



# FIRESIDE NEWS

Camp Fire Gulf Wind, Inc..

April, May, June 2017 PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

## VPK Registration



Camp Fire offers a high-quality Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten program where children develop new skills, enhance Reading abilities, and make new friends. They improve their communication and social skills

under the supervision of trained, qualified and caring adults in manageable class sizes. Additionally, children have both indoor and outdoor experiences with opportunities for creative play. There is always something fun and interesting happening at Camp Fire VPK. To register for Fall 2016, your child MUST be 4 years old by **September 1, 2017**. For more information about registration, activities and schedules, please contact each center:

Camp Fire Century Youth Learning Center 850-256-0953

Camp Fire PSC Child Development Center 850-484-1524



## VPK Graduation Day

Mark your calendars & save the date! Both Camp Fire Century Youth Learning Center and Camp Fire Pensacola State College Child Development Center will honor the VPK students and their achievements at a graduation ceremony on **May 9, 2017**.

Parents, grandparents and other family members are invited to join Camp Fire at 6 pm. at the Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio (located in the WSRE Kugelman

Center on the Pensacola State College Campus) and at 6 pm at Century Youth Learning Center for this special celebration.

# WILD AND WISE CAMP!

## Wild and Wise Summer Camp 2017

Summertime provides a much-needed break for students, as they gear up for the upcoming school year in the fall. Kids can quickly become bored without a structured routine. By providing children with an opportunity to attend a summer camp program, any summer vacation can become the best summer ever!

Join us this summer as Camp Fire Kids explore Florida nature and wildlife! Camp Fire has been connecting kids to the outdoors since 1910. Through Camp Fire's Wise Old Willie program, children discover outdoor basics and learn about ecology and the 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. Additionally, campers learn more about nature through Project WILD hands-on activities from the Florida Game & Wildlife Conservation Commission. Youth will develop planning and decision making skills as well as learning to work and play



together. Also, campers complete a Camp Fire community service project to keep the earth healthy and give service to others.

Camp Fire will get the kids moving and healthier with the Wise Kids® program. Through hands-on activities, kids will learn about energy balance, enjoy healthy snacks and explore more of the outdoors. We will again offer an archery program to get the children more active.

You can register online at [http://www.campfirekidsfl.com/camps\\_1](http://www.campfirekidsfl.com/camps_1). For more information you can call the individual centers:

- **PSC** 850-484-1524 Tina Isaacson
- **Century** 850-256-0953 Pam Townson
- **Milton** 850-476-1760 Tammy Byrer.

## Camp Fire Calendar

### April 2017

#### National Child Abuse Prevention Month

4/9 Palm Sunday

4/14 Good Friday.

4/16 Easter

4/22 Earth Day

4/28 Arbor Day

### May 2017

5/1 – 5 Teacher Appreciation Week

5/9 Century & PSC VPK graduation.

5/14 Mother's Day

5/20 Armed Forces Day

5/20 Camp Fire Benefit Car Show/Milton in May

5/24 Escambia Schools Last Day

5/29 Memorial Day Camp Fire Closed

5/30 PSC and Century Summer Camp begins

### June 2017

6/2 Santa Rosa Schools last Day

6/5 Milton Summer Camp Begins

6/14 Flag Day

6/18 Father's Day

6/21 Summer Begins

## Camp Fire Motto: Give Service

### Camp Fire Benefit Car Show

Tammy Byrer, Camp Fire District Director for Santa Rosa, is heading up our 1st Annual Camp Fire Gulf Wind Car Show on **May 20, 2017** at the Milton in May festival . This will be a judged show, and trophies will be awarded in categories such as: Hot Rod, Domestic, Import, Modern and Antique to name a few. A people's choice trophy will also be awarded. REGISTER YOUR CAR FOR \$25 at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/car-show-to-benefit-camp-fire-gulf-wind-inc-tickets-31363257347?aff=eac2>. TROPHY SPONSORS WELCOME! Please email [tbyrer@cfgulfwind](mailto:tbyrer@cfgulfwind) to find out how to sponsor a trophy!

## Camp Fire Promise

Young people want to shape the world. Camp Fire provides the opportunity to find their spark, lift their voice, and discover who they are. In Camp Fire, it begins now. Light the fire within.



8 AM to 3 PM  
May 20, 2017  
S. Willing St.  
Milton, FL

Camp Fire  
Light the fire within

Camp Fire Benefit Car Show

CAR SHOW

Enter your car for \$25

For more information e-mail [tbyrer@cfgulfwind.org](mailto:tbyrer@cfgulfwind.org)

The poster features a central logo with a stylized sunburst and the text 'Camp Fire Light the fire within'. Below the logo is a red banner with 'CAR SHOW' in white. To the right, the event details are listed. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a red classic car and a yellow classic car. The background includes a stylized tree and another sunburst graphic.

