



FIRESIDE NEWS

Camp Fire

GULF WIND, INC.

April-May-June 2016

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

Wild & Wise Nature Summer Camp

The WILD and WISE Summer Camp is now in its third year! With camp almost over, we have enjoyed wonderful field trips, interesting guests and super fun water days. Here, kids can have fun while learning lots of cool things.

Again this summer, Camp Fire Kids explored Florida's nature and wildlife! Through Camp Fire's *Trail to Environment and Wise Old Willie program*, children discovered outdoor basics and learned about ecology and the 3 R's. Camp Fire also utilized *Project WILD* hands-on activities from the Florida Game & Wildlife Conservation Commission to engage the kids in adventure learning. These activities had the kids outdoors and exploring nature in their own community. Camp Fire Kids completed several community service projects to keep the earth healthy and give service to others. One such project was "School Ground Clean-up."



Pensacola State College.

Through practical activities, kids gain an appreciation for nature and their community. The summer camp program continues until August 5, 2016 at Century and PSC.

For more information about activities, schedules, and pricing, please contact each center.

Camp Fire Century Youth Learning Center	850-256-0953
Camp Fire PSC Child Development Center	850-484-1524
Camp Fire @ Beulah Elementary School	850-261-0453

What is your connection with Camp Fire? Are you a Camp Fire Alumni?

Whether you spent your summer at camp, OR discovered Camp Fire after-school programs, OR earned emblems in a club, you will always be a part of the Camp Fire family. Being a part of the Camp Fire family, means we share one Camp Fire experience no matter where you were a member. We invite *Camp Fire Alumni* to reconnect today and share your story. Sign up in the Wo-He-Lo Room on the Camp Fire website at <http://campfirekids.com/>.



Camp Fire 106th Birthday
Celebration at Century!

We are looking for you!!

Light the fire within!

CALENDAR & EVENTS

Upcoming Dates and Reminders

JULY

- 7/1-7/31 WILD & WISE Nature Camp
7/4 Independence Day (4th of July)
7/20 Program Quality Assessment begins

AUGUST

- 8/1-8/5 WILD & WISE Nature Camp
8/12 Program Quality Assessment ends
8/15 Escambia County School begins
8/15 Santa Rosa County School begins

SEPTEMBER

- 9/5 Labor Day
9/7 Grandparents Day
9/11 Honor America's Heroes –
Fly the Flag; wear red, white and blue
9/23 Autumn begins

COMING EVENTS

National Night Out
August 2, 2016

Camp Fire Salute to Veterans!

Veterans Day Parade
Friday, November 11, 2016

Thank you Veterans!!!

Save the dates!



VPK PROGRAM

Camp Fire VPK is tops with many families in Escambia County. Here is just example of the parent reviews:

"There's not enough words in the dictionary to describe how much I love what this school has done for my son. I'll be sad for him to leave," says Ms. Lose (at PSC).

"Two of mine have been there. One more will be going next year. I can't even say enough good things about Camp Fire in Century. Wonderful people. Kids come out of there more than ready for Kindergarten. Not to mention they are happy and feel loved, and proud of themselves," states Ms. Whorff.

Camp Fire Gulf Wind, Inc. is proud of our dedicated staff, who conducts the Camp Fire VPK program. The students have fun learning and preparing for their future kindergarten adventure. Camp Fire is committed to our promise to help youth lift their voices and shape the world, to light the fire within, and to help them develop to their fullest potential!

Register your child today!

Camp Fire Century Youth Learning Center
Camp Fire PSC Child Development Center

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Century toddlers prepare for VPK.

In the News for 2016 . . .

Spring Celebrations

In April, the Camp Fire Centers celebrated spring with an Easter egg hunt and games. Century Youth Learning Center visited the residents at the Century Rehabilitation Center and celebrated Easter with them, while the Easter Bunny visited the Camp Fire kids at the Pensacola State College Center. All the children were excited to spend more time outdoors learning about nature



VPK Graduation

This year, Camp Fire went to extra lengths to honor our VPK students at the end of the year graduation. Both Century Youth Learning Center and PSC Child Development Center created an exceptional graduation celebration for their VPK students.

Family and friends came out to congratulate the VPK students and celebrate with refreshments after the graduation. Congratulations to all the VPK students!



Camp Fire Teens In Action

Camp Fire Gulf Wind, Inc. provides an opportunity for teens to learn and grow together, to engage in fun activities and to learn about their community. In the Camp Fire Teens In Action Summer program, youth participate in activities that are designed to help them find their spark and build the characteristics and qualities they need to become caring, confident youth today and leaders tomorrow.



Thrive{ology} and InterACTION Grants

In May, Camp Fire Gulf Wind, Inc. was awarded two grants. One grant to provide training to staff in the Thrive{ology} foundation and the other grant to engage middle school students in the InterACTION program. Every Camp Fire program employs our proven methodology for helping youth thrive. We call it Thrive{ology}. It's a proven methodology to help youth find their sparks and discover who they are. Our trained, caring adult leaders then nurture that discovery, giving youth the tools they need to become leaders in their community, school, or their peer group today.

Camp Fire, rising to tomorrow's challenge!

LEARNING CENTERS & AFTER-SCHOOL NEWS

Summer Program

As another summer camp comes to an end, we look at all the things the campers learned and the fun they had had.

The summer campers are learning how to work together and share their ideas with each other. As they go on walks, they explore nature and look for different insects, plants and animals. All the children like making crafts that go with the theme. They especially delight in the water days and look forward to more great adventures, playing under the sprinklers.



BACK TO SCHOOL

On August 10th, students start a new school year and **Camp Fire After-School** program gets into the action. In After-School programs, Camp Fire kids complete homework assignments, develop new skills, enhance Reading abilities and make new friends. Children enjoy both indoor and outdoor experiences with opportunities for planning and carrying out projects. Additionally, children participate in games, arts & crafts, songs and nature activities. Snacks are provided daily.

At Camp Fire, the students are supervised by trained, qualified and caring adults. The staff is looking forward to another exciting year of learning and fun.

Register your child today!

Camp Fire Century Youth Learning Center
Camp Fire PSC Child Development Center
Camp Fire at Longleaf

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CAMP FIRE CORE VALUES

Children and youth are our most precious resources.

We believe in an approach to youth development that builds assets and empowers individuals.

We believe that the best youth development occurs in small groups where children and youth are actively involved in creating their own learning.

We are committed to co-education, providing opportunity for boys, girls, and families together.

We provide caring, trained, mentors to work with children and youth.

We are inclusive, welcoming children, youth and adults regardless of age, religion, socioeconomic status, disability, or other aspects of diversity.

We respect and celebrate Nature.

We foster leadership, engaging children and youth to give service and make decisions in a democratic society.

We provide safe, fun, and nurturing environments for children and youth.

We enrich parents and other adult lives by expanding their skills and encouraging them to share their talents and to build relationships with children and youth.

We respond to community needs with our programs and expertise

We advocate on behalf of children, youth and families.

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Have some special news you would like to share with Camp Fire? Contact Pat Madison at the office at pmadison@cfgulfwind.org.

Developing Youth to Their Full Potential

Camp Fire's passion and purpose is to develop youth to their full potential. We are able to accomplish this by providing programs to youth through our community.

Camp Fire youth engage in a fun, environmental summer program which introduces the campers to Florida wildlife and conservation.

Yes, I want to help develop young people to their full potential and support the environmental summer camp program.

If you would like to help with the development of youth, please complete the form below and return it to:

Camp Fire Gulf Wind, Inc.
1814 Creighton Road
Pensacola, Florida 32504-7212

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift for: \$25 \$50
 \$75 Other \$ _____

This gift is in honor of: _____

Please send an acknowledgement to:

Name _____ Phone: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Are you a Camp Fire Alumni? YES NO

- New/Increased gift
- Please list my gift as anonymous
- Please restrict my gift for: _____ (purpose/program)
- I would like more information about Camp Fire.
- I would like information about volunteer opportunities with Camp Fire.

Camp Fire Gulf Wind, Inc. thanks you for your support.

Camp Fire Motto: Give Service