



FIRESIDE NEWS

Camp Fire Gulf Wind, Inc.

News of October-November-December 2016 PENSACOLA, FL



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



Did you know that Camp Fire will be 107 years old in March 2017?

Camp Fire Gulf Wind, Inc. had a great 2016, with some new faces and growth in our programs. We launched into Thrive{ology} in 2016 and will carry it forward this year.

In 2017, Camp Fire invites kids and their families to participate in the Salute to Veterans Valentine's Day and Absolutely Incredible Kid Day© in March. Look for new happenings and summer camp programs at Camp Fire. There is always something fun and interesting happening at Camp Fire!

For more information about ages, 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 Milton 850-564-1649

Camp Fire Headquarters 850-476-1760



InterACTION Launches in Milton This Month!

Starting January 17, 2016 Camp Fire Gulf Wind, Inc. and City of Milton Parks will conduct an after-school program in Milton called Camp Fire InterACTION. The free program will be at 6625 James St., Milton FL 32570. Teens will gain valuable skills and knowledge, improve their communication skills and make a difference in their community; all while doing fun, hands-on activities and meeting new people. The research-based program can register 30 teens and is provided by a New York Life grant.

The club will meet Mondays through Thursdays, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Parents can find out how to register by calling Tammy Byrer at 850-564-1649 or emailing her at tbyrer@cfgulfwind.org. Stay tuned for the launching of InterACTION in Escambia County by Kevin Mann at Woodman, Warrington and other schools!

Light the fire within!

CALENDAR & EVENTS

January 2017

- 1/1-1/31 National Mentoring Month
- 1/1 New Year's Day - CFGW closed
- 1/16 Martin Luther King Day – Holiday
- 1/17 Milton InterACTION opens!
- 1/23—1/27 Celebrate Literacy Week Florida!
- 1/31 Camp Fire Gulf Wind Inc. Annual Meeting

February 2017

- 2/1-2/28 Black History Month
- 2/14 Valentine's Day
- 2/14 Salute to Veterans
- 2/20 President's Day Holiday
- 2/18 AIKD Letter Writing Extravaganza-Cordova Mall
- 2/20-2/21 Camp Fire National Summit
- 2/28 CFGW Board of Directors Meeting



March 2017

- 3/1-3/31 Camp Fire Birthday Month
- 3/1-3/31 National Women's History Month
- 3/1 Read Across America Day
- 3/12 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 3/15-3/21 Camp Fire 108th Birthday Week
- 3/16 Camp Fire Absolutely Incredible Kid Day®
- 3/17 Camp Fire Founder's Day
- 3/17 St. Patrick's Day
- 3/20-24 Santa Rosa & Escambia Spring Break
- 3/20 First Day of Spring
- 3/28 CFGW Board of Directors Meeting

Camp Fire Salute to Veterans!

In 1978, Camp Fire issued a call to citizens to volunteer at a Veteran's Administration (VA) hospital or outpatient clinic, performing a wide variety of tasks including sending or delivering cards to veterans at the nearest medical center. This call to action has become Camp Fire National Salute to Veterans, held in conjunction with the Department of Veteran's Affairs and observed the week of Valentine's Day. Today, the call continues with Camp Fire youth locally expressing sentiments of caring and sharing to honor and appreciate our country's veterans and local law enforcement. Camp Fire youth salute the men and women of who serve our country by sending valentines to the local Veteran's hospital and Law Enforcement. Should you have any questions, please contact Kevin Mann at kmann@cfgulfwind.org.



Are you a Camp Fire Alumni?

We are looking for all Alumni! What is your connection with Camp Fire? Whether you spent your summer at camp, discovered Camp Fire after-school programs, attended the child care 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. We invite Camp Fire Alumni to reconnect today – Call Camp Fire at 850-476-1760,

Thanks to all who helped with the candy sale in November!

2017 VPK Enrollment in March!

Camp Fire currently has enrollment available for all ages. Beginning in March, Camp Fire Century Youth Learning Center and Camp Fire Child Development Center at PSC will have open enrollment for our upcoming 2016-2017 VPK program. To qualify your child must be 4 years old by Sept 1, 2016. You must show proof of child's age with a birth certificate or shot record and show proof of address. Camp Fire kids enjoy fun, learning activities with dedicated teachers.



In the News for 2016...

Camp Fire Motto: Give Service.

Trike-A-Thon

The children at Century Youth Learning Center recently held their seventh annual Trike-A-Thon in support of St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital last week. The children not only raised money for St. Jude; they also learned about trike safety and the importance of helping others.