# April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Camp Fire Gulf Wind, Inc. will recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month by displaying yard signs and pinwheels at each of the centers and at headquarters.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This month and throughout the year, Camp Fire encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making Northwest Florida a better place for children and families. By ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for their children, we can help prevent child abuse and neglect by making meaningful connections with children, youth and families in our communities.

Research shows that protective factors are present in healthy families. Promoting these factors is among the most effective ways to reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect. They are:

- Nurturing and attachment
- Knowledge of parenting and of child and youth development
- Parental resilience
- Social connections
- Concrete supports for parents
- Social and emotional competence of children



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🌴 Arbor Day is April 28,  
🌴 2017. To celebrate,  
🌴 Camp Fire Gulf Wind,  
🌴 Inc. centers will plant  
🌴 trees and flowers to  
🌴 create a more beautiful  
🌴 environment.



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# In the News for 2017

## Valentines for Veterans

### (and First Responders!)

Camp Fire kids as a service project sent 124 handmade valentines to the local Veteran's hospital and Law Enforcement. Program Director Kevin Mann, delivered them to the local veteran's clinic and the Escambia County Sherriff's Office. Thank you Camp Fire Kids!



## Camp Fire Annual Meeting

Camp Fire Gulf Wind, Inc. held its 2015-2016 annual meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at the Hilton Garden Inn on Airport Road in Pensacola. Camp Fire staff, board members and special guests were treated to a lovely buffet and an evening of enjoyment and accomplishments. Our Longleaf After School youth made the centerpieces for the tables as a service project.



A special thank you was presented to our "Grannies' Mary Mathews and

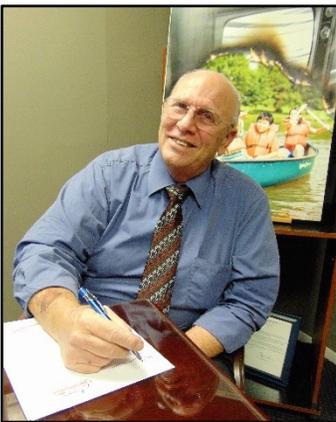


Shirley Simpkins. Volunteer of the year was Maggie Haynes. Employee of the Year was Tina Kuver.

Many other awards were presented to our wonderful staff and volunteers for their outstanding accomplishments and long-term commitment to Camp Fire. We are very proud and thankful for all the dedicated employees and volunteers who work so hard for Camp Fire on a daily basis and to the children and families of the Camp Fire centers.

## Camp Fire's Absolutely Incredible Kid Day

On March 16, 2017 school kids in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties enjoyed the 20th annual Camp Fire Absolutely Incredible Kid Day®. With the help of the community, Camp Fire Gulf Wind Inc. collected more than 1500 handwritten letters that were delivered in the Escambia and Santa Rosa County School Districts and to the students at our four Camp Fire Centers in Pensacola, Century and Milton. Just imagine the impact these encouraging letters made on the students who received them! The children enjoyed having their letters read to them by the staff, volunteers and special guests.



Camp Fire Board Chairman Ted Toop, our AIKD spokesman

Camp Fire honored our county's youth by asking adults to write simple letters of encouragement and inspiration to the incredible kids in their lives and/or community. The letters brought smiles to many happy children in our local communities. It's an annual call to action for adults to write letters of love and support to kids, created by Camp Fire, a national youth development



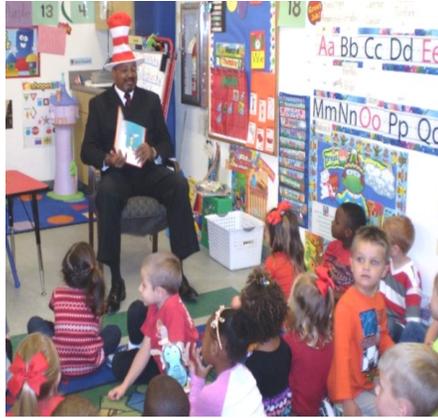
organization. Adults sometimes forget to stop and tell a child how important he or she is. Absolutely Incredible Kid Day® is a reminder to do just that. Absolutely Incredible Kid Day® strengthens the important bond between kids and adults.

