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Dear Interested Volunteer,

On behalf of Camp Fire USA, I wish to thank you for your interest in our open Board position. Camp Fire USA Wathana Council is a 501C3 non-profit organization. It was established in 1910 and was formerly known as Camp Fire Girls, today we are serving both boys and girls and families. The name was changed in 2001 when our mission was expanded to include boys and families in all of our programs. Wathana Council covers eight counties in Michigan and two counties in Ohio. We own and operate a 250-acre camp located near Holly, Michigan. Our mission is to build caring, confident youth and future leaders. I have provided a folder with details about our youth development organization.

Our Board meets the fourth Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:30 p.m., usually at our Southfield office. The requirements of the Board include an annual commitment of \$250, attendance at Board meetings, and participation in one of the following committees: Board Development, Marketing, Fund Development, Program, Finance, and Property Management. These committees meet once a month; the dates and times for each committee are noted in an attachment to this letter.

I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 248-559-5840.

Sincerely

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Benefits of Wathana Council Board of Directors:

Thank you for being a part of the Camp Fire family and helping Camp Fire do its work of *building caring, confident youth and future leaders*. Some of the benefits you will provide to our youth are:

- Bring together diverse people from diverse communities who have a common commitment to young people
- Provide opportunities through a program of informal education, for youth to realize their potential and to function effectively as caring, self directed individuals responsible to themselves and to others
- Seek to improve those conditions in society which affect youth
- Help young people acquire the following personal attributes: enhanced self-esteem; strong ethical and spiritual values; the ability to function effectively in a group; a commitment to helping others; planning and decision making skills; and skills for home, leisure and work

There are also additional opportunities should you desire to further help the council and help *Light the Fire Within*, such as:

- Share your talents by joining a committee or special project
- Expand our network with new contacts and partnerships within your community
- Help us by spreading the good that our organization does every year

Visit our web site www.wathana.org. Thank you again for keeping our *Fire* burning. If you have any questions, please call me at 248 559-5840 or email me at campfireusa@wathana.org.



Wathana Council

Board Member Position Description

Objective:

To serve as a director of the board of the council, a policy making entity, addressing issues of financial stability, property management, fundraising, and program development and evaluation.

Accountability:

Council utilizes an Executive Committee, which consists of President, Vice Presidents of Internal Affairs, External Affairs and Program & Planning, Treasurer and Secretary.

Qualifications:

1. Demonstrate interest in improving the lives of all children, youth and families in the council's service area.
2. Possess specific skills and experience related to program, administration, personnel, finance management, resource development or community relations is important.
3. Serve as a representative of some aspect or segment of community population.

Commitments:

1. Assume responsibility for corporate management of the council with other board members.
2. Serve a three-year term of office (no more than two terms consecutively).
3. Attend Monthly Board of Director Meetings
4. Attend Annual Meeting of Board of Directors (held between March-June)
5. Serve on at least one committee of the board or special assignment appointed by the board.
6. Hours of service for board and committee activity/meetings will amount to approximately six (6) hours per month.
7. Make financial commitment commensurate with financial ability

Responsibilities:

1. Ensure corporate management of the council is appropriate.
2. Ensure maintenance of charter (national agreement) and corporate status of the council.
3. Ensure fulfillment of legal obligations. On behalf of council.
4. Ensure provision of quality programs that extend Camp Fire services to youth throughout the service area.
5. Ensure that human resources of the council are secured and managed properly.
6. Ensure the assets of the council are prudently protected and managed.
7. Secure the funds necessary for council to maintain day-to-day operations and necessary services to constituency.
8. Secure community involvement and support for the council.
9. Be knowledgeable of the operations of the council.
10. Be knowledgeable of people, trends and happenings in the community, which benefit the council's direction and service capacity.
11. Attend and participate in all board and assigned committee meetings.
12. Represent Camp Fire in the community as assigned.
13. Implement assignments as delegated by the president or committee chairperson.

Camp Fire USA History

- 1910 Camp Fire Girls was founded by Dr Luther Gulick
- 1912 First interracial group in Detroit at St Pauls Cathedral
- 1918 Detroit Camp Fire Girls & Detroit Area Girl Scouts joined forces & hired one Executive Director, Rachel Chadwick
- 1922 Camp Fire Detroit Area Council received its charter from Camp Fire Girls
- 1923 Tuckabatchee Council was chartered which included Lenawee and Adrian counties
- 1929 The Monroe council was formed and affiliated with Lenawee County's Council
- 1932 The Tawanka Council was chartered. Tawanka Council included Monroe County, Michigan and Wood County, Ohio.
- 1933 Camp Fire Detroit Council becomes incorporated in the State of Michigan
- 1963 St. Clair Council was chartered
- 1964 Toledo, Lucas County and Perrysburg, Ohio were part of the Tawanka Council
- 1968 Camp Fire Membership hits 10,000
- 1977 Washtenaw Council was chartered
- 1979 Camp Fire Girls opened membership to boys, becoming the coeducational
- 1980 The name was officially changed to Camp Fire, Inc., later to be named Camp Fire Boys & Girls
- 1982 Dwayne X Riley and his TV Crew filmed resident camp for airing on Channel 4's "Riley's World"
- 1985 New Self Reliance Programs introduced, I Can Do it, Safe N Sure and Peer Proof
- 1987 Camp Fire Detroit Council moves main office to Southfield location
- 1991 Resident Camp reaches 833 campers
- 1992 Detroit Area Council merged with St Clair and Lenawee council
- 1993 Detroit Area Council merged with Tuckabatchee and Monroe Council
- 1996 Former Youth member WO HE LO Medallion recipient and current board member, Shekena Mann carried the Olympic torch as it passed through Detroit
- 1996 Club Membership doubled last year in Livingston County
- 1997 The expanded Detroit Area Council officially adopted the name Wathana Council, covering eight counties in SE Michigan and two counties in NW Ohio
- 1999 The Skillman Foundation granted Wathana Council \$330,000
- 2001 Camp Fire Boys and Girls changes its name to Camp Fire USA