support Camp Fire in their mission for Alaska's youth. *Camp Fire's CEO, Barbara Dubovich and the entire Leadership Team are excited to welcome Jadee!*



Two youth working on their painted rock activity. 99,789 activities were distributed in 2021



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