# LIGHT THE FIRE WITHIN!

# Century Youth Learning Center



On March 10, Northview High School's - Future Farmer of America (FFA) 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Fresh from Florida Program".



The Children of Camp Fire Century had fun celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday on March 2. Mayor of Century, Mr. Henry Hawkins delighted the kids by reading a book.



In January, Century Class learned about winter.



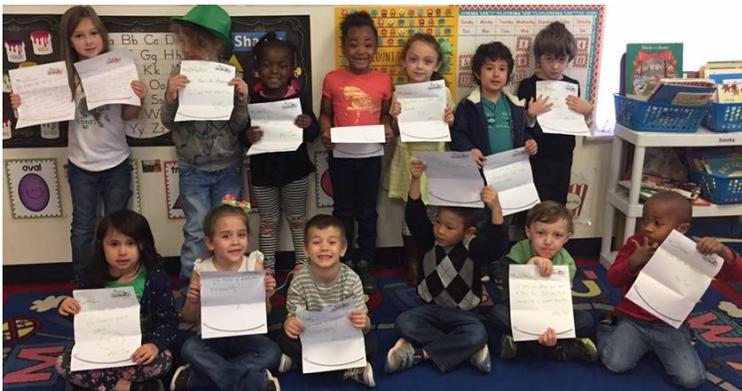
# PSC Child Development Center



We had fun with Green Eggs and Ham to celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday.



We celebrated Camp Fire's 107th Birthday .



PSC youth loved their Absolutely Incredible Kid Day letters!



The Cat in the Hat came to read to our students!

## InterACTION



Alaejah, Isaiah, Raegan and Hallie made Mardi Gras "floats".



Raegan and Alaejah working on the groups seed project.

The Santa Rosa County the InterACTION/ After School group has been very busy. They had a visit from Professional Boxer Roy Jones, Jr., made floats for a Shoe Box Mardi Gras Parade, and planted seeds to start a garden on the Camp Fire site in Milton. They are preparing to have a booth at the Scratch Ankle Festival on April 14. They will have a Deer Hunt Soda Toss to raise money for the end of year party. They are also going to work at the First Annual Camp Fire Car Show in Milton on May 20.



Isaiah practicing for the Scratch Ankle Festival booth

Escambia County, 81 students are currently involved in the InterACTION program at Escambia Christian School and Redeemer Lutheran School. At Escambia Christian School, 16 students and staff finished their program on March 29; the Principal kicked off the first lesson by providing refreshments and purchasing new beanbag chairs for the students. The 65 students at Redeemer Lutheran School will complete their program mid-April and the classes are being taught by a Camp Fire Staff Member. The Warrington Middle School hopes to start its program in April to run to the end of the school year.



# Camp Fire and Thrive{ology}

Camp Fire was founded in March 1910, by Luther Gulick, M.D. and his wife Charlotte Gulick as the first nonsectarian and multicultural organization for girls in the United States. The Gulicks had a vision – connect young woman to the greater society and help them address the big changes happening in the lives of women in the early twentieth century. The Gulicks’ ideas served as the foundation for a nationally represented, locally cherish MOVEMENT know today as “Camp Fire.”

Serving both boys and girls since 1975, Camp Fire is a youth-centered and family-focused organization. Through its programmatic philosophy and program model for developing assets critical for success in life, Camp Fire continues to build active citizens and strong leaders who are better prepared for success in school and community.

Since then, Camp Fire has continued to engage youth and teens in building essential skills for life. In 2012, Camp Fire became the first national youth development organization in the United States to implement the Thriving framework developed by the Thrive Foundation for Youth.

## Camp Fire’s Thrive{ology} Framework

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.

Our approach enables youth to achieve their full potential through four components:

**1. Identify Sparks**

Identifying and growing Sparks and Spark Champions.

**2. Growth Mindset**

Adopting a growth mindset (the belief that you can learn new skills all the time).

**3. Goals**

Building goal management skills.

**4. Reflect**

Creating the opportunity to **reflect** on activities and outcomes.

Youth also see Camp Fire staff as their spark champions. In a recent survey, 83% of youth said adults in Camp Fire encouraged them to explore the things they are interested in, and 82% of youth said adults in Camp Fire help them solve problems instead of telling them what to do.



**What is your connection with Camp Fire? Alumni, we are looking for you!!**

Are you a Camp Fire Alumni? Whether you spent your summer at camp, 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.

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/> or call Camp Fire office at 850-476-1760.

# Camp Fire, rising to tomorrow's challenge!

## 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 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 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. 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

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Ad-  
dress \_\_\_\_\_

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.**