



Wathana Council

CLUB LEADERS PROGRAMMING AND PLANNING NEWSLETTER

A Note From the Vice President of Programming and Planning

2006-2007 has been a year of many accomplishments for the Programming and Planning Committee; among one of many is a monthly newsletter to Wathana Council's Club Leaders. Our goal in creating this newsletter is to generate a forum to recognize the accomplishments of you, our dedicated Leaders, as well as to keep you informed of upcoming events and provide a way for you to share ideas with each other while helping you to "keep on track" with deadline reminders. Over the past few months, the newsletter format may have changed formats quite a bit, but the focus never did. The fact that we have already received positive feedback on our first two efforts is an encouraging sign that we are pointed in the right direction. However, coming up with our own distinct look while determining the best way to deliver information in an effective, informative manner may prove challenging. We appreciate your patience and encouraged your comments; so please, don't stop sending them. After all, this newsletter is for you.

Have a happy, safe summer.

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***Camp Fire USA builds caring,
confident youth and future
leaders.***

Club Spotlight

Wathana Council Clubs are Committed to Service

The Programming and Planning Committee recognizes the following Clubs for their commitment to Camp Wathana by volunteering to participate for the following projects:

CLUB	LEADERS	PROJECT
Outdoor Otters	Ken Masty and Tania Reynolds	Mix N Fix and Fly Up
Tree Frogs	Leah Tremonti and Heather Schweitzer	Mix N Fix and Fly Up
Honeycreek	Jan Culbertson	Fly Up
Slithering Snakes	Pat Wells and Jennifer Wolf	Fly Up



Saturday, May 19, 2007. Outdoor Otters lend a hand at Camp Wathana’s Annual Mix N Fix.

Thank you for your outstanding support!

Wanted: Newsletter Information

If you would like your Club recognized for an achievement or service project please contact Dina Griffey at Dina.Griffey@wathana.org and we will be happy to share your story with other Club Leaders.

Club Corner

Club Leaders Create Memories That Last a Lifetime

Summer is here and camping is fun! Camp Wathana is a beautiful camp located in Holly, Michigan providing Club Leaders with an excellent resource to spend quality time with Club members. Do you doubt your ability to have a positive impact on a child? Ask Camp Fire USA alumni how their Club Leaders utilized Camp Wathana to create memories that have lasted a lifetime and helped realize their full potential. For rental and pricing information see the “Camp Wathana Rental Procedures” described in your *Camp Fire Leaders Resource Guide* and sign up today to hold your dates. If you need more information go to www.wathana.org or contact Linda Tarjeft at (248) 559-5840.

Kohls Cares for Kids Service Project

Kohls is looking for Camp Fire Clubs to come to any of the Kohls' stores in Oakland County to do a community service project alongside their associates. The project is making no-sew fleece blankets and donating them to homeless shelters and area hospitals. Kohls will provide snacks and refreshments. Please contact Jodi Truel, Program Administrator at (734) 240-2840 or Jodit@wathana.org as soon as possible for more information.

Upcoming Events

July 2007—Resident Camp at Camp Wathana

Summer Resident Camp at Camp Wathana is being offered during three one week sessions July 1 through July 20, 2007. Each session begins on Sunday and ends Friday. For more information go to www.wathana.org or contact Linda Tarjeft at (248) 559-5840.

October 6, 2007—Club Leader Training

Mark your calendar! Club Leader Training is being offered October 6, 2007 at the Southfield office from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Contact Linda Tarjeft at (248) 559-5840 if you have any questions.

Community Events

With summer just around the corner and the school year winding down, some clubs take a vacation; however, if your club plans to meet throughout the summer, please consider participating in the following opportunities.

Suggestions for Volunteer Opportunities

There are many organizations in need of volunteers so don't wait for an invitation to volunteer. Following are some suggestions to get you started, but feel free to research and pursue causes that are important to your club members.

- The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Department is looking for volunteers to build, erect and monitor Wood Duck boxes, bat houses and Blue Bird boxes. For more information call (248) 858-7596 or go to www.oakgov.com.
- Adopt a river, road or garden. Contact your local community, county, or Metropark for service project information.
- Kohls is looking for Camp Fire Clubs to come to any of the Kohls' stores in Oakland County to do a community service project alongside their associates. (See Club Corner for more information.)
- Volunteer at a local animal shelter.
- Volunteer at a homeless shelter. In Macomb County go to www.mcrest.org, Oakland County go to www.sos1985.org.

Summers in the Park

Have a club meeting at a local park or Metropark and take advantage of community events such as "Concerts in the Park" or similar events being offered during the summer months. Review your community newsletter for events or visit the Metropark Web sites for ideas.

Take a Tour

Make arrangements to visit your local fire department or police department. Discuss the trip with your club members prior to going so that they can be prepared to ask questions.

Independence Day Events

Many communities sponsor Fourth of July firework displays or parades. Stony Creek (6/30), Hudson Mills (7/3), Lake Erie (7/3), Willow (7/4) and Kensington (7/4) Metroparks are putting on fireworks displays at about 10:00 p.m. this year. Plan a picnic and make it a day long event with games and free entertainment. You can also contact your community's City Hall or check your city's Web site for Fourth of July events. Call Linda Tarjeft at (248) 559-5840 if your club is participating in a local parade and would like to pass out Camp Fire USA magnets to the crowds along the parade route.

Carson & Barnes Family Circus

Hudson Mills (7/14), Metro Beach (7/15), Stony Creek (7/16) and Lake Erie (7/17) Metroparks will be hosting Carson & Barnes Family Circus (www.carsonbarnescircuis.com). Advance tickets are \$12.00 for adults and children 12 and up, \$6.00 for children 2 to 11, and free for children under 2. Tickets on the day of the event are \$16.00 adults and \$8 for children. Check the Metroparks' Web site at www.metroparks.com for more details and phone numbers to respective parks.

This is for the Birds

For summer projects check out www.birds.cornell.edu/programs/urbanbirds for their Urban Bird Studies program, "a group of projects to help us learn more about birds in cities." Their Web site describes a few different studies ranging from counting pigeons to identifying the various birds visiting the feeder in your yard.

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If you would like to share a community event happening in your area or a positive experience with other Club Leaders please contact Dina Griffey at Dina.Griffey@wathana.org.

Club Leader Deadlines***Monthly Financial Reports***

Camp Fire Leader Monthly Reports and Financial Reports are due to the Southfield office by the **5th of each month**. If you have any questions contact Linda Tarjeft at (248) 559-5840. *Please note: Reports are not expected to be submitted during July and August.*

June 1-Outcome Measurements Toolkit

The new surveys are due June 1, 2007 at the Southfield Office. If you have any questions regarding the toolkits please contact Linda Tarjeft at (248) 559-5840.

June 1-June 21, 2007—Club Leader Online Training

Club Leader online training will be offered June 1-June 21, 2007. It is recommended that you go to the National Camp Fire USA Web site, www.compass.campfireusa.org, to register and familiarize yourself with the Web site before the course begins. If you have any questions contact Linda Tarjeft at (248) 559-5840.

**CLUB LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS: THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTRIBUTIONS AND PARTICIPATION IN CAMP FIRE USA.
WITHOUT YOU OUR MISSION TO BUILD CARING, CONFIDENT YOUTH
AND FUTURE LEADERS WOULD BE AN UNATTAINABLE GOAL.**

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