Day of Caring

On Friday, October 14, more than 1,300 community members volunteered across Escambia County as part of United Way of Escambia County's Day of Caring. At Camp Fire HQ the Pensacola State College Volunteer Group 2 (PSC Softball Team) painted our parking lot curbs and steps. At Camp Fire Century, the Gulf Power 11 spread sand on children's playground. And at the Child Development Center PSC, the CCC restocked the pantry. Thanks to ALL who helped! ~~

Thanksgiving Celebration

Camp Fire Child Development Center at PSC, Century Youth Learning Center and Lingle Elementary Camp Fire held Thanksgiving celebrations for children and their parents. Pictured at right, the children at Century learned the corn dance to give thanks.



Camp Fire – Christmas Parade

Camp Fire kids and families participated in the Pensacola Christmas Parade on December 10, 2016. They enjoyed the festive atmosphere and beautiful holiday lights. Camp Fire's float had a theme: "Tis the season to Spark." The evening held excitement for the youth and participation of the parents giving out treats. The children did a fantastic job of sharing the holiday spirit.

For more photos, visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CFGulfWind/>

Camp Fire, rising to tomorrow's challenge!

In the News for 2016 . . .

New Staff Join Camp Fire Gulf Wind

New people have joined the Camp Fire Gulf Wind, Inc., staff!



Program Director Kevin Mann holds a bachelor's degree in Education from Troy University and taught Special Education in the Escambia County School System for 18 years. Originally from Panama City, he and his wife, Teryl, have three children. His hobbies are spending time with his family and friends, and watching Auburn Tiger football.

"I am very excited and thankful about this new opportunity at Camp Fire. Camp Fire has a proud history of serving people and the community, and I want to be a part of this fantastic organization," Kevin said.

Communications Specialist Libbi Crowe has a journalism degree from the University of Kentucky and had worked in news and public relations all her adult life. She is also the a freelance writer, author of Genealogy Online, and a speaker on genealogy topics. Originally from Huntsville, AL, she and her husband Mark live in Navarre. They have two grown children and two grandchildren. Her hobbies are crocheting and knitting; reading; and playing with the grandsons.



"I love doing public relations for non-profits," Libbi said. "A heart I am a storyteller, and I love to help good organizations like Camp Fire tell their story to the world." Camp Fire's core values are close to my heart and I am so proud to be part of it."



Tammy Byrer, of Pensacola, took office as Santa Rosa District Director of Camp Fire Gulf Wind, Inc. on November 7, 2016. Executive Director/CEO La-Vonne Haven said she is very pleased to increase the presence and activity of Camp Fire in Santa Rosa County.

"Tammy is very familiar with Camp Fire, having worked as Assistant Day Camp Director, and Program Director, in the past," said Haven. "We are thrilled to have her talent and skills on board again."

Byrer, a native of New Orleans, has lived in Pensacola off and on for years with her career navy husband Jim. When he retired, they settled back in Pensacola, she said. Before taking the position with Camp Fire Gulf Wind, Inc., Byrer was an advocate for homeless families with the Escambia County School District.

**DON'T MISS THE
CAMP FIRE GULF WIND ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS DINNER
JANUARY 31, 2017
7 PM
HILTON GARDEN INN 1144 AIRPORT ROAD, PENSACOLA**

LEARNING CENTERS & AFTER-SCHOOL NEWS

PSC Child Development Center

PSC kids went Trick or Treating on campus for Halloween. Veterans' Day and for all we have. The Staff and kids did a great job decorating our Christmas Pa



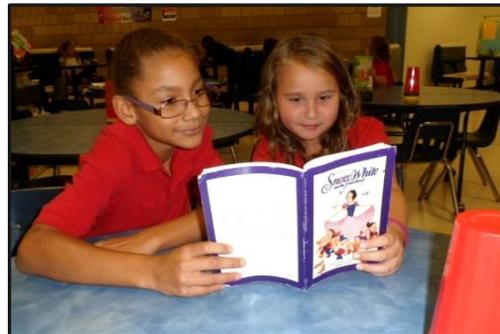
PSC youth thank veterans!

Trick or Treat on the PSC campus was loads of fun!



Longleaf After-School Program

Longleaf kids enjoy reading.



Century Youth Learning Center

The children had visits from the Mayor Freddie McMall, as well as from firefighters, policemen and a K9 officer in October. In November, local veterans shared their memories of service and members of the Georgia Cherokee Fox Clan joined the children to teach them about Native American ways. In December

In the month of January - we will be learning about winter, Martin Luther King Jr. and participating in the annual statewide "Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! This event takes place the week of January 23-27, 2017. February- we will be learning about our solar system and Valentines Day. In March- we will be participating in Absolutely Incredible Kids Day and learning about spring and celebrating Camp Fire's b-day. In April- we will be learning about the Rain Forest.



Mayor Freddie McMall read to the children during story time.

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? Libbi Crowe at lcrowe@cfgulfwind.org.

Developing Youth to Their Full Potential

Camp Fire's passion and purpose is to develop youth to their full potential. We 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 _____

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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.